

Chateau De La Source

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Château de la Source is a quintessential French château in Provence that lies near the foot of the iconic Mont Ventoux, set in a beautifully landscaped park with ancient oak trees, pines and the gentle sounds of birds or cicadas alongside a private swimming pool fed by a natural spring.

Inside, a blend of worldliness and heritage comes to life. Lovingly restored by owners with global roots, the interiors marry handpicked family antiques with vibrant French fabrics from Pierre Frey, Zoffany and Lelievre. Every corner tells a story. The Grand Salon invites lingering conversations whilst the garden gallery is anchored by a Schiedmayer baby grand piano. The kitchen, expertly equipped for preparing leisurely meals or for formal occasions, complements the potager, where herbs, vegetables and fresh eggs from the henhouse await each morning. Dine beneath centuries-old plane trees on the south terrace, paved in Provençal pink stone, or gather beside the vast fireplace in the intimate dining room, where you can feast together.

Up to 14 guests can stay in comfort, with all bedrooms air-conditioned and most offering marble-clad en-suites featuring sleek Grohe fittings. Each room is a haven in itself, furnished with 'And So To Bed' beds, divan mattresses and thoughtful touches such as crisp white linen and high-thread Egyptian cotton towels.

Just over 1km away, the charming medieval village of Mazan offers morning trips for croissants, afternoon café stops and restaurants. Here, you are immersed in real Provence, yet never far from the rest of the world with pretty Vaucluse villages and towns within easy reach such as Venasque, Bédoin and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue.

Back at the château, take a stroll through the walled garden and forest, cool off in the swimming pool sourced from a natural spring, play a game of boules on the pétanque court and look out for crayfish and hungry nutrias by the ponds.

As dusk falls, the owl calls across the grounds and the stars seem impossibly close. The world outside recedes. Château de la Source is more than a place to stay - it is a return to something rare, rooted and quietly extraordinary.

Facilities

Canoeing/Kayaking • Chateaux & Castles • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Air-Con • Go-Karting • Wi-Fi/Internet • Cycling • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Weddings • BBQ • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Dry Hire Option • Private Pool • Chapel on Site • Licensed for Marriage • Saltwater Pool •



Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection •
Allow External Caterers • Nearby Church/Chapel • Animal farm • Theme
park • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Water park • Forest
park/High-rope course • Breakfast Available • Pool Safety Feature •
Heated Pool • Badminton • Croquet • Boules/Petanque • Pets on Request
• Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Wine Cellar • Outdoor Games •
Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site •
High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit
& Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Château Interiors

Main Floor

- Hallway
- Grand salon
- Garden gallery
- Dining room with large fireplace
- Large kitchen, professionally equipped including one gas cooker, one electric induction cooker and two large fridges

First Floor

- Master bedroom 1 with king-size double bed, desk, antechamber/dressing room with sofa-bed and en suite bathroom with freestanding bath and WC
- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed and desk
- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed and desk
- Shared shower room and separate WC
- Bedroom 4 with king-size double bed, desk and en suite marble shower room with WC
- Bedroom 5 with four-poster bed, desk and en suite shower room with WC
- Long corridor with vintage Persian rug

Second Floor (some low ceilings of 2m)

- Bedroom 6 with two single beds, desk and en suite marble shower room with WC
- Mezzanine duplex apartment suite with 'Napoleonic' tent ceiling, two single beds and en suite marble shower room with WC. Separate living room/office/library with small fireplace

Outside Grounds

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (12x6m, depth: 1m to 2m) with 'plage' area, heat pump and safety alarm. Open approximately April to end-September
- South-facing al-fresco dining terrace (beneath two 300-year old plane trees)
- Barbecue
- Boules, badminton and historic croquet set
- Potager (pick your own seasonal vegetables and herbs) and vintage greenhouse
- Hen house (pick your own eggs)
- 5-hectare historic park with oak, pine and fruit trees
- Two lakes, canal and spring

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Schiedmayer Stuttgart baby grand piano
- Solar field (creating green electricity throughout the house)



Location & Local Information

Near the foot of the iconic Mont Ventoux, Château de la Source enjoys a spectacular setting within 5-hectares of historic parkland in a region of lavender, vineyards and orchards. This location in Provence perfectly balances both natural beauty and convenience, close to the historic heart of Mazan and only 40km from Avignon.

Just over 1km from the château lies the historic village of Mazan, where narrow lanes, pretty houses and a small handful of restaurants offer an authentic taste of Provençal life. It's wonderful to be able to stroll to the village for morning croissants – do note that the first 200m along the main road does not have a pavement.

Surrounding Vaucluse villages such as Venasque (10km), Bédoin (11km) and Pernes-les-Fontaines (11km) are brimming with old-world charm, medieval architecture and local artistry – Venasque is classified as one of France's *'Plus Beaux Villages'*. Nearby Carpentras (8km) offers a livelier atmosphere with an impressive cathedral. Don't miss the region's celebrated farmer's markets where you can pick up seasonal produce, regional cheeses and fragrant truffles. In the summer months, the market in Velleron (16km) takes place six evenings a week.

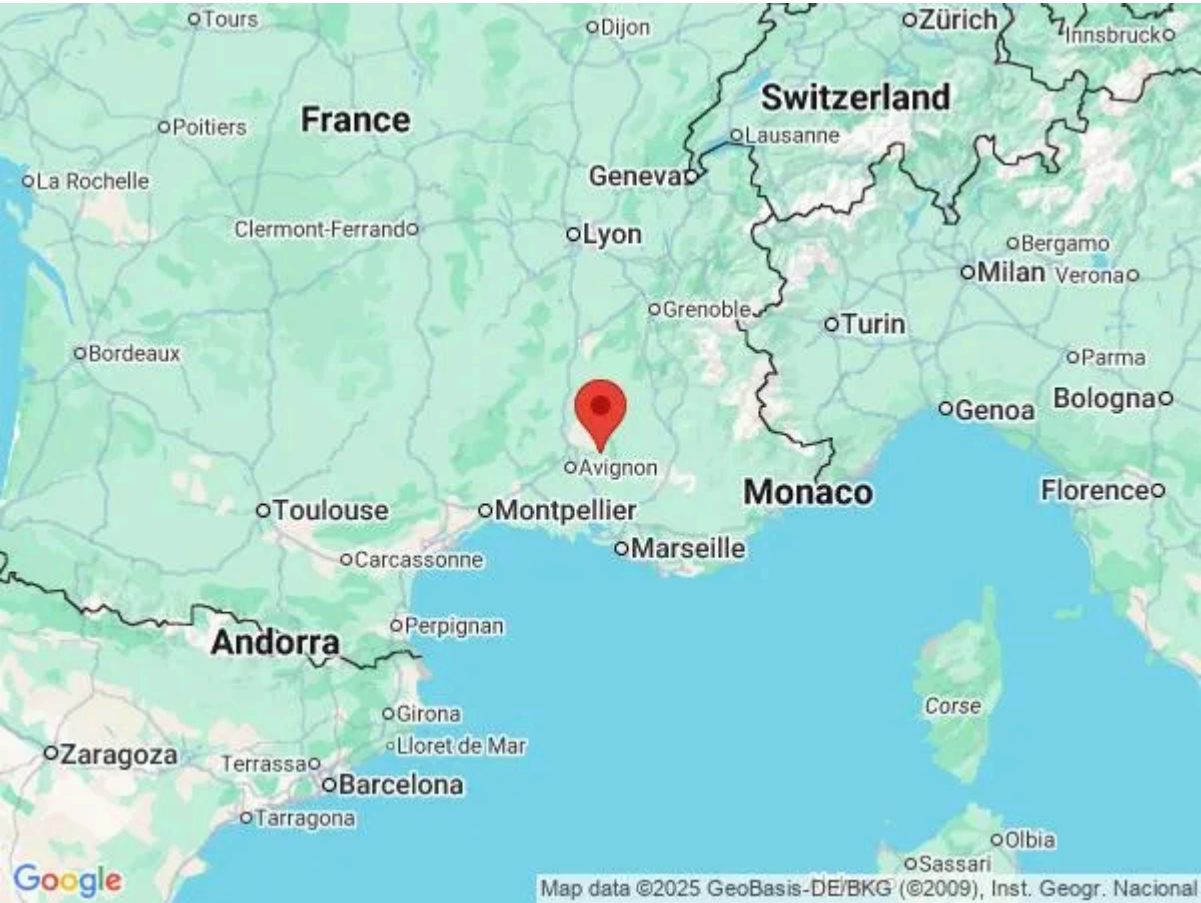
Wine lovers will relish their position in the heart of the Ventoux appellation, with vineyards stretching in every direction and cellar doors inviting tastings of robust reds and delicate rosés (wine-tasting can also be arranged at the château itself). The fertile landscape also produces cherries, olives and the coveted black truffle, while surrounding orchards and forests provide the perfect backdrop for scenic walks and countryside rambles. Hikers will find a multitude of rural footpaths winding through fields and woodland, with more adventurous trails (and challenging cycling routes) climbing the slopes of Mont Ventoux itself.

The château is ideally placed for day trips to some of Provence's most iconic destinations. Explore the papal city of Avignon (40km) with its historic bridge and grand Palais des Papes, or stroll along the canals and antique shops of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (24km). The stunning hilltop village of Gordes (24km), another official *"Plus Beaux Villages de France,"* is just a short drive away, offering breath-taking views and timeless beauty.

With its privileged location and picture-perfect surroundings, Château de la Source is a sublime gateway to the very best of Provence.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille Provence Airport (94km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes Airport (87km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Mazan (Within 1.5km)



Nearest City	Avignon (40km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (24km)
Nearest Restaurant	Mazan (Within 1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Mazan (1.5km)
Nearest Tennis	Sporting Club Mazanais (2km)
Nearest Town	Carpentras (8km)
Nearest Train Station	Carpentras/Gare d'Avignon TGV (10km/42km)
Nearest Village	Mazan (1km)

What we love

- Near the foot of Mont Ventoux, this quintessential French château sits within a beautiful park of ancient oaks, pines and spring-fed ponds
- Unwind by the heated swimming pool, follow walking paths through the grounds or play a game of boules or croquet in the Provençal garden
- Inside, expect heritage charm and global flair – antique furnishings meet beautiful fabrics and great attention to detail
- The kitchen and potager are a dream for food lovers, with fresh herbs, seasonal vegetables and fresh eggs from the henhouse
- Head to the medieval village of Mazan for fresh croissants, cafés and local dining just over 1km away
- A fine base for exploring Provence with picture-perfect villages and towns nearby such as Venasque, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and Gordes

What you should know...

- The château *gardien*/caretaker lives on site in an independent apartment.
- Air-conditioning is featured in bedrooms only.
- If staying with children, supervision is required across the beautiful grounds due to the lakes, canal and freshwater spring (and swimming pool of course, even with its safety alarm).
- You can walk to the local village just over 1km away (along the main road, of which the first 200m does not have a pavement), however a car is still needed to be able to stock up on groceries and explore this beautiful region.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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. Changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in high season. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning are included in the price. Additional cleaning (3x per week) available on request for an additional €500, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. 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.
- **Other 2:** Air-conditioning is featured in bedrooms only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in high season. 3 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately April 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.