

Maison Des Cigales

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Just outside the archetypal Provençal village of St-Rémy, this beautifully restored farmhouse is full of character and charm. With superb gardens full of hidden corners, shady trees and colourful plants, this is the perfect place for family and friends to gather together for a memorable holiday in this captivating part of southern France.

Inside there's a relaxed atmosphere in the cosy and comfy living room with a grand fire-place and a sweet, traditional dining room. This is contrasted by the bright and ultra-modern kitchen, equipped with everything you need and with doors opening out to the garden and terrace.

There are four pretty bedrooms in the main house whilst the nearby annexe offers an impressive contemporary double with it's own spa bath and a simple but spacious quad room with cool tiled floors. With many original features throughout the house, guests will appreciate the Provençal charm of this traditional home.

Outside offers further space over the hectare of glorious grounds. With a great variety of flowers and plants, offering beautiful colour throughout the summer, it's easy to find your own secret corner under the shade of one of the magnificent trees. The large swimming pool is fenced off and offers the perfect place for a dip whilst children play ping-pong or *boules* nearby. As the evening approaches, relax by one of the lovely terraces and listen out for the sound of the cicadas as the evening barbecue is prepared by the pool house.

It's just a five minute drive to nearby St-Rémy, well-known for being popular with artists including Vincent Van Gogh. In the summer months, on selected Sundays, the '*Route des Artistes*' fills with local artists showing off their work creating a wonderful and bustling atmosphere. The village is also famous for its many restaurants, from down to earth bistros found on pretty narrow streets to Michelin starred establishments. Food lovers, don't miss the market on a Wednesday morning!

You are of course in the heart of this formidable area of vineyards, idyllic villages, world-renowned towns and summer landscapes of sunflowers and lavender both in Les Alpilles and beyond. Eygalières, Les Baux-de-Provence and Avignon are all within easy reach as well as Van Gogh's beloved Arles and the mesmerising Luberon and Camargue, which can easily be visited in a day.

Whether exploring the local markets, cycling through lavender fields or pony trekking through the magnificent countryside, this region is sure to offer memorable activities for all ages.



Facilities

Washing Machine • Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Watersports • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Hairdryer • Coffee Machine • Villa • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Chef/Cook Available • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Gym/Fitness Room • Zoo • Caves/Pre-historic site • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Forest park/High-rope course • Babysitting Available • Butler Available • Meal delivery service • Pool Safety Feature • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Pets on Request • Hot Tub • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Interior of House (300m2)

Ground Floor

- Living room with fire-place
- TV room
- Dining room
- Kitchen opening on to garden terrace. Well-equipped including electric oven, microwave, fridge-freezer, gas hobs, Nespresso machine, dishwasher
- Cellar access
- Access to laundry room
- WC

First Floor

- Double bedroom (160cm bed) with dressing room and own bathroom and WC
- Double bedroom (140cm bed) with dressing room and own bathroom and WC
- Twin bedroom (each 90x190cm bed) interconnecting with double bedroom (160cm bed) with dressing room and own bathroom (shared between twin and double bedroom) and separate WC

Annexe

- Double bedroom (180cm bed) with spa in the bedroom. Open-plan shower room and WC
- Quad room with double bed (140cm) and two single beds (each 90x190cm beds)

Outside Grounds (1 hectare)

- Swimming pool (15mx6m, depth 0.8m-1.9m), fenced
- Pool house with BBQ, shower and WC
- Gym
- Al-fresco terrace
- Garden lounge and deckchairs
- Gardens
- *Pétanque* pitch
- Covered parking and automatic gate

NB guardian lives on site in an apartment behind the house, near the car parking

Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Wi-Fi
- Cable TV
- DVD player and video recorder
- Hi-Fi
- Table tennis
- Table football
- *Pétanque*
- Washing machine



- Iron and ironing board
- Hair dryer

Location & Local Information

Maison des Cigales is located just outside St-Rémy (4km), an idyllic Provençal village in the heart of Les Alpilles National Park. The village is well known for being popular with artists, many live in the area and display or sell their works of art in the village's art galleries. The most famous artist of all has to be Vincent Van Gogh who checked himself into the asylum St Paul de Mausole, which can be visited today, and created 150 paintings including 'Starry Night'. In the summer months, on selected Sundays, the 'Route des Artistes' fills with local artists showing off their work creating a wonderful and bustling atmosphere.

The town is also famous for its many restaurants, from down to earth bistros found on pretty narrow streets to Michelin starred establishments. The surrounding countryside is rich with olive groves and vineyards with private tours and tastings easily arranged. Food lovers, don't miss the market on a Wednesday morning!

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Don't miss the lively city of Avignon during your stay. Explore the winding medieval streets, experience further excellent dining opportunities and visit two UNESCO world heritage sites, the Pope's Palace and Saint Benezet Bridge. The covered market offers all sorts of delights or head to the weekend farmers, flower and flea markets for wonderful local produce and a bargain or two.

Those looking for activity have so much on their doorstep. There is both horse-riding and golf within a short drive and both the immediate and wider area are a walkers and cyclists paradise with stunning countryside and landscapes. Older children will love kayaking in the Sorgue and there are plenty of other family friendly activities throughout the region from model railways, open castles to trekking across the tree tops and visiting a zoo.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (20km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes (43km)
Nearest Town/City	St-Rémy (4km)
Nearest Village	Saint-Étienne-du-Grès (10km)



Nearest Restaurant	St-Rémy (4km)
Nearest Train Station	Avignon TGV (23km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club St-Rémy (2km)
Nearest Golf	Domaine de Manville (11km)
Nearest Supermarket	St-Rémy (4km)

What we love

- The wonderful Provençal garden features hidden corners and glorious shady trees
- Listen to the sounds of the cicadas and crickets as you dine al-fresco on one of the lovely terraces
- The villa is located just a five-minute drive from charming St-Rémy, where Vincent Van Gogh painted 'Starry Night'
- Avignon, Arles, the Luberon region and even the Camargue are all near enough for a wonderful day-trip

What you should know...

- The guardian lives on site in an apartment just behind the house
- Two of the bedrooms are located in an annexe – one quad and one impressive double featuring a spa bath!
- There is air-conditioning in the bedrooms only
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner A/C is only available in the bedrooms.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before arrival.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during peak season. 1 night during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.