La Forge

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

At the end of a little lane, La Forge is a holiday home that radiates warmth and timeless charm. This traditional village cottage invites a slower pace of life, where the rhythm of the day is dictated by sunshine, good food and the swimming pool. Step through the shared courtyard path and into a world of characterful interiors, where thick, timeworn walls keep the cottage cool even in the summer.

Inside, the living space is simple and welcoming, with an open-plan layout that brings together the dining, and sitting area in one convivial hub. A farmhouse-style kitchen offers everything needed for laid-back meals at home, from morning coffee outside to leisurely dinners around the dining table. Wi-Fi is available, though many may choose to switch off and soak in the unhurried atmosphere. Upstairs on the first and second floors five double bedrooms provide a comfortable retreat for couples or a small family, served by 2 generous bathrooms.

Begin your day with breakfast under the covered dining terrace, shaded from the rising sun. Spend lazy afternoons lounging by the private 10-metre pool, complete with waterfall feature and a seating area perfect for a good book. Fire up the barbecue as dusk falls and enjoy long evenings of grilled local produce under the stars.

La Forge is located in the remote village of Villarzel-du-Razès in the Aude countryside. Just 30 minutes from the storybook ramparts of Carcassonne and its international airport, the cottage offers rural simplicity without being too isolated. There is a restaurant on the edge of the village, while Limoux, around 20 minutes away, offers a full range of shops, bakeries and excellent restaurants – try its excellent sparkling white win.

Perfect for those seeking an authentic slice of French country life, La Forge is a place to reconnect with nature, slow down, sample good wine and savour each unhurried moment.









Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Golf Villa • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walk to Village • Recommended • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Heated Pool • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Cottage • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • Dishwasher • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

- Open-plan living and dining area with sofa, dining table and Wi-Fi. Door opens to terrace
- Kitchen (via steps), well-equipped with oven and hob, dishwasher, fridge freezer, and breakfast table
- Separate ground floor bathroom with WC, shower and hand basin.

First Floor

- Bedroom 1 with king-size double bed
- Bathroom with WC, bath/shower, separate shower and sink
- Separate WC
- Bedroom 2 with double bed
- Bedroom 3 with double bed

Second Floor (via steep stairs)

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds

Outside Grounds (with steps)

- Swimming pool (10x5m)
- Poolside terrace with loungers, seating area (partly shaded) and waterfall feature
- Covered dining terrace with barbecue
- Gated drive with off road parking for 2 cars and a carport for 1 car









Location & Local Information

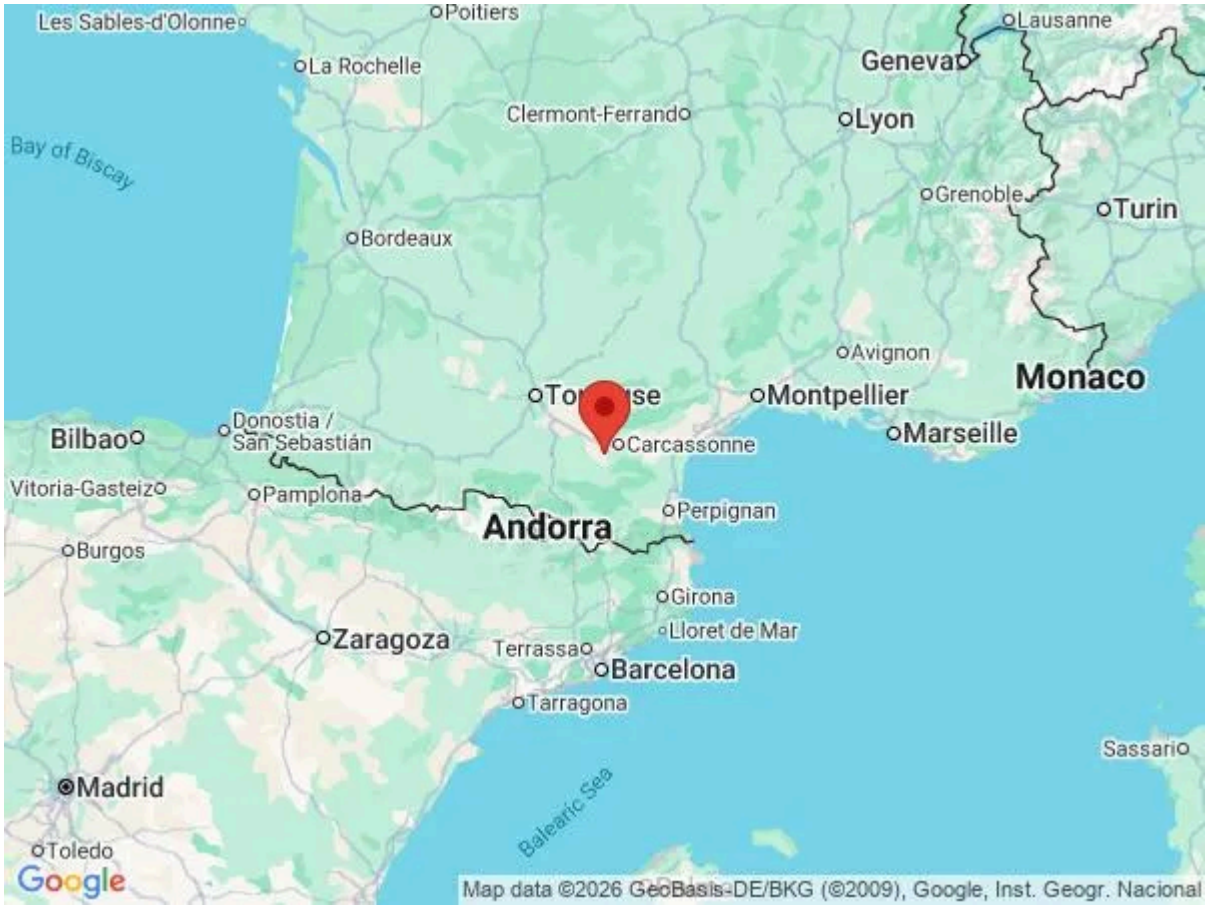
At the end of a quiet impasse leading to open countryside, this traditional house in Villarzel-du-Razès offers a rural escape in the heart of southern France. This small village is authentic and remote and there is a restaurant nearby.

Following the country roads north, just 20 minutes away lies the village of Arzens, where you can stock up on fresh pastries at the bakery. For everyday essentials and a livelier atmosphere, the bustling town of Limoux (13.5km) offers everything you might need – from supermarkets and boutiques to cafés and a lively weekly market. Renowned for its sparkling wine, Blanquette de Limoux, this riverside town is a must for wine lovers, with tasting rooms and vineyard tours set among picturesque hills.

A 30-minute drive brings you to the fairytale citadel of Carcassonne (20km), one of France's most extraordinary medieval landmarks. Wander through its double-walled fortress, explore ancient ramparts and dine in atmospheric courtyards, before enjoying a tranquil stroll or bike ride along the nearby Canal du Midi – a UNESCO World Heritage site lined with plane trees and stone bridges.

Venture further afield to discover the enchanting town of Mirepoix (35km), with its half-timbered arcades and colourful market square. Brimming with history and charm, it's a wonderful place to spend a day browsing artisan stalls, enjoying a glass of wine or simply soaking up the medieval ambience. Its Monday morning market is one of the loveliest in the region.

Wine-tasting is a real highlight across the area, with numerous domaines offering tastings of local reds, whites and sparkling wines, many within a short drive of the house.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (18km)**

Nearest Airport 2	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (100km)**
Nearest City	**Carcassonne (20km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Carcassonne (19km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local restaurant on edge of village (350m)**
Nearest Town	**Limoux (13.5km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Cépie (7km)**
Nearest Village	**Villarzel-du-Razès (0km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Limoux (10.5km)**

What we love

- Relax in timeless charm at this traditional village cottage in the heart of the Aude countryside
- Cool off in your private 10-metre pool, then fire up the barbecue for al-fresco meals
- The open-plan lounge and farmhouse-style kitchen are full of character
- Rest well across the charming double bedrooms – there's an impressive modern bathroom too
- Visit nearby vineyards and sample Limoux's famous sparkling white wine
- Just 30 minutes from Carcassonne's fairy-tale ramparts and the Canal du Midi

What you should know...

- If you are six guests or less, there is also the option to book this house with three bedrooms only (the two top floor bedrooms will be closed off) - please see the listing for La Petite Forge (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/south-of-france/languedoc/la-petite-forge/).
- Please be aware that the stairs leading to the second floor are steep and young children may require supervision. There is a door that closes access to these stairs.
- A car is essential in this remote part of France – there is car parking for two to three cars.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €750 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:** 5.00 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 June-end August). Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning are 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?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (end June-end August) or 2-3 nights at other times.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Available as an optional extra (April/May and September/October). Extra €150 payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures. At least five days prior notice is required.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from 1st June to end September. 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.