La Petite Forge

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

At the end of a little lane in the heart of the Aude, La Petite Forge promises a stay steeped in warmth, comfort and charm. This traditional stone cottage captures the essence of rural French living, where sunny afternoons and meals shared al fresco set the rhythm of the day. A shared courtyard path leads to the front door, opening into interiors full of character, with thick old walls that naturally keep the house cool through the summer months.

Inside, the mood is unpretentious and relaxed. The open-plan ground floor flows easily between kitchen, dining and living area, creating a cosy social space for up to 6 guests. The kitchen, with its farmhouse feel, is well-equipped for simple home cooking, whether you're preparing breakfast for the terrace or a family-style meal at the table. While Wi-Fi is available, the slow pace and gentle atmosphere might tempt guests to unplug altogether. Upstairs, three double bedrooms await alongside two family bathrooms (one on the ground floor).

Morning coffee tastes best under the covered terrace. The private 10-metre pool is a highlight, with its waterfall feature and seating area ideal for lounging with a book. As the day winds down, the barbecue invites long evenings under the stars, with the scent of grilled vegetables and local meats in the air.

Set in the small village of Villarzel-du-Razès, La Petite Forge feels off the beaten track, yet it is just half an hour from the fortified city of Carcassonne and its airport. There is a good restaurant within walking distance, while the nearby town of Limoux, known for its sparkling white wine, offers a full range of shops and dining options.

For those looking to embrace the simple pleasures of countryside living, La Petite Forge offers a setting where the days unfold gently, filled with sunshine, flavour and time well spent.









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

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

Located at the end of a small impasse that opens out to scenic countryside, this characterful home in Villarzel-du-Razès is in the heart of southern France. Set in an authentic village, the house offers an authentic rural experience with a restaurant within walking distance.

Head north along the winding country roads and in just 20 minutes you'll reach the village of Arzens, where a bakery awaits with its tempting selection of fresh pastries. For a wider range of amenities, the lively town of Limoux (13.5km) is nearby, home to everything from supermarkets and shops to cafés and its well-known weekly market. As the birthplace of Blanquette de Limoux, the town is steeped in winemaking heritage, with numerous local producers offering tastings in scenic vineyard settings.

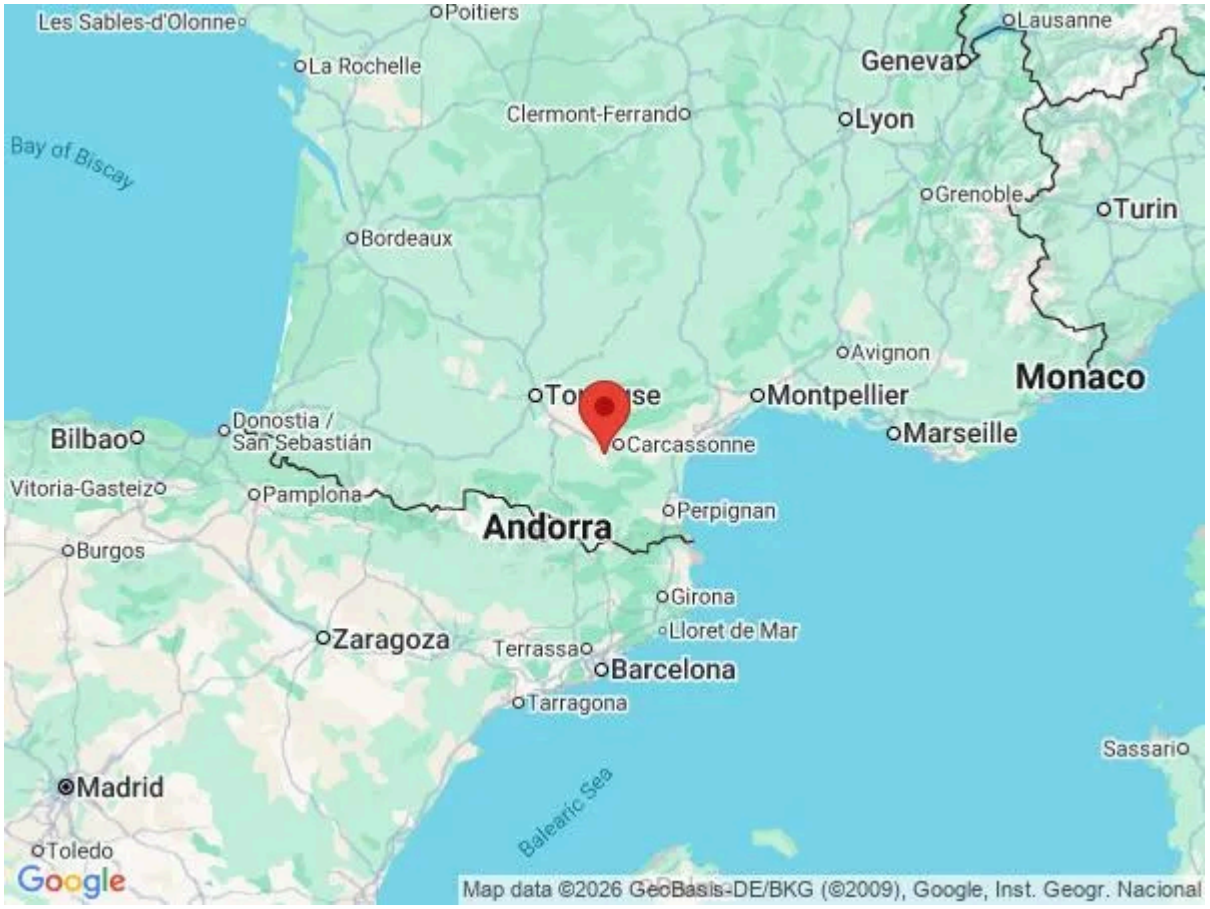
A 30-minute journey leads you to the spectacular fortified city of Carcassonne (20km), famed for its medieval ramparts, cobbled lanes and historic towers. Spend a day exploring this captivating citadel before relaxing by the tree-lined Canal du Midi, perfect for walking or cycling beside its tranquil waters and arched stone bridges.

For a change of scene, the picturesque town of Mirepoix (35km) is well worth a visit. Known for its medieval arcaded square and vibrant weekly market, it's a delightful place to unwind, browse local crafts and soak up the historic atmosphere. Don't miss the colourful Monday market, a regional favourite.

The wider area is also a haven for wine enthusiasts, with a wealth of nearby *domaines* offering tastings of regional reds, whites and sparkling wines - all within easy reach of the property.

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 charming surroundings 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 three 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...

- La Petite Forge features 3 double bedrooms on its first floor. There are another two bedrooms on the top floor which will be closed off to guests - should you wish to book all five bedrooms, please see the listing for La Forge (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/south-of-france/languedoc/la-forge/).
- 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.