# Domaine Du Minervois

**Region:** Languedoc **Sleeps:** 10

## Overview

Surrounded by vineyards and Aude countryside, Domaine du Minervois offers a rich and restorative retreat in the heart of Southern France's famed wine region. Set within eight acres of verdant grounds, this elegant estate is a gateway to the cultural and natural treasures of the Languedoc.

Once owned by the Clarisses sisters, a religious order known for their devotion in the area, the domaine's soul is steeped in history. A former chapel, now transformed into a quiet library, adds a contemplative charm, while the story of its most famous resident, aviation pioneer Léopold Gourp, lends an air of legacy and distinction. Today, the estate blends its heritage with thoughtful modern comforts, offering a memorable base for family gatherings, active holidays or graceful escapes.

Inside, the home spans two spacious levels. The ground floor opens with a grand entrance hall leading to a relaxed lounge with projector, a dedicated games room with full-size snooker table, and a country kitchen with its own dining area and pool table. Upstairs, five air-conditioned bedrooms await, three with gorgeous 200x200cm double beds and private ensuites, two with king-sized beds and a shared bathroom. This allows up to 10 guests to comfortably stay here (there are also sofa-beds in the three en suite bedrooms for an additional 6 guests on request).

Outdoors, the experience continues with a large private pool framed by loungers and parasols, a superb tennis court (with a football and basket net) and an atmospheric garden terrace for al-dining beside towering trees.

The setting is equally captivating. Just 30 minutes from Carcassonne and Narbonne, with the Canal du Midi a short cycle ride away, the domaine invites exploration. Wander local markets, sip your way through nearby vineyards, admire Carcassonne citadel's fairy-tale turrets or venture further to Narbonne Plage and the Mediterranean coast. Whether rock climbing in Caunes-Minervois or drifting down the River Aude by kayak, adventure awaits in every direction.

Perfect for families, adventurous groups or anyone seeking an upmarket holiday home in a beautiful part of the Languedoc countryside, Domaine du Minervois offers a place to reconnect with nature, history and the pleasures of southern French living.









## Facilities

France250 • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Exclusive • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • Private Pool • Recommended • Air-Con • Boat Trips • Tennis Court • Wine Tasting • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special

Offer • Ideal for Teens • Heritage Collection • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Games Room • Indoor Games • Smart TV • Animal farm • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Climbing • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Board games • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Football net • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

**House Interiors**

*Ground Floor*

- Large entrance hall
- Living room with projector
- Library (via steps, in converted chapel)
- Games room with full-size snooker table
- Kitchen and dining area, well-equipped. Includes table for 10 guests (an additional table for 6 guests can be added if necessary) and projector
- WC

*Upstairs*

- Bedroom with super king-size double bed (200x200cm), sofa-bed and en suite bathroom
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- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm)
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- Separate bathroom

**Outside Grounds** (set in eight acres of land)

- Swimming pool (12x6m) with safety alarm. Open approximately April to end-September
- Poolside loungers, parasols and seating area
- Al-fresco dining area
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- Barbecue
- Tennis court (with football and basket net)

**Other Facilities**

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)









# Location & Local Information

Located between the dramatic peaks of the Montagne Noire and the sparkling Mediterranean Sea, Domaine du Minervois sits in the heart of Southern France's revered Languedoc wine country, only half an hour from the medieval *cité* of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Surrounded by vineyards and countryside, with only a small handful of neighbours, this is a place where time slows and nature takes centre stage, with walking trails through the vines on your doorstep. Yet you are not too secluded, with the main road connecting Béziers and Carcassonne only 800m away, allowing you to easily explore this captivating region.

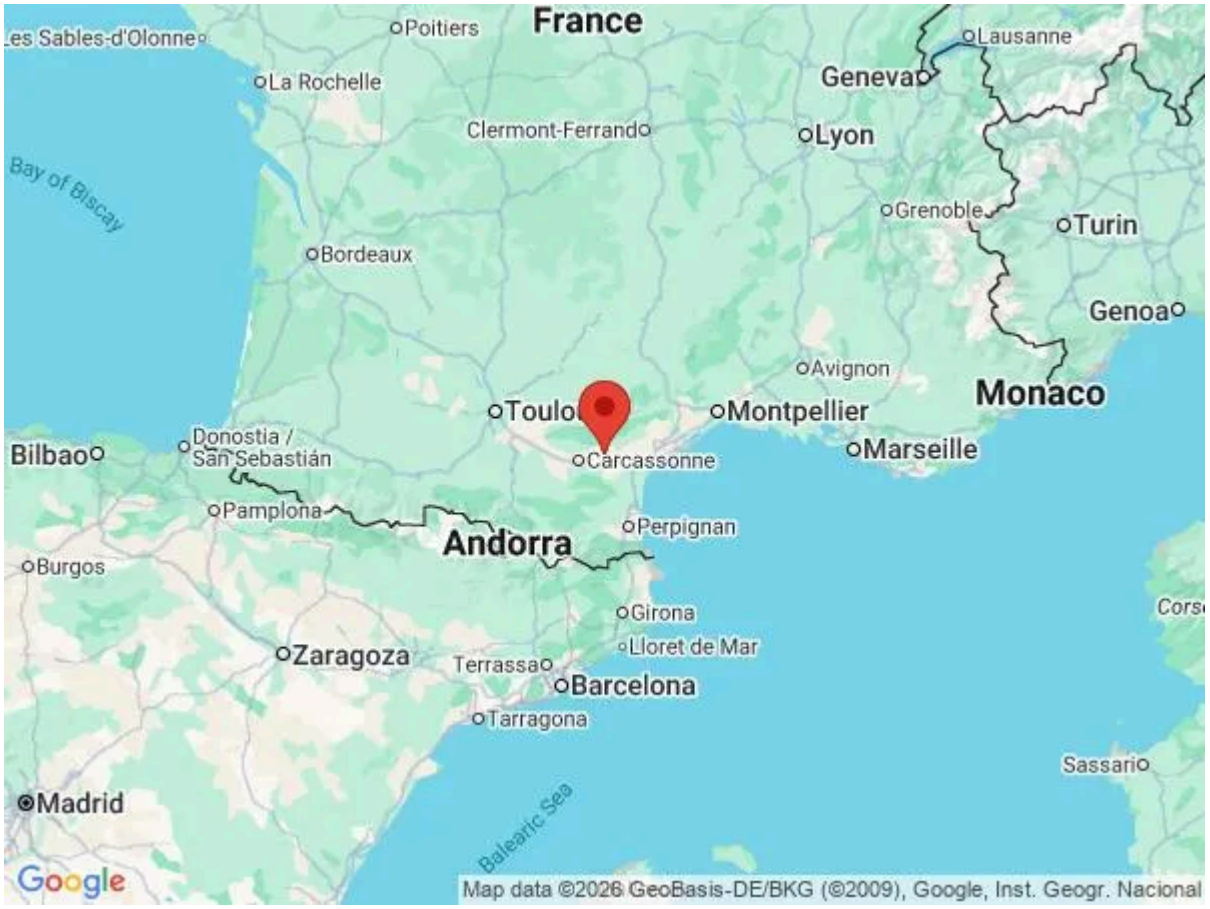
A short drive brings you to La Redorte (3km), where you'll find a well-stocked supermarket and essential amenities, while the historic village of Rieux-Minervois (4.8km) offers further conveniences alongside a striking 12th-century château. The nearby Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage site, winds gracefully through the landscape, perfect for leisurely boat trips, tranquil walks or scenic cycling routes, with charming waterside villages like Homps (9km) and Trèbes (20km) waiting to be explored.

For lovers of the outdoors, the options are endless. Head to Lac de Jouarres (7km) for a day of summer watersports and lakeside picnics – you can cycle through the vineyards to reach the lake in around 20 minutes. Rock climbing enthusiasts will enjoy the nearby cliffs at Caunes-Minervois (14km) or the dramatic Gorges de la Cesse (22km). Those seeking more aquatic adventures can also paddle or kayak along the River Aude or visit the larger Lac de la Cavayère (34km) for a full day by the water. An 18-hole golf course in Carcassonne (34km) offers further outdoor recreation.

Market lovers won't want to miss the bustling Tuesday morning market in Olonzac (14km), a true slice of local life. Indeed, numerous villages in the region hold weekly markets where you can sample fresh produce and regional specialities. For wine connoisseurs, this region is a dream, with countless opportunities for wine-tasting and vineyard tours celebrating the area's centuries-old traditions.

No visit would be complete without exploring the breathtaking medieval *cité* of Carcassonne (31km), with its cobbled streets, boutiques, summer jousting shows and fairy-tale turrets. Other fantastic day trips include the ancient hilltop village of Minerve (18km), the Roman town of Narbonne (36km) and the unspoilt coastline of Narbonne Plage, around an hour away, offering long sandy beaches alongside birdwatching, nature walks and seasonal watersports across the Parc naturel régional de la Narbonnaise.

Whether you crave history, nature or the simple joy of browsing markets and wine-tasting, Domaine du Minervois is your gateway to it all.










## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Carcassonne Airport (33km)** |

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| Nearest Airport 2 | **Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (71km)** |
| Nearest Airport 3 | **Perpignan Airport/Toulouse Airport (95km/135km)** |
| Nearest Beach | **Narbonne Plage (54km)** |
| Nearest City | **Carcassonne/Narbonne (31km/36km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **Golf de Carcassonne (34km)** |
| Nearest Restaurant | **La Redorte (3.5km)** |
| Nearest Shop | **La Redorte (3km)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Intermarché SUPER La Redorte (3km)** |
| Nearest Tennis | **At the property (Short walk)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Carcassonne (30km)** |
| Nearest Village | **La Redorte (3km)** |

# What we love

- Surrounded by vineyards and rolling Aude countryside – an idyllic setting in the heart of the Languedoc wine region
- A characterful estate with a fascinating past – the birthplace of aviation pioneer Léopold Gourp
- Inside, guests can unwind in the games room with a full-size snooker table or elegant lounge with projector – perfect for sociable evenings
- Rest well across the air-conditioned bedrooms, all with king or super king-sized double beds (some also with sofa-beds and en suites for added flexibility)
- Families will especially love the tennis court and gorgeous swimming pool
- After a day visiting vineyards and village markets, gather on the garden terrace and enjoy al-fresco meals accompanied by good local wine
- Just a short cycle to the Canal du Midi and 30 minutes by car from Carcassonne's iconic citadel and Narbonne's historic heart

# What you should know...

- The house sleeps up to 10 guests across five double bedrooms, plus an additional 6 guests using sofa-beds in three of the double bedrooms (on request - please enquire).
- Air-conditioning is featured in bedrooms only.
- The owners are sometimes on site – there is a tower adjacent to the property where they occasionally stay.
- Bicycles may be available on request for an extra cost, please enquire.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1500 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5:00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10:00 a.m. Late check-out outside of this time will incur an extra charge of £100, payable locally.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Changed once for stays over 14 nights.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

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

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July & 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean for stays over 14 nights included.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Other 2:** Air-conditioning is featured in bedrooms 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.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open 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.