

Maison Brassens

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 9

Overview

Full of character and with a gorgeous garden with swimming pool, Maison Brassens offers a beautifully renovated village home in the heart of the Languedoc.

Beyond its classic façade lies a charming abode where old French doors and gorgeous tiled floors meet contemporary touches, and every corner feels thoughtfully designed for relaxed holiday living. In the courtyard, Mediterranean plants and mature trees frame a private pool, while the shaded terrace and a outdoor lounge invite leisurely afternoons and al-fresco dinners.

Inside, the home spans two floors and blends warmth with modern convenience. The ground level features a well-equipped kitchen with a central island, perfect for preparing seasonal produce from the local market. A welcoming living area with Smart TV and Wi-Fi ensures comfort and connectivity, while air-conditioned bedrooms upstairs promise restful nights after long summer days. Two bedrooms benefit from sleek en-suite bathrooms, and all are traditional yet stylish, ideal for families or friends sharing.

Alongside the swimming pool and its decked terrace, other features outside include a solar-powered poolside shower, table tennis for family games and a summer kitchen with plancha.

Set in the pretty village of Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude, the house enjoys a truly local lifestyle. Wander to the bakery each morning, easily pick up groceries or enjoy a relaxed evening at the excellent village restaurant. The peaceful Canal du Midi and the picturesque hamlet of Le Somail are just minutes away, offering canal-side dining and superb walking and cycling opportunities (make the most of the house's bikes!).

The golden sands of Narbonne Plage and the wild beaches of Gruissan are around half an hour away by car, while Carcassonne's storybook citadel, Narbonne's rich heritage and wine-tasting trails through the Minervois complete the experience.

Whether you're swimming, sipping or simply unwinding, Maison Brassens captures the rhythm of southern French living in one very inviting village setting.



Facilities

Romantic • Pure France • Villa • Cycling • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Air-Con • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport •

Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural
Location • On-Street Parking • Washing Machine • Outstanding
Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV
• Table Tennis • Bicycles Provided • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV
• Outdoor Games • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s) •
Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Living room with sofas, smart TV and Wi-Fi
- WC and sink
- Kitchen with TV, island, stools and small dining table, fully equipped including fridge-freezer, hob, oven, microwave, dishwasher and washing-machine
- Utility room (accessed from outside) with washing machine, dryer, microwave and further fridge-freezer



First Floor (via partly open-sided stairs)

- Bedroom 1 with double bed, air-conditioning and Smart TV
- Bedroom 2 with double bed and air-conditioning
- Bathroom with bath/shower, sink
- Separate WC
- Bedroom 3 with double bed, air-conditioning, TV and en suite shower room with shower and two sinks
- Bedroom 4 with double bed, air-conditioning, sofa-bed and ensuite shower room with shower and two sinks

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (7x4m)
- Poolside deck with solar shower
- Outdoor lounge seating
- Mediterranean plants and mature trees
- Shaded dining area with table and chairs
- Bluetooth speaker
- Summer kitchen with oven, plancha, ceramic hob, small fridge and sink
- Barbecue
- Breakfast table
- Seating area and hammock
- Table tennis
- Bicycles
- Private gated parking

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)



Location & Local Information

In the charming village of Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude, Maison Brassens places you amid the beauty of southern France's Aude region, just 11km from Narbonne and half an hour from the Mediterranean's sandy beaches. Both Carcassonne and Béziers Airports are around an hour by car.

The village itself brims with authentic local life and all essential amenities within a short stroll: a superb restaurant, café-bar, pizzeria, bakery, grocery store, pharmacy and several wine outlets. Two supermarkets are close at hand (one in the village, the other just outside) while Narbonne offers a broader range of shops and hypermarkets just 15 to 20 minutes away by car.

This is an ideal base for exploring the captivating Canal du Midi, with the postcard-perfect hamlet of Le Somail (3.5km) just a short distance by car or bike. Set along the canal, Le Somail is home to a cluster of lovely restaurants, some by the canalside, and a few charming shops, including an épicerie floating on a barge. For further canal-side discovery, the pretty village of Homps (20km) is worthy of a visit, close to Olonzac (19km) with its Tuesday morning market and Lac de Jouarres for summer water-based activities.

Wine lovers will be in their element, as the surrounding landscape is dotted with vineyards and welcoming domaines offering tastings of the region's excellent Minervois and Corbières wines. A scenic drive north leads to the ancient village of Minerve (21km), dramatically perched above deep limestone gorges and steeped in Cathar history.

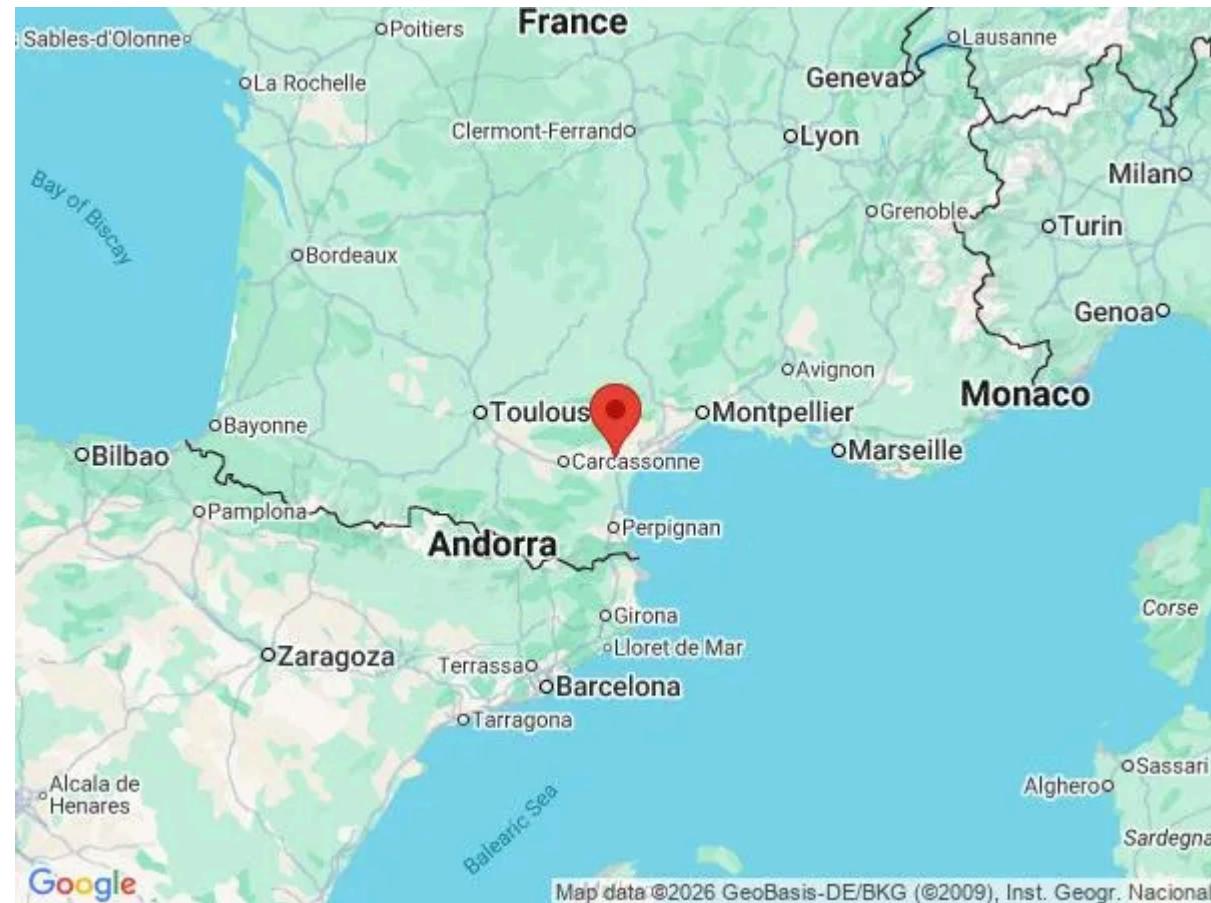
For beach days, the golden sands of Narbonne-Plage (29km) and Saint-Pierre-la-Mer (31km) beckon, or head to Gruissan (30km), famed for its round layout, seafood and atmospheric stilted beach houses made famous in the French film *Betty Blue*.

History and culture lie just beyond the doorstep: Narbonne's Roman heritage, lively market halls, and cathedral are just a short drive away, while the awe-inspiring citadel of Carcassonne, with its fairytale turrets and summer festivals, is around 52km from the village. The broader region is rich with historical intrigue, following the Cathar trail south toward the Spanish border, where dramatic castles and timeworn hilltop villages await exploration.

Whether you're in search of culture, coast or countryside, Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude offers a quintessential slice of southern French life.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Carcassonne Airport (45 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (63 km)
Nearest Airport 3	Perpignan Airport (66 km)



Nearest Bar/Pub

(500 m)

Nearest Beach	Narbonne Plage (30 km)
Nearest City	Narbonne (11 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Port-la-Nouvelle (33 km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Sainte Rose, Narbonne (20 km)
Nearest Restaurant	(500 m)
Nearest Shop	(500 m)
Nearest Supermarket	(1 km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude (0.1 km)
Nearest Town/City	Narbonne (11 km)
Nearest Train Station	Narbonne (11 km)
Sightseeing	Canal du Midi at Le Somain (2 km)

What we love

- A characterful village home blending vintage charm with modern comforts – think elegant tiled floors, pretty air-conditioned bedrooms and a stylish poolside decking
- Lounge beneath the trees, dine al-fresco or cool off in the private pool framed by Mediterranean greenery
- Walk to the village bakery, local supermarket and a well-loved restaurant – all part of everyday life in Saint-Marcel-sur-Aude
- Make the most of the bikes and cycle along the nearby Canal du Midi, just minutes away in the pretty hamlet of Le Somain
- Take a day trip to Narbonne Plage, Gruissan's wild beaches or the fairytale fortress of Carcassonne – all within easy reach

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- Even though village amenities are a short walk away, a car is needed to be able to fully explore the region (gated car parking is available).
- Bikes are also available at the house, a great way to experience the Canal du Midi.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1,000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?**: Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?**: Yes.
- **Pets welcome?**: Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday July to August. Flexible all other duration.
- **End of stay cleaning available?**: Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?**: Smoking and vaping are not permitted.
- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?**: Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.