Le Vieux Presbytere

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Stone walls thick with history, pale blue shutters and the scent of Mediterranean herbs drifting from tiered garden beds - Le Vieux Presbytère welcomes guests into a beautifully restored slice of southern French life. Set in the tiny village of Brézilhac, this former presbytery has been thoughtfully reimagined as a refined yet relaxed retreat, just half an hour from the medieval wonder of Carcassonne.

Inside, the house unfolds over three inviting levels. At its heart is a farmhouse-style kitchen where exposed stone walls meet modern convenience, complete with a central island, deep stone sink and ample room to gather over coffee or wine. The living room offers cosy elegance, with plush seating, a wood-burning stove and an honesty bar. Streaming platforms and Wi-Fi ensure downtime is as entertaining as it is restful.

Five generous bedrooms are spread across the upper floors, all with king-size beds that can be reconfigured as twins, making the property wonderfully flexible for families or groups. Three bathrooms, including one en-suite, provide comfort and privacy. Air-conditioning in four of the bedroom ensures cool respite after sun-soaked days.

Step outside and discover a terraced Mediterranean garden where flowers, lavender and Cypress trees frame the idyllic scene. The private heated pool, 11 by 4 metres with Roman steps, invites refreshing swims, while the dining terrace and shaded lounge areas are ideal for leisurely meals or evening apéritifs.

The village itself is small, authentic and surrounded by rolling countryside, yet not too remote. In summer, Brézilhac comes alive on Thursday evenings with a little night market with a beer and pizza van. Essentials, from boulangeries to bistros, are just 10 minutes away in Montréal and Belvèze, while the larger towns of Castelnaudary, Mirepoix and Limoux are within easy reach, each offering their own culinary and cultural pleasures.

Whether gathering with family or reconnecting with friends, Le Vieux Presbytère blends character, comfort and French charm in one elegantly unhurried setting.









Facilities

Romantic • Pure France • Villa • Cycling • Historical Sites • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Instagrammable • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities

• Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Animal farm • Kid-friendly museum • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

- Entrance hallway
- Open-plan kitchen-dining room with central island, stools, dining table and benches, well-equipped including hob and oven, dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer, washing machine and dryer
- Living room with honesty bar, Smart TV (with Freesat, Netflix, Disney and Amazon Prime), Wi-Fi internet and wood burning stove
- Separate WC with hand basin.

First Floor

- Bedroom 1 with king-size double bed (or two single beds on request)
- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed (or two single beds on request) and air-conditioning
- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed and ensuite WC, shower and two hand basins, and air-conditioning
- Separate bathroom with WC, bath/shower, separate shower and two hand basins

Second Floor (sloping ceilings)

- Bedroom 4 with king-size double bed (or two single beds on request) and air-conditioning
- Separate bathroom with WC, bath/shower and hand basin
- Bedroom 5 with king-size double bed (or two single beds on request) and air-conditioning

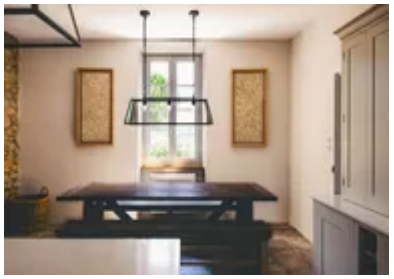
Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (11x4m) with Roman steps, inside safety ledge and electric safety cover. Heated approximately April to September
- Sun terrace with loungers and chairs
- Dining terrace with table and benches
- Gas barbecue
- Seating area with exterior sofas and chairs
- Further covered terrace with seating area
- Terraced grounds with steps and low walls
- Garden with lawn, flowers and Mediterranean plants
- Private gated parking for 2 cars

There is further parking available 50m away (in a municipal car park area)

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (four bedrooms only)









Location & Local Information

Set in the rural heart of the Aude department, Le Vieux Presbytère offers an inviting escape in the tiny village of Brézilhac, an ideal base for exploring the region's characterful towns, rich heritage and vineyards. In July and August, Brézilhac comes alive on Thursday evenings with a relaxed village market, complete with pizza and beer vans, perfect for an authentic, convivial night out.

Just 10 minutes by car, Montréal (8km) and Belvèze-du-Razès (6km) offer essential amenities including restaurants, café bars, a grocery store and an electric vehicle charger. Montréal's small Super U is conveniently open on Sunday mornings, ideal for stocking up after you have arrived.

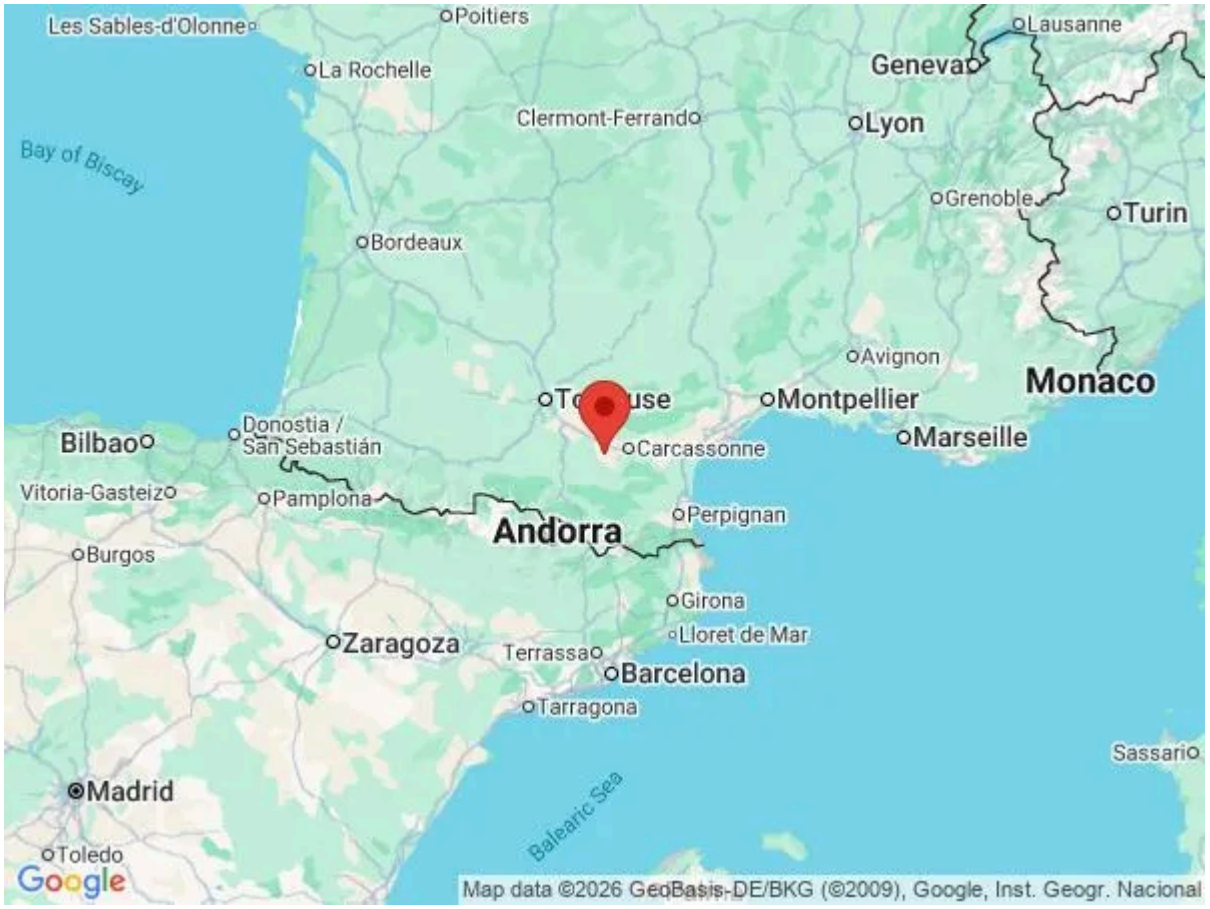
Slightly further afield, Bram (12km) and Castelnaudary (23km) provide larger supermarkets and additional facilities. Castelnaudary, the proud home of the iconic cassoulet, is well worth a visit for food lovers, who can sample this hearty regional speciality in its traditional setting. The nearby Canal du Midi adds further charm, with leisurely towpath walks, cycling routes and boat trips.

Carcassonne (26km) is an unmissable highlight. Its breathtaking medieval Cité, complete with ramparts, towers, lively squares and restaurants, offers a magical day out for both history enthusiasts and families. Throughout the year, the city hosts cultural festivals, concerts and historical reenactments, making every visit feel special.

The delightful market towns of Mirepoix (23km) and Limoux (21km) are equally rewarding excursions, each with their own distinct character. Mirepoix enchants with its timber-framed arcades and colourful Monday morning market, while Limoux is famed for its sparkling wine, Blanquette de Limoux, and a lovely central square perfect for a long lunch.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (22km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (87km)**
Nearest Beach	**Narbonne Plage (110km)**
Nearest City	**Carcassonne (26km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Carcassonne (26.5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Belvèze-du-Razès (6km)**









Nearest Shop	**Belvèze-du-Razès (6km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Montréal (7.5km)**
Nearest Town	**Bram (12km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Bram (12.5km)**
Nearest Village	**Brézilhac (In the village)**

What we love

- Stay in a beautifully restored former presbytery, full of charm and authentic southern French character
- The spacious farmhouse-style kitchen and cosy living room with a wood-burning stove create an inviting setting for relaxed group gatherings
- Relax in the terraced Mediterranean garden, complete with lavender, flowers, cypress trees and a gorgeous heated swimming pool
- Embrace life in the small village of Brézilhac, with a lively night market in summer and essential shops and restaurants just a short drive away
- Explore the region's rich heritage with Carcassonne, Mirepoix and Limoux all within easy reach

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is only featured in four bedrooms - please see the "Layout" tab for details.
- Bedrooms 4 and 5 also have large sofa-beds if additional sleeping arrangements are required (on request only).
- If travelling with children, supervision is needed across the terraced gardens with steps and some low walls.
- A car is essential to be able to reach amenities and explore the region – there is gated parking for two cars and further parking around 50m away in a municipal car park.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1000/€1200 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. If accepted, a pet supplement will apply (payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Stag/hen parties are not allowed. Weddings and any other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **Other 2:** Additional mid-week linen change available on request for an extra cost.

- **Other 3:** Cot and highchair available on request. Air-conditioning is only featured in four of the bedrooms.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included from April to September. 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 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.