Maison Portalet

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Located in the wine-village of Autignac, Maison Portalet is a sensitively restored Languedoc home that blends traditional character with the comforts of contemporary living and its own private pool.

The interiors are thoughtfully arranged with four attractive bedrooms and four bathrooms (three en suite) spread across the main house and a garden annexe. Downstairs, the open-plan living-dining space and kitchen features high ceilings and tall glass windows opening to an enclosed courtyard for lazy afternoons beside the pool and leisurely barbecues on the al-fresco dining terrace.

Maison Portalet sits at the centre of Autignac, a wine-producing village surrounded by rolling vineyards and rugged Hérault countryside. Just a two-minute stroll brings you to the essentials of French village life: a *boulangerie* for morning croissants, a café-bar and a small handful of local shops. Known for its rich winemaking heritage, Autignac is one of seven villages within the celebrated Faugères appellation, offering ample opportunity for tastings and cellar-door discoveries.

The house is also ideally positioned for exploring the best of the Languedoc region of southern France. The historic town of Béziers is only 20km away, while the sparkling Mediterranean coast lies just 40 minutes from your door. Other wonderful trips out include canoeing along the Orb River, cycle rides beside the Canal du Midi and the Saturday morning market in Pézenas.

Whether you're sipping local wine on the terrace, setting out for a day among the vines or simply enjoying the rhythms of village life, Maison Portalet is a fantastic base for experiencing good food, fine wine and glorious scenery.









Facilities

Pure France • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cycling • Historical Sites • Watersports • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • On-Street Parking • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Dishwasher • Heating • Water park

Interior & Grounds

Main House Interiors

- Entrance hall
- Open-plan living and dining room with TV, Wi-Fi and high ceilings and large glass doors to dining terrace and courtyard
- Open-plan side kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, hob and fridge freezer
- Bedroom 1 with double bed and door to terrace
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

First Floor

- Bedroom 2 with two single beds, window overlooking lounge area below and ensuite shower room with WC, shower and sink
- Master Bedroom 3 with double bed, window overlooking lounge area below and ensuite bathroom with WC, bath/shower, separate shower and sink

Garden House Annexe (accessed via outdoor dining terrace)

- Living / reading room

First Floor (via open-sided stairs)

- Bedroom 4 with double bed and en suite shower room with WC, shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (6x3.1m, depth: 1.5m) with Roman steps
- Poolside deck with loungers
- Al-fresco dining table and barbecue
- Washing machine









Location & Local Information

In the wine-producing village of Autignac, Maison Portalet offers guests an authentic slice of southern French life. The nearest airport is Béziers Cap d'Agde and there is a train station in nearby Magalas.

With sweeping views over the surrounding vineyards and rolling Languedoc countryside, the village of Autignac is ideal for those seeking beauty, culture, and the pleasures of village living. Just a short stroll brings you to Autignac's essentials - a *boulangerie*, local café-bar-restaurant, butcher, pharmacy, épicerie and a handful of wine domaines where you can sample the celebrated Faugères wines.

The nearby village of Magalas, just a five-minute drive away, offers a wider choice of amenities including a large supermarket, café-bars, restaurant, pizzeria and banks. Meanwhile, the bustling town of Béziers (20km) is a hub of activity. From its elegant tree-lined boulevards to its colourful Friday flower market and the vibrant summer 'Féria' in mid-August, Béziers pulses with local life. For something more leisurely, a walk, cycle or boat ride along the Canal du Midi is a must.

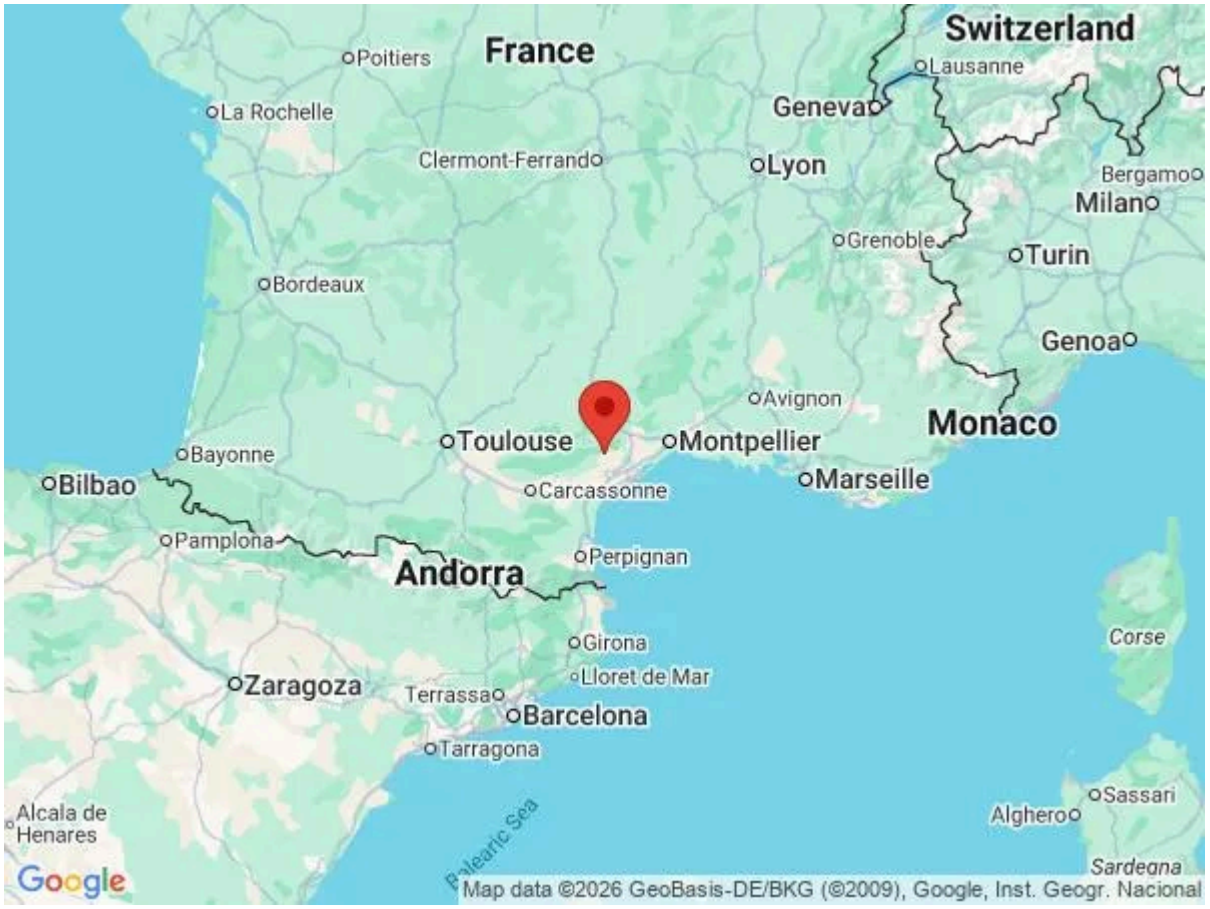
Wine lovers are perfectly placed to explore the many vineyards of the region, while foodies will relish a trip to the Saturday morning market in nearby Pézenas (28km), a town also famed for its antiques, artisan boutiques and Molière connections. For a taste of adventure, the river at Cessenon-sur-Orb (17km) is perfect for canoeing and kayaking amid scenic gorges and shady banks.

When the coast calls, you're only 40 to 50 minutes from the golden beaches of Valras-Plage or the glitz of Cap d'Agde, where seafood restaurants line the shore and water sports abound. Agde's old town, with its pastel façades and bustling quayside markets, offers a charming day trip or follow the trail of the region's iconic aperitifs with tours of the Noilly Prat caves in Marseillan (45km) and Paul Ricard cellars in Bessan (37km).

With its village setting and wealth of experiences nearby, Maison Portalet is a superb base from which to explore the very best of Languedoc's coast, countryside and culture.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (33.5km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (94.5km)**
Nearest City	**Montpellier (90km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Lamalou-les Bains (18km)**









Nearest Restaurant	**Autignac (180m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Local village store (200m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Magalas (6km)**
Nearest Town	**Béziers (17 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Béziers (20km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Magalas (8km)**
Nearest Village	**Autignac (200m)**

What we love

- Stay in the heart of a traditional wine village, just steps from a boulangerie, café-bar and local shops
- It's fantastic that each bedroom has its own bathroom (three of them en suite)
- Enjoy lazy afternoons by your private pool in the charming enclosed courtyard
- Dine al fresco on the terrace after a day exploring nearby vineyards and cellar doors in the renowned Faugères appellation
- Just 20km from Béziers and 40 minutes to the coast – ideal for day trips to rivers, markets, Le Canal du Midi and Mediterranean beaches

What you should know...

- There are three bedrooms in the main part of the house and one bedroom on the first-floor of a separate garden annexe – please see the "Layout" tab for details.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 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:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning:** 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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.