

Maison Honey

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Brightness and character pervade this charming *maison* in Languedoc. Take a walk through the grounds, where dappled sunlight plays across your path down to the river at the end of the garden. The private pool encourages basking all day, while at night the chandelier in the sitting room will twinkle over you and your loved ones. You'll especially love the relaxed and newly renovated kitchen where the whole family can dine.

This holiday home is located 15 minutes drive outside of the walled city of Carcassonne, your jumping-off point to the region. Appreciate the stunning citadel that dominates the town and pick up all sorts of regional delights from the Saturday morning market. Limoux is also a short drive away with its lovely market on a Monday as well as some excellent restaurants.

Your villa is perfectly poised for you to drink in the Languedoc-Roussillon wine region. This region borders the Mediterranean (what better excuse to get to the coast, just over an hour away), and offers exciting, experimental wines that hold great value. Here you're a wine pioneer! Who needs Bordeaux or Champagne? A toast with Crémant de Limoux is just as sweet.

Facilities

Cycling • Horse Riding • Waterfront • Walking/Hiking Paths • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Wi-Fi/Internet • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • DVD • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Rural Location • Walk to Village • Pool Safety Feature • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

Maison Interior

Ground Floor

- Lounge with doors leading to garden
- Dining area for up to 8 guests
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, double Smeg oven, fridge-freezer, microwave, kettle, toaster and large dining table
- Office
- WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom (32m2) with super king-size bed
- 2 x double bedrooms
- TV room with DVD player (with 2 additional beds if required) with doors leading to balcony and stairs down to pool and terrace
- Family bathroom
- Shower room

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12x6m, depth: gradual increase up to approx. 3m). Open approximately May to end-October
- Al-fresco dining area with table and chairs
- Sun loungers (x8)
- Other garden furnishings
- BBQ
- Garden (2 acres, partially unenclosed)
- River (at bottom of garden)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Electric heating
- Log fire
- Satellite TV (inc. UK channels)
- DVD player



- CD player
- Fans in bedrooms
- Hairdryers
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

Set in the beautiful Languedoc-Roussillon, a region filled with vineyards and summer sunflowers, Maison Honey is located in a small friendly village just a 15-minute drive to both Carcassonne and Limoux.

You can walk to a butcher in the village which also sells fresh bread or within a 10-minute drive is another village with an excellent *boulangerie* and grocery shop. Restaurants can be found in Cavanac (6km) as well as Limoux (15km) and Carcassonne (13km), also the home to larger supermarkets.

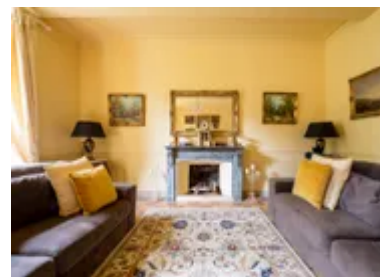
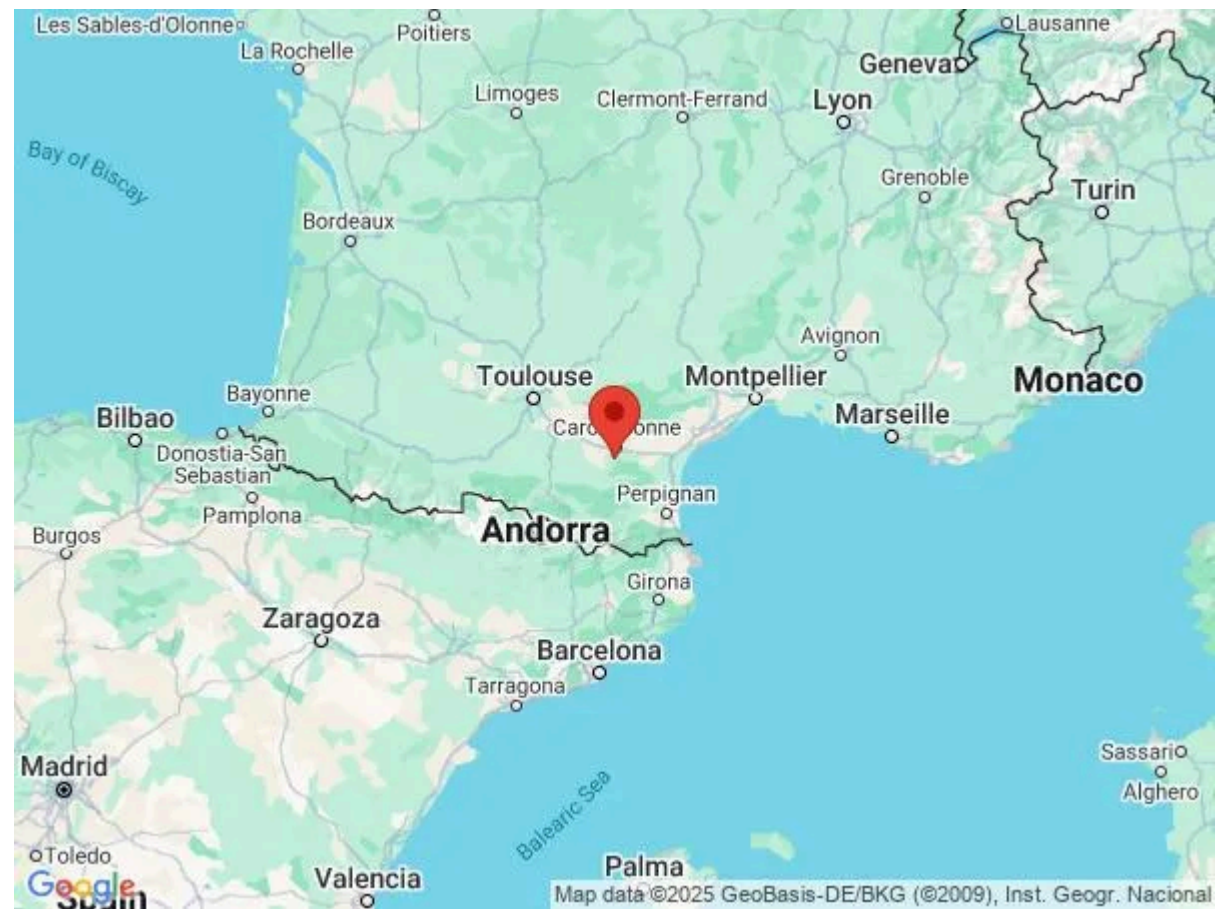
There is a local train station a short walk away, just outside the village, with departures to both Limoux and Carcassonne, ideal for a leisurely lunch out with good wine and also essential if you plan to visit Carcassonne for the famous 14th July celebrations.

The village also has a tennis court, a public swimming pool and there's a lovely horse-riding school just a short walk away. Bike-hire can be arranged locally whilst other activities in the region include fishing, canoeing, cycling and wonderful walks. Golf lovers don't have to travel far to play at the highly-regarded Golf de Carcassonne, just 15 minutes away by car.

This location is also wonderful for visiting the many Cathar castles, idyllic Languedoc villages, vineyards offering wine-tasting in beautiful surroundings and the Mediterranean beaches which can be reached in just over an hour.

Even the Spanish border is just a couple of hours away!

One of the main highlights is of course the fairy-tale ancient city of old Carcassonne (13km), a must for young and old alike. A restored medieval fortress, this town is rich in historic treasures and culture and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit on a Saturday morning for the wonderful market. Even the newer part of town is worth a visit for its many shops for a change of scene.



Limoux (15km) is also a fantastic place - look out for festivities during your stay and lots going on in the summer here and in surrounding villages. Visit on a Monday morning for the weekly market and make sure you try some of the many good restaurants.

Another great day out is historic Mirepoix (45km) with its charming Monday morning market whilst further afield other highlights of the Languedoc region and beyond include Pézenas, Roquebrun, Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, Minerve and even the 'rose' city of Toulouse.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Carcassonne Airport (19.km)
Nearest Train Station	Just outside the village (1km)
Nearest Village	Verzeille (Walking distance)
Nearest Shop	Butcher in the village (Short walk)
Nearest Restaurant	Cavanac (6km)
Nearest Supermarket	E.Leclerc Limoux (13km)
Nearest Town/City	Carcassonne/Limoux (13km/15km)
Nearest Tennis	Local village (Short walk)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Carcassonne (11km)
Nearest Beach	Around Gruissan Plage (96km)

What we love

- At this *maison* in Languedoc the style is eclectic - ranging from sweet country simplicity to shabby chic
- This region is a foodie's dream - the owner will provide you with lots of information about the best local restaurants
- Wine lovers will adore exploring the Languedoc-Roussillon region, where sparkling wine was first born!
- You're perfectly positioned just a 15-minute drive from both Limoux and Carcassonne or take the train from the local station just a short walk away!

What you should know...

- A river runs at the end of the large and beautiful garden; keep an eye on the young ones
- Whilst it is a short walk to a small village the villa is located in the rural countryside and there are no pavements along the road
- Car hire is essential to be able to explore the region

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Wedding parties are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Friday in May, June and July. Saturday in August, September and October.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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 towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-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.