Domaine Art et Vin

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

The Languedoc doesn't really get better than this…imagine arriving at your own working vineyard, then entering a *Maison de Maître* dating back to before the French Revolution with a surprising Art Deco wing, two hectares of private parkland dotted with lavender, pine and centennial trees, a swimming pool to die for, and all surrounded by the estate's own endless vines.

A gift package of the estate's award-winning wines welcomes you. Push open the antique door of the *Maison de Maître* and discover a beautiful mix of luxury and history; a sitting-room with fireplace, library, cinema room, well-equipped kitchen, dining room and sumptuous bedrooms, each with their own unique style and historic artwork, which add a touch of 1817, when one of Napoleon's generals lived here.

The Art deco wing, in contrast, features an impressive Art Deco staircase, a stunning main salon with fireplace and grand piano, antique French tiled floors and chandeliers, all complimented by modern and contemporary touches.

Guests are welcome to enjoy a complimentary tour of the estate, guided by the passionate winemakers who produce wine from nine different grape varieties. This winery was listed by the Huffington Post as one of 10 vineyards to visit worldwide. Amongst the vines and farmland are marked walks which also lead to other vineyards and wineries. On the estate's beautiful private grounds, kids can explore while the adults play *boules*, lunch alfresco on one of the terraces or simply relax by the heated swimming pool.

Here, the real South of France awaits at the doorstep; Molière's Pezenas, the harbour at Mèze, famous Bouzigues oysters, seafood with a view in Sète, Bezier bull-fighting and the vibrant and charming town of Montpellier. Daytrips are also possible a little further to Carcassonne, Aigues Mortes and Pont du Gard. The nearest beach is only a 10-minute drive away and there is a good choice of outdoor activities within reach, such as cycling, horse-riding, golf and watersports.

Domaine Art et Vin is a unique retreat showcasing wine, food, art and comfort, which is designed to thrill the senses and to fully transport you to this quintessentially charming part of Southern France.









Facilities

Air-Con • Ideal for Parties • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Stag/Hen Allowed • Wine Tasting • Recommended • <1hr to Airport • Golf Nearby • Horse

Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • Catering Available • Weddings • France250 • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Heated Pool • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Tumble Dryer • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Breakfast Available • Board games • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Bikes • Badminton • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

1) Maison de Maître + Art Deco Wing (12 pax/6 bedrooms)
2) Maison de Maître Only (6 pax/3 bedrooms)

Maison de Maître
(also available for individual bookings outside the peak season only)

Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas and fireplace
- Kitchen, well equipped including dishwasher, large fridge-freezer with ice cube maker, wine fridge, induction hobs, two ovens, microwave, espresso machine, kettle, toaster
- Breakfast/Dining room with table and chairs for up to 12 guests, opens up to park and pool area
- Cinema room with large cinema screen, fireplace, sofas and good selection of DVDs
- Well-stocked library with sofas and Satellite TV
- W.C.

First Floor

- Double bedroom, en-suite with shower, washbasin and W.C.
- Double bedroom, en-suite with bath, separate rain shower, double washbasin and W.C.
- Double bedroom, en-suite with bath, rain shower, double washbasin and W.C.
- Utility room with washing machine, dryer and iron (in a different wing, staff also use this room)
- Library and billard table

Art-Deco Wing

Ground Floor

- Grand Salon (60m2) with dining table seating 8, sofas, large fireplace and grand piano
- Double/twin bedroom, small dressing room, en-suite wet room with open Italian shower, washbasin and W.C.

First Floor

- Master double bedroom, balcony overlooking park and swimming pool, en-suite with bathroom with bath, shower, washbasin and W.C.
- Double/twin bedroom, en-suite with shower room, washbasin and W.C.

Outside Grounds

- Private parkland and garden (5 acres)
- Private swimming pool (size: 11m x 5m/width: 1.5m/shape: rectangular) with alarm system - heated when required
- Terraces with garden furniture (sofas, loungers, parasols, dining table and chairs)
- Gas plancha available for outdoor cooking (open flames not permitted due to fire risk)
- *Pétanque* court









- Working vineyard (175 acres)
- Parking space

Facilities

- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- 3 working fireplaces
- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Portable Bluetooth speakers
- Cinema room with screen and DVDs
- Play-station
- Library
- Grand piano
- Board games
- Toys
- Badminton
- Croquet
- *Pétanque*
- Bikes (2 adults, 2 children)
- Hairdryer
- Bathrobes (on request only)
- Toiletries
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron and ironing board

At the domaine you can also visit the wine shop, vineyard and winery.

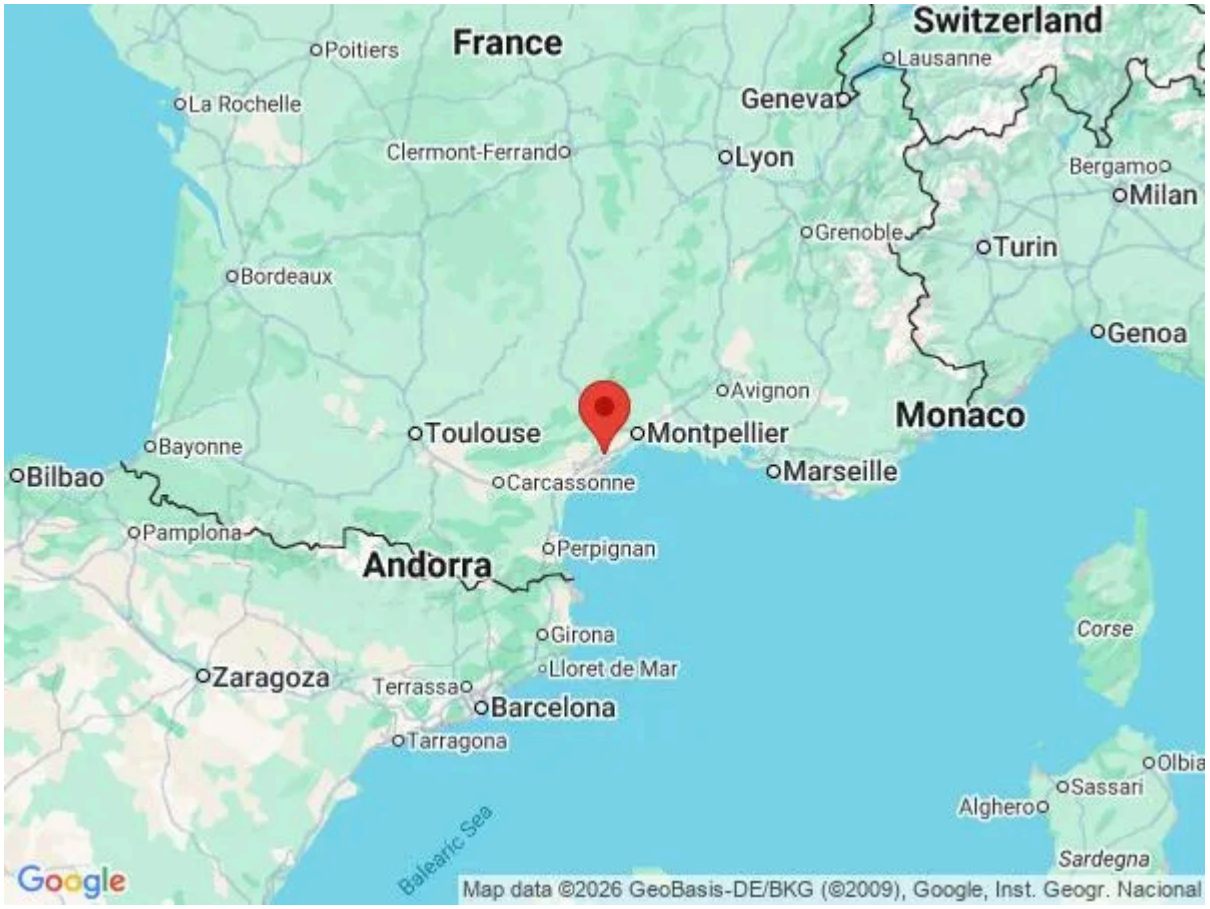
Location & Local Information

Domaine Art et Vin is set in a 175 acre estate of vineyards, winery and parkland, in the Hérault countryside between Pezanas (12km) and Mèze (10km). Wine tasting tours of the vineyards and winery are available as part of your stay and there are numerous walks that start from the *domaine* including the ancient Roman route of Via Domitia which passes one kilometre away. Cyclists can borrow one of the bikes available to head to the nearest village of Montagnac (6km) or explore further afield on one of the many cycling routes in the area.

The closest village (6km) is very picturesque with some interesting shops, a handful of rural French bars and restaurants and a pretty medieval church worthy of a visit. Historic Pézenas (12km) is also just a short drive away, a great place to spend some time wandering around the town's art galleries and antique shops or stopping for a bite to eat in one of the many good restaurants.

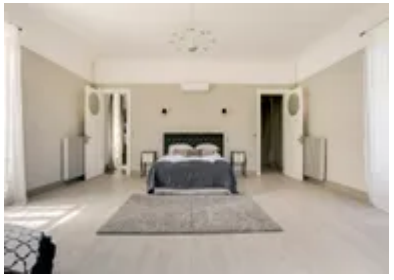
Within ten minutes drive you can be on the water's edge at Étang de Thau, one of the impressive lagoons along this part of the coast. The water is famous for oysters and the villa owners can arrange a fantastic boat trip from the village of Marseillan (16km) to the oyster beds of Bouzigues. Of course you can enjoy some excellent sea-food in the fishing villages dotted around Étang de Thau, including nearby Mèze (10km) where you will also find a variety of watersports, a weekly market and lots of local events. The unspoilt and authentic town of Sète (30km) has long sandy beaches and there are further seaside resorts at Marseillan Plage (23km) and Cap d'Agade (30km), with more watersports available.

The city of Montpellier (45km) is the region's capital and full of stunning plazas, great shops and historical sites. Other places worthy of a day trip include the magnificent fortified town of Carcassone (120km), the impressive Roman aquaduct at Pont du Gard (120km) and one of the most beautiful villages in France, Saint Guilhem le Désert (40km), all three of them are UNESCO World Heritage sites.









There are activities for young and old nearby, from kite-surfing in Marseillan to yachting in Mèze, and golf lovers have a choice of courses in the Languedoc. There are plenty of marked trails for walking and bike rides and there is horse-riding within a few minutes. You may also like to watch the popular and traditional sport of water jousting which takes place throughout the summer with competitions between local seaside towns. Finally, dinosaur lovers have the choice of the nearby Dinosaur museum, just ten minutes drive away or the Dino-Park within 30 kilometres, both open from April to October.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Beziers/Montpellier/Nimes/Perpignan/Marseilles (42km/50km/100km/125km/190km)**
Nearest Village	**(6km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(6km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(6km)**
Nearest Beach	**Mèze (12km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare d'Agde/Gare de Sète/Gare de Montpellier Saint-Roch (24km/25km/47km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Saint Thomas (30km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**(6km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Mèze (12km)**

What we love

- This is an award-winning wine Domaine and wines are for sale - the team love to show guests around and tastings are welcome (grape juice provided for the kids!)
- A beautiful mixture of historical charm and modern-day comforts
- Villeroy & Boch bathrooms, soft white towels in the bathrooms, comfy beds, percale bed linen and luxury down duvets in the bedrooms
- Close to beaches and a village
- The beautiful two-hectare private park with flowers, pine, lawns and 200-year-old trees
- The Domaine offers guests an array of extra services such as breakfast, bread delivery, private chef, maid service, massages, beauty treatments and excursions

What you should know...

- A car is essentail for shopping and exploring
- A guardian couple and their dog live discretely on the estate and can provide assistance whenever required
- Short-breaks of minimum three nights are on request only and only permitted outside the peak season
- The six guest price includes the use of the *Maison de Maître* only and applies only outside the peak season

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1,500 to be paid by credit card on arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 - 6.00 p.m. A later arrival is on request.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request, subject to owner's agreement.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are allowed.
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- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August.

- **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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No.

- **Other 2:** While two travel cots and three high chairs are available on request, the property is not considered suitable for young children due to safety reasons. The pool is protected by an alarm (not fenced), and two staircases cannot be fitted with stair gates

- **Other 3:** The property is rented on a self-catering basis. A small welcome supply of essentials is provided (toilet rolls, bin bags, dishwasher tabs, washing-up liquid). Guests are expected to purchase additional supplies for the remainder of their stay.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. Short breaks of 3 nights minimum are on request only and only permitted outside the peak season.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €250 payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures. Guaranteed minimum temperature of 24°C: 1 May – 30 September.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** 1 April - 30 October.