Le Jardin des Alpilles

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Olive trees and pines ripple in the warm Provençal breeze as Les Alpilles rise gently beyond the garden, creating a setting that feels both expansive and deeply restful. Le Jardin des Alpilles is a treasured family estate in the heart of Provence, a place where history, nature and the rhythms of southern French life come together across three hectares of beautifully cultivated grounds, just a short drive from Saint-Rémy.

At the centre of the estate stands an authentic 18th century Provençal mas that has belonged to the same family since 1792. The house unfolds across two floors with interiors that honour traditional regional character. Terracotta tiled floors, exposed beams and pretty windows fill the main dining room with light, while classic Provençal furnishings create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for long shared meals. The living room/library opens directly onto the garden and a historic double kitchen tells the story of a house designed for generous gatherings. Equipped for preparing meals for large groups, it combines traditional elements including a working fireplace with a roasting spit and modern updates completed in recent years.

Six bedrooms, most with air-conditioning, provide flexible accommodation for families and groups, including inviting rooms with garden views and a spacious upper level bedroom designed for children and teenagers. The layout allows both privacy and togetherness, making the house well suited to multi-generational holidays or relaxed stays with friends.

Outside, the gardens are the true soul of the estate. Featured in specialist garden books, they weave together olive groves, pine woodland and cypress hedges with lawns, ornamental ponds, fountains and vibrant flower beds. Hundreds of plant species flourish here, carefully maintained throughout the year. Pathways lead directly from the property into the Alpilles hills, perfect for quiet morning walks, and Le Canal des Alpines borders the property.

Life naturally gathers outdoors during the summer months. Beneath a Camargue reed pergola, a long terrace table hosts leisurely lunches and evening feasts accompanied by the sound of cicadas. A short stroll away, the 15m swimming pool is surrounded by lawns and accompanied by sun loungers, creating a stunning space to cool off beneath the Provençal sun.

The house enjoys a wonderful setting between Saint Étienne du Grès and Saint Rémy de Provence, one of the most celebrated towns in the region. Saint Rémy is known for its lively markets, excellent restaurants and Van Gogh heritage. The perched village of Les Baux de Provence, the historic streets of Arles and the cultural treasures of Avignon are all within easy reach, making this home an ideal base for exploring the very best of Provence.

For guests who appreciate gardens, generous hospitality and the gentle pace of rural Provence, Le Jardin des Alpilles offers a picture-perfect setting filled with character and authenticity.









Facilities

Air-Con • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Villa • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Has Offer • Special Offer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Animal farm • Heating • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Theme park • Water park • Children's books • Swings • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Baby bath • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interiors (200m2 over two floors)

- Living room and library with Orange TV, CD/DVD player and books. Doors open to garden
- Dining area with fireplace, table and chairs for 10-12 guests and tables opening to garden
- Kitchen, well-equipped including fridge-freezer, induction hob, oven, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, kettle, fireplace and chimney spit. Doors open to terrace
- Second kitchen (via steps) with dishwasher, fridge-freezer with ice-maker, two coffee machines, washing machine and ironing facilities
- Bedroom 1 (upstairs, above the living room) with double bed (160x200cm), air-conditioning and private bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom 2 with double bed (160x200cm), air-conditioning and access to garden terrace with table and chairs
- Shared bathroom with shower and sink

Upstairs (mid staircase level, via partially open-sided staircase)

- Bedroom 3 (half way upstairs) with double bed (160x200cm) and air-conditioning
- Bathroom with shower, sink and separate WC

Top Floor

- Bedroom 4 with alcove queen-size double bed (160x200cm), alcove double bed (140x190cm) and mezzanine (via steep stairs, low ceiling) with single bed (85x185cm). Children's books, toy box and air-conditioning
- Bedroom 5 with double bed (140x180cm) and air-conditioning
- Connecting Bedroom 6 (reached via Bedroom 5) with single bed and fan

The former caretaker's house (part of the main building) is closed off. There is also a small 4-person annexe at the end of the garden available on request – please ask for rates (it otherwise remains unoccupied).

Outside Grounds (3 hectares)

- Swimming pool (15m long, depth: 0.8-1.8m) with safety alarm. Open approximately May to mid-October
- Poolside sun loungers (x6) and lawn
- Large terrace with arbour, outdoor lighting and al-fresco dining area with table and chairs for over 20 guests
- Electric plancha
- Swing set for children
- Pétanque court
- Greenhouse
- Fish pond and fountains (x3)
- Olive fields, pine trees, cypress hedges, flowers and lawns
- Table with benches and hammocks (in pine forest)
- Canalside path (property borders canal)
- Steps and some different levels across grounds
- Parking (on site near the house or in olive grove)

Other Facilities

- Reversible air-conditioning (Bedrooms 1 to 5 only)
- Fan (Bedroom 6)
- Rowing machine and dumb bells

Location & Local Information

Set in the idyllic Provençal countryside beside the Canal des Alpines, this historic home enjoys a peaceful setting between Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and Saint-Étienne-du-Grès. Surrounded by pine forests, olive groves and classic Mediterranean landscapes, the property offers a true sense of calm, with neighbouring homes set discreetly apart. Walking paths lead directly into the hills of Les Alpilles, a protected natural park known for its limestone ridges and fragrant garrigue.

The village of Saint-Étienne-du-Grès (2.5km) offers an authentic local feel, while Saint-Rémy (7km) is known for its markets, cafés and artistic heritage. Nearby highlights include Les Baux-de-Provence, dramatically perched on a rocky plateau, as well as Fontvieille and Maussane-les-Alpilles.

Further afield, explore historic towns such as Tarascon and Beaucaire, or visit Arles and the wild landscapes of the Camargue. Avignon and the Pont du Gard are also within easy reach for memorable day trips.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Marseille Provence Airport (82 km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (98 km)**
Nearest City	**Avignon (28 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf des Baux de Provence (11 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Saint-Étienne-du-Grès (3 km)**
Nearest Town	**Arles (19 km)**
Nearest Town	**Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (9 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Tarascon-sur-Rhône (9 km)**
Nearest Village	**Mas-Blanc-des-Alpilles (2 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Marche Saint Etienne De Gres (3 km)**









What we love

- Set within beautifully cultivated gardens, this 18th century Provençal *mas* has belonged to the same family since 1792, offering authentic charm and a true sense of heritage.
- Traditional interiors feature terracotta floors, exposed beams and classic Provençal furnishings whilst most of the delightful bedrooms feature air-conditioning.
- As featured in specialist garden books, the Provençal grounds feature olive groves, pine woodland, water features and vibrant flowers creating an idyllic setting.
- A 15m swimming pool surrounded by lawns and sun loungers offers a wonderful place to cool off beneath the Provençal sun.
- Just a short drive from Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, guests can experience lively markets, excellent restaurants and Van Gogh heritage.
- Les Baux-de-Provence, Arles and Avignon also within reach for superb days out.

What you should know...

- The house sleeps up to 12 guests across six bedrooms, one of which features a mezzanine level (via steep stairs) with a single bed - please see the "Layout" tab for full details.
- Air-conditioning (reversible) is only featured in Bedrooms 1 to 5 (Bedroom 6, the connecting single room, has a fan).
- It's a very welcoming house for families with toys, books and other family features. Do however note that there are ponds/water features across the grounds and Le Canal des Alpines borders the property – child supervision is needed.
- Please note that fires are strictly forbidden from May to September due to the risk of fire in rural Provence. Some nearby walking paths may also be closed in the height of the summer.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 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.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is only featured in Bedrooms 1 to 5.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €550, payable to Oliver's Travels with the 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.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €150 payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately May to October. 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.