Maison L'Auzina

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Set on the edge of the storied hilltop village of Cucugnan, Maison L'Auzina is a traditional French home that offers timeless simplicity in one of southern France's most characterful landscapes.

Encircled by the rolling Corbières hills and vineyards, this old-fashioned retreat evokes a slower pace of life, where days begin with fresh pastries and bread from the village bakery and end with panoramic views from the terrace, perhaps accompanied by good local wine.

This stone house remains faithful to its rustic roots. With accommodation on one level (reached via steps from the road), wooden beams frame the living room ceiling, a nod to the region's pastoral heritage, while the crackle of the fireplace in cooler months hints at its cosy, countryside charm. A well-equipped country kitchen and dining area lies alongside three comfortable bedrooms and a modern family bathroom.

Outside, over a hectare of private land stretches into the surrounding hills, where fruit trees and Mediterranean flora give way to uninterrupted valley views. The terrace, with both shaded and sunlit spots for al-fresco dining, invites long lunches and leisurely evenings. At the centre, a private swimming pool is edged by a sun terrace, ideal for lazy afternoons with a book or a glass of local Fitou. A table tennis table and darts board in the barn add a dash of classic holiday fun.

It's around a 10-minute stroll to the heart of the village. Overlooked by the medieval ramparts of Château de Quéribus, Cucugnan's intimate charm belies its growing reputation as a hub for wine lovers and history seekers. Two restaurants, a café bar, a general store and boulangerie are waiting for you. Beyond the village, Cathar castles and hiking trails await while nearby vineyards tempt with tasting tours along the famed Corbières and Fitou wine route.

For those yearning for an authentic escape in the heart of southern France, Maison L'Auzina offers a truly unhurried and memorable stay.









Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Pure France • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Has Discount • Pets on Request • Ideal for Teens • Special Offer • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Barn • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • Table Tennis • Garage • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Rafting • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Darts

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (entrance level via steps)

- Entrance hall
- Living room with fireplace, TV, DVD player and Wi-Fi
- Kitchen, well-equipped including microwave, fridge/freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher and breakfast table
- Bedroom 1 with double bed
- Bedroom 2 with two single beds
- Bedroom 3 with bunk-bed
- WC and sink
- Shower room with WC, shower and sink

A fourth bedroom is available on request

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (9x4m)
- Poolside loungers and shaded/open dining areas
- Rear shaded dining terrace
- Large barn / garage with washing machine, table tennis and darts
- Private grounds (1.3 hectares) with panoramic views, fruit trees and Mediterranean plants
- Private parking









Location & Local Information

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Corbières hills, Cucugnan is a captivating hilltop village in the Aude department, close to the Pyrénées-Orientales border. Fly into Perpignan Airport (36km) or Carcassonne (83km).

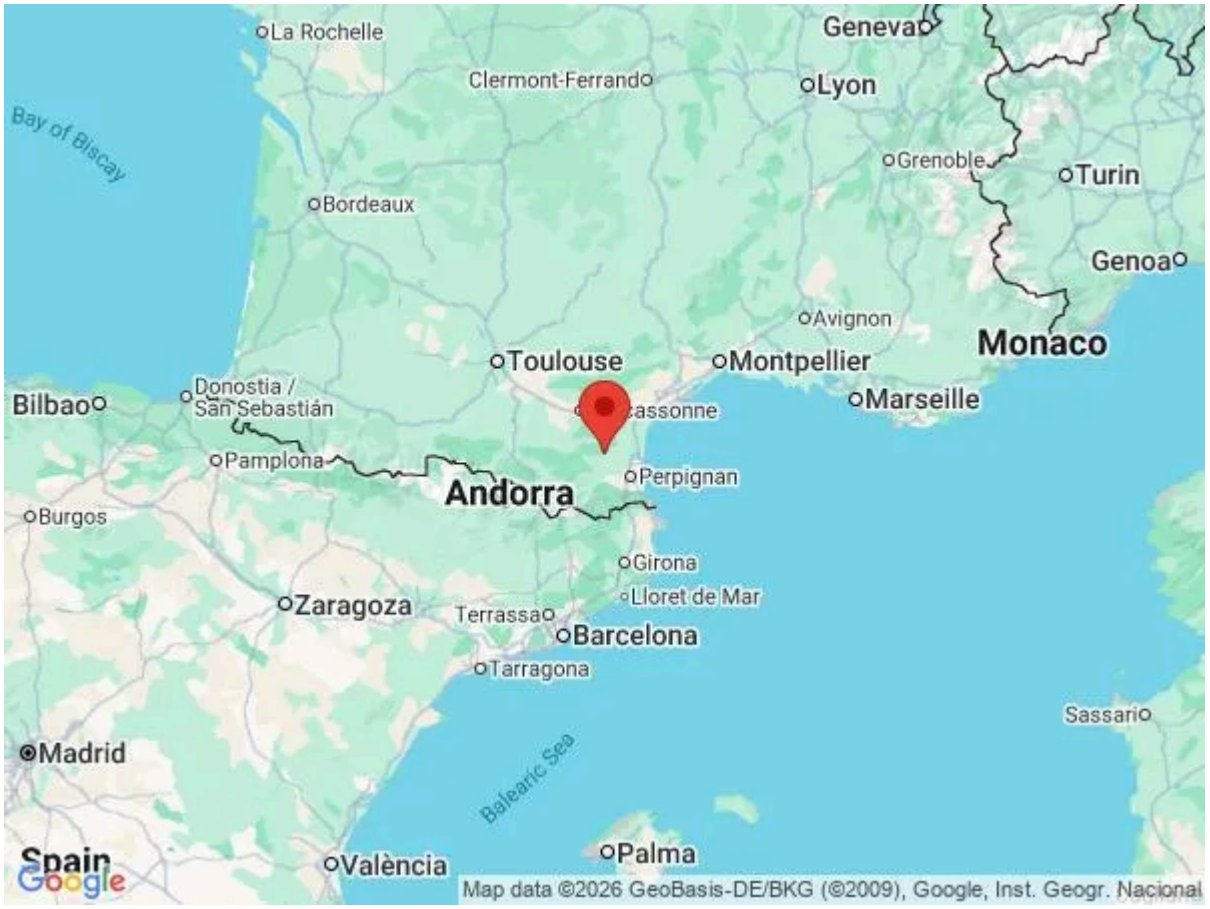
This pretty village sits along the scenic Cathar Châteaux Route and the renowned Corbières and Fitou wine trail, offering a spellbinding blend of natural beauty, history and gastronomy. The house is located on the road leading to the village – just a 10-minute stroll (no pavement) brings you to the heart of the village where you'll find a general store, a bakery-café, two restaurants and a bar.

For history enthusiasts, the region's Cathar legacy is unmissable. Château de Quéribus (4km) looms above the village, while the nearby ruins of Château d'Aguilar (16km), Peyrepertuse (9km), Termes (32km) and Villerouge-Termenès (27km) tell stories of medieval conflict and intrigue.

Cucugnan is also a gateway to charming local villages and towns, each offering its own flavour of rural French life. The nearby villages are home to wonderful restaurants, while Maury (9km) and Touchan (12.5km) offer a range of amenities, from supermarkets to wine cellars. In fact, the Corbières region is a delight for wine lovers - vineyard tours and tastings abound, giving you a true taste of the south.

Further afield, explore Rivesaltes (35km) with its excellent rail connections, or soak in the Catalan charm of Perpignan (44km), known for its food, shopping and vibrant culture. For a longer day trip, cross the Spanish border and discover the artistic seaside town of Cadaqués (130km), just two hours away.

Adventurers will relish the region's outdoor offerings from white-water rafting and paragliding to mountain biking and quad tours. And for scenic hikers, a network of randonnée routes offers breathtaking views and varied challenges. Whether you're here for history, wine or nature, Cucugnan delivers an unforgettable escape.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (94 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Narbonne Plage (78 km)**
Nearest City	**Perpignan (43 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Montescot (35 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Cucugnan (800 m)**

Nearest Shop	**Cucugnan (800 m)**
Nearest Town	**Saint-Estève (42 km)**
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Nearest Train Station	**Halte Train Rouge (13 km)**
Nearest Village	**Cucugnan (800 m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Cucugnan / Tuchan (800 m / 11 km)**

What we love

- Step back in time at this traditional French house with gorgeous gardens and a wonderful swimming pool
- The panoramic views of the surrounding hills and valley are beautiful
- This region is a paradise for wine enthusiasts, keen hikers or simply lovers of history, nature and culture
- The village is on the Cathar Castle route, Château de Quéribus looms above the village just over 4km away
- Further afield, wonderful day trips include the vibrant city of Perpignan, the Catalan coastal town of Collioure and even artistic Cadaqués across the Spanish border

What you should know...

- On the edge of the village, the house is set on the road leading to the heart of Cucugnan – it's around a 10-minute walk up to the bakery, shop and two restaurants (as is typical in France, there is no pavement along this country road).
- You have to be able to manage steps both up to the property entrance and the raised grounds.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 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. Dogs are not permitted on furniture, bed or in the pool. All dog evidence must be removed from the garden.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.

- **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?:** Outside only.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (short-breaks may be possible on request outside end June-end August).

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

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

- **Internet access?:** Yes.