# Mas Des Collines

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

## Overview

In a private domain of 13 hectares, opening up to the rolling hills of the timeless Luberon region, Mas de Collines is a beautifully restored farmhouse full of Provençal charm. Here you are surrounded by peace and tranquillity, yet there are many world-famous villages nearby; this is the real and archetypal Provence that is loved by so many.

The views from the two stone terraces on either side of the house are simply breathtaking, whether you are relaxing with your coffee in the early morning sun or sipping good local wine with family and friends as the sun sets.  Here it is all about enjoying the vast land which opens up to woods and fields, so bring your hiking boots or hire a mountain bike to be able to explore the richness of this beautiful countryside. The inviting swimming pool is the perfect place to cool down and as the evening approaches you can head for a sundowner to the charming *apéro* bar which has been converted from an outside cellar.

The *mas* is a typical Provençal farmhouse made of ancient stone, now thoughtfully renovated into a welcoming family home. The owners have taken great care in their restoration, styling with minimalism in mind yet characterful furnishings and great attention to detail. You can prepare great feasts in the charming kitchen using amazing local produce from local markets and relax by the fireplace in the warmth of the living room, especially delightful in cooler months. There is a bedroom downstairs which could also be used as a games room or extra salon plus five pretty bedrooms and bathrooms upstairs. It's a beautiful family home in a magnificent part of southern France.

Just five minutes away is the characterful village of Saignon where you will find art galleries, a café and

*boulangerie* as you wander around the narrow lanes discovering ancient fountains, pretty squares and the 12th century church. A little further is the charming town of Apt, just 5km away, which has an incredible Provençal food market on a Saturday morning, known throughout the region for being one of the best.

There's no doubt that the stunning landscape and villages of the Luberon region retain their timeless appeal. Idyllic villages, such as Van Gogh's beloved Gordes, are within easy reach plus there are many places which have retained their original features with castles and caves, including the dungeons at the spectacular La Tour d'Aigues. It's an ideal setting for hiking, cycling and horse-riding plus there's even kayaking along the Sorgue and climbing on the dramatic cliffs of Buoux. The wine routes nearby are incredible whilst more family friendly activities including tree-top activity centres, a zoo and even a model railway.

Whether a family holiday or travelling with friends, Mas des Collines is a wonderful Provençal home where you can experience the astounding beauty of this captivating region.

## Facilities

Wine Tasting • Romantic • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Horse Riding • Private Pool • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Historical Sites • Cycling • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Football • Heating • Babysitting Available • Children's books • Boules/Petanque • Baby bath • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

**Villa Interior**

*Ground Floor*

- Sitting room with TV and large working fire-place
- Spacious Provençal style well-equipped kitchen with dining table (10 chairs)
- One double bedroom with fire-place (if not used, this room could be used as a games room/salon)

*First Floor* (via two staircases leading to two wings)

- Five double bedrooms (180cm beds), each with own bathroom and WC
- Two additional fold-up beds available for children if needed

*There are two bedrooms via one staircase, three bedrooms via the other staircase. One of the bedrooms in each wing can interconnect to open up the first floor or can remain locked*

**Outside Grounds**

- Unheated private swimming pool (size: 12mx4m) with safety fence. Open 1st May to 15th October
- Apéro bar (converted outside cellar)
- Two al-fresco terraces with table and chairs
- Covered terrace with farm equipment on the walls
- Formal garden
- Private domain of 13 unenclosed hectares

**Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- CD player (in kitchen)
- Heating
- Washing machine
- Microwave
- Working fireplace
- Coffee machine
- One bike
- Baby-foot
- Boules/Pitch
- Table football
- Toys
- Children's books
- Baby bath
- Sunbeds
- Fireplace
- Swimming Pool 4x12m

# Location & Local Information

The stunning landscape and villages of the Luberon region retain their timeless appeal. The local lavender, cherries, olives, truffles and wines are world-famous for good reason. Nowadays you can also enjoy paintballing or microlight-flying in the area, as well as a gourmet chocolate factory tour or a visit to a lavender distillery in nearby Apt (5km). This region is also one of the best places in France to observe the night-sky, and visitors are welcome at the Saint Michel l'Observatoire, just 30km from the villa.

The villa is located in a private domain of 13 hectares in a hamlet just over 2km / 5 minutes drive from the charming hilltop village of Saignon, where you will find a *boulangerie*, some shops, an art gallery and café. You can wander around the narrow streets of the pretty village, discovering ancient fountains, lovely squares and beautiful old houses as well as the 12th century church. Keen walkers can climb up to the top of Saignon Do, the rock that dominates the valley, for amazing views of the Luberon region.

The larger town of Apt (5km) has an incredible Provençal market on a Saturday morning, one of the most famous in the region and well known. It's a typical Provençal town which is very proud of its local products, especially its candied fruits and at the market you should try some of the delicious local goats cheese. The old town has a lot of charm and character and the surrounding hills are typical of beautiful Provence.

Here you are also within close driving distance of the archetypal Provencal villages of Bonnieux (20km), Lacoste (20km), Menerbes (27km), Roussillon (17km) and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes (25km), one of France's Plus Beau Villages. Famous Avignon, the capital of Provence (60km), and Aix-en-Provence, (62km) one of France's most beautiful university towns, are just over an hour away.

Within the Luberon National Park the charming villages and beautiful scenery offer an ideal setting for hiking, cycling, and even kayaking along the Sorgue. Many of the idyllic hilltop villages have maintained their original features with castles, caves and historical artefacts to discover, including one of the most spectacular at La Tour d'Aigues (42km) which still has its dungeons. There are climbing opportunities near Buoux (10km), a tiny village with a castle not to be missed and now a mecca for rock-climbing.

The wine routes nearby are incredible whilst other more family friendly activities include horse-riding and tree-top activity centres nearby plus a zoo and model railway both within an hours drive.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Avignon/Marseille (50km/83km)** |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | **Saignon (2km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **Cargas - Saumane (10km/50km)** |

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| Nearest Restaurant | **Saignon (2km)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Apt (4km)** |
| Nearest Tennis | **APT (4km)** |
| Nearest Town/City | **APT (4km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Apt SNCF/Avignon SNCF (4km/40km)** |
| Nearest Village | **Saignon (2km)** |

# What we love

- The *mas* is typically Provençal, built with ancient stone, and it has been beautifully restored to retain many of its original features
- The views of the surrounding Luberon hills from the two stone terraces are simply breathtaking
- The farmhouse is on a private domain of 13 hectares
- There are hiking and biking opportunities straight from the farmhouse
- Don't miss the outstanding food market on a Saturday morning in nearby Apt, one of the best in the region

# What you should know...

- The grounds are vast, opening up to fields and woods
- There are lots of stairs in the farmhouse, some of which are steep. There is a ground floor bedroom but all the bathrooms are on the first floor
- There are five bedrooms upstairs across two wings; two bedrooms accessed via one staircase, three reached by another staircase. One of the bedrooms in each wing can interconnect with each other, opening up the first floor if desired, or can remain locked if needed
- Due to the idyllic isolated location, a car is necessary

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before 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, excluding pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** One well behaved dog may be permitted, subject to prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** The swimming pool is open 1st May to 15th October. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other special celebrations are not allowed. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before their arrival.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday only during July and 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 bookings of 14+ nights

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. (From 2025): 5 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, except from November to end of April when fees are payable. Please enquire. Logs for the fire are provided free of charge.