

Maison Belle Ame

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Behind a stately façade in Carcassonne's historic centre, Maison Belle Âme invites guests into a world of refined character and contemporary comfort. This grand, four-storey townhouse has been meticulously restored, blending original architectural details with modern touches. Inside, generous spaces unfold - ornate fireplaces, tall ceilings and classic French finishes meet sleek touches like a fully equipped kitchen, home cinema and pool table, making it as practical as it is elegant.

Across six individually styled bedrooms and four well-appointed bathrooms, guests will find privacy and space to unwind. Morning light streams through characterful windows, while the lower ground floor offers a cosy retreat for movie nights or friendly games around the pool table. Whether gathering in the formal dining room or enjoying a laid-back breakfast on the terrace, every corner of this home is designed for ease and enjoyment.

Outside, the walled garden offers an unexpected sanctuary in the heart of the city. The shaded dining terrace beckons for long lunches and leisurely evenings, while the private pool, complete with contra swim current, offers refreshment and relaxation beneath the southern French sun.

Stepping out, you'll find yourself immersed in the soul of Carcassonne. The local quarter buzzes with cafés, street markets and artisan boutiques just five to ten-minute stroll away. The iconic medieval citadel, with its fairytale turrets and cobbled streets, lies just 25 minutes on foot - a must-see for its cultural vibrancy and atmospheric charm. Boat trips along the Canal du Midi, cycling adventures and wine tastings in the surrounding Minervois vineyards offer day-long diversions for every taste.

Whether gathering with family or friends, Maison Belle Âme offers a rare blend of urban sophistication and laid-back southern flair just a leisurely walk from one of France's most famous destinations.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • BBQ • On-Street Parking • Washing Machine • Villa • Boat Trips • Cycling • Historical Sites • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • TV • Wine Tasting • Walk to Village • Games Room • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Parking Space • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

- Entrance hallway
- Living room
- Dining room with fireplace and doors to terrace and garden
- Kitchen with two fridge freezers, dishwashers, oven and hob, wine fridge, microwave and breakfast table
- Utility room with dishwasher, washing machine, dryer and fridge

First Floor

- Bedroom 1 with queen-size double bed
- Bedroom 2 with queen-size double bed
- Bathroom with WC, bath, separate shower and sink
- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

Second Floor

- Bedroom 4 with king-size double bed
- Bedroom 5 with king-size double bed
- Bathroom with WC, bath/shower and sink
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

Lower Ground Floor

- Lounge with home cinema (Netflix and Prime) and pool table

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (7x3m) with contra-swimming current system
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Walled garden
- Dining terrace and barbecue
- Seating area with garden furniture
- Lawned area



Location & Local Information

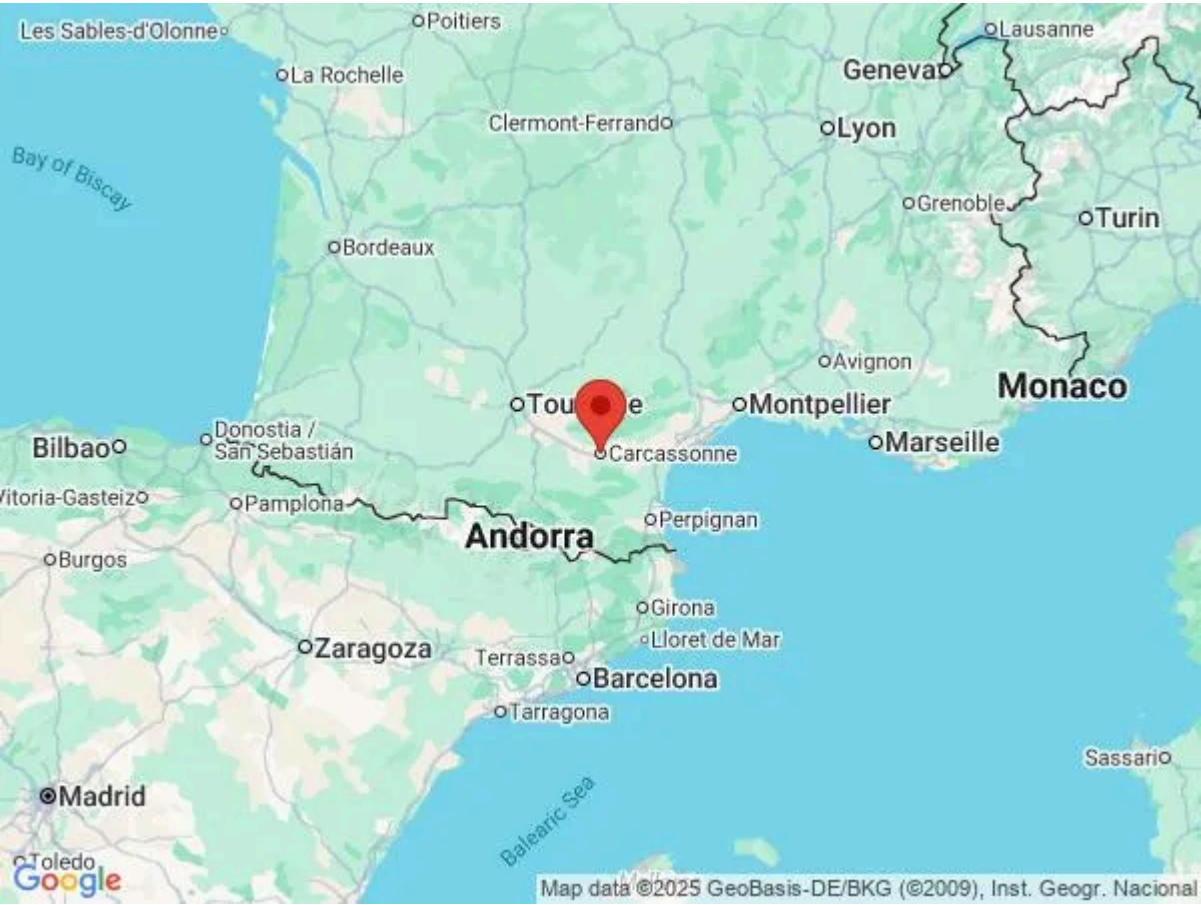
In Carcassonne’s historical centre, the charmingly located Maison Belle Ame offers guests the perfect gateway to one of southern France’s most enchanting towns.

Step outside your door and within minutes you’ll find yourself amid a vibrant tapestry of artisan shops, café-bars, bustling markets, and cultural venues - Place Carnot is just 300m away. Immerse yourself in the charm of La Bastide Saint-Louis, Carcassonne’s lesser-known but equally beguiling quarter where 18th-century architecture frames leafy squares and lively local markets. Just a leisurely 25-minute stroll away, the UNESCO-listed citadel awaits - a spellbinding medieval fortress with its double ramparts, fairytale towers and panoramic views.

Meandering just beyond is the Canal du Midi, a serene, tree-lined waterway ideal for cycling, walking, or even hiring a boat for a tranquil cruise through the countryside. Whether drifting past vineyards or picnicking along the towpath, the canal offers a slower, more romantic pace of discovery.

Oenophiles are in for a treat, with the rolling vineyards of Minervois just a short drive away. Here, you can savour tastings at family-run domaines and uncover the region’s deep-rooted winemaking traditions. For those keen to explore further, the charming market towns of Limoux, famed for its sparkling Blanquette, and Mirepoix, with its colourful medieval arcades and Monday morning market, offer authentic southern French experiences. Meanwhile, villages like Lagrasse (36km) and Minerve (45km) enchant with their historic abbeys, river gorges, and timeless beauty.

Adventurous souls will relish day trips to the Cathar castles of Lastours (79km) and Montségur (77km), their dramatic ruins perched atop rocky peaks, whispering stories of resistance and legend. For urban contrast, take a direct train to Toulouse (101km) or Narbonne (61km), where cosmopolitan energy meets rich Occitan heritage - perfect for a day of museums, riverside promenades and fine dining.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Aéroport de Carcassonne-Salvaza (3 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Toulouse-Blagnac (103 km)
Nearest Airport 3	Béziers Cap d’Agde (100 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(1 km)
Nearest Beach	Narbonne Plage (70 km)



Nearest City	Perpignan (72 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Port de Carcassonne (1 km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Carcassonne (2 km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1 km)
Nearest Shop	(1 km)
Nearest Supermarket	(1 km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Carcassonne (2 km)
Nearest Town	Carcassonne (1 km)
Nearest Town/City	Carcassonne (1 km)
Nearest Train Station	Carcassonne (2 km)
Nearest Village	Cazilhac (3 km)
Sightseeing	Hôtel Besaucèle (1 km)

What we love

- Elegant townhouse living in the heart of Carcassonne's historic centre, just a short stroll from vibrant cafés and markets
- A beautiful blend of classic French charm and modern comforts – think ornate fireplaces, high ceilings, sleek kitchen and chill-out lounge with home cinema
- Enjoy al fresco dining and relaxing swims in the walled garden – the swimming pool also features a counter-current system
- Explore the iconic medieval citadel just 25 minutes away on foot, or unwind with local wine tastings and Canal du Midi boat trips

What you should know...

- If you have a car, there is parking for up to three cars nearby however this must be reserved well in advance. You can drop off suitcases and shopping at your door before parking the car a short distance away.

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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **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:** 7 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.