

Mas Olivia

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Just a short walk from charming St-Rémy, Mas Olivia is a traditional holiday home set in wonderful gardens with glorious views over the trees towards Les Alpilles mountain range.

When Mas Olivia was built in the late twentieth century it was given the highest five-star accolade for St-Rémy. Still today it remains an inviting and comfortable home for guests wishing to stay in this stunning part of Provence. As you step inside you will appreciate the old-style Provençal ambience with pretty tiled stairs, warm colours and traditional furnishings, many which have been made locally. The cosy living-dining area has a wonderfully grand fire-place made from local stone, perfect for cooler evenings inside with good wine and company, whilst doors open up to the glorious gardens for dining al-fresco in summer months.

Outside you are greeted with idyllic and calming views from the lovely swimming pool, surrounded by olive trees and lazy sun-loungers scattered across the lawns. As well views of the glorious mountains over the treetops, you can even catch a glimpse of the Mausolee des Antiques, very near the impressive Roman site of Glanum.

Wander into charming St-Rémy with its lovely restaurants, pretty cafes and bars and great Wednesday morning food market. The town is also loved by artists, many of whom own little galleries dotted around the narrow lanes of the old town. On some Sundays in summer local artists show off their work along the 'Route des Artistes' creating a magical atmosphere.

This is an incredible region of rolling hills, olive groves, pretty villages and fine food from Michelin starred establishments to down to earth bistros. Visit delightful



places such as Les Baux-de-Provence and Eygalières, both within twenty minutes by car, or travel further afield to Avignon, Arles, the enchanting Luberon region or even the Camargue, all ideal for perfect days out.

Whether exploring charming markets, cycling past vineyards or hiking with magnificent views of Les Alpilles mountains, this area has a wealth of memorable activities for all ages in this mesmerising part of Provence.

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • TV • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Maid Service Available • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Table Tennis • Chef/Cook Available • Private Pool • Bicycles Provided • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Butler Available • Meal delivery service • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with sofas, open fire-place and dining table
- Kitchen, well-equipped with oven, microwave, hob, fridge-freezer, dishwasher,
- Games room with two convertible sofa-beds
- WC and washroom
- Cellar
- Laundry/equipment room

First Floor

- Double bedroom with air-conditioning, dressing area, bathroom with bath, sinks and WC
- Double bedroom with air-conditioning, bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Double bedroom with air-conditioning, bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Double bedroom with air-conditioning, covered terrace, external stairs down to the garden, shower room with sink, shower and WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (11x5m) with option to heat at extra cost, electric safety cover and safety alarm
- Pool house
- Covered terrace with BBQ and al-fresco dining area
- Enclosed gardens (4300m2)
- Pétanque
- Private parking for 3-4 cars (including garage for one car)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Heating
- TV (in living area and 3 bedrooms)
- Hi-Fi
- DVD and Bluray player
- Telephones in bedrooms
- Alarm
- Ping pong table
- 4 bikes
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

Mas Olivia is in a pretty setting in a semi-residential area just on the edge of St-Rémy-de-Provence in the heart of Les Alpilles Natural Regional Park in Provence.

It's just under a kilometre to reach the heart of St-Rémy where you have a great variety of restaurants, pretty shops, art galleries and a great food market on a Wednesday morning. Explore the picturesque lanes, admiring artists at work and sit and have a coffee in a French café under the plane trees. The town is particularly well known for its connections to Vincent Van Gogh who checked himself into the St Paul de Mausole and created 150 paintings during his time there, including 'Starry Night'. There is a Van Gogh trail around St-Rémy that leads to the monastery, which can be visited.

The surrounding countryside is part of the stunning Les Alpilles Natural Regional Park where you can discover rolling hills, mountains and fields of olive groves and vineyards. Tastings can be arranged, whether you are wishing to try some of France's best olive oil at the original working mills in Maussane-les-Alpilles (10km) or sample fine local wines from wineries across this area.

There are some of France's most beautiful villages and towns nearby such as the incredible Les Baux-de-Provence (10km) and Eygalières (14km) or a little further to Gordes (40km), Roussillon (49km) and Ménerbes (35km) set amongst the stunning landscapes of the Luberon region. Antique lovers should spend the day in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (33km), especially on a Sunday morning with its world-famous brocante (flea/antique market). It's also a great spot for canoeing along the Sorgue river as far as Fontaine-de-Vaucluse.

Arles (25km) and Avignon (21km) are two great cities full of history, culture and fine food or drive south towards the mesmerising Camargue with its wild white horses, pink flamingos and ever changing scenery.

Activity lovers will appreciate horse-riding and golf within



a short drive as well as walking and cycling routes on your doorstep. Rock-climbing is also a popular pursuit in both Les Alpilles and the Luberon.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (20km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes (44km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille (75km/1hr)
Nearest Town/City	St-Rémy (1.6km)
Nearest Restaurant	St-Rémy (1.1km)
Nearest Supermarket	St-Rémy (1.3km)
Nearest Golf	Domaine de Manville (10km)

What we love

- We love the old-style Provençal ambience of the traditional interiors
- The living-dining room has two sets of French windows opening up to the glorious gardens
- There are stunning forest and mountain views from some of the bedrooms as well as the garden
- It's a leisurely stroll to the charming town of St-Rémy, where Vincent Van Gogh painted 'Starry Night'

What you should know...

- 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
- The house benefits from air-conditioning in the bedrooms only
- The fourth bedroom/office has its own terrace and is accessed via external stairs
- There are also two convertible sofa-beds in the games room downstairs, allowing the villa to sleep up to nine or ten guests

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card 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, between May and September. In other months, an allowance of 400kw is provided and use above this will be charged locally.
- **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 other celebrations are not permitted. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner and 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.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **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.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes. See notes in energy use for winter usage.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating available on request subject to an additional cost based on energy consumption, payable directly to the owner. 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 (typically costs €5-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately June to end of September. 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.