Maison La Montagnette

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

This is Provence in all its glory – an 18th century home with a beautiful estate surrounded by wooded hills covered with rosemary and thyme. Yet you are a few minutes drive from a picturesque village and a little further to the pretty city of Avignon, making it the perfect home for guests wanting to stay in this idyllic part of southern France.

The interiors of Maison La Montagnette have been sensitively restored into a welcoming home full of character and charm alongside modern amenities. On cooler evenings you can gather by the roaring fire and keen pianists, or even novices, can play a tune or two. In the summer French doors open up to the lovely gardens filled with the scent of rose and lavender. Bedrooms are warm and cosy, decorated with bright colours and sumptuous bed linen; this is a really homely and lovely place to stay.

Outside the swimming pool awaits you for leisurely afternoons cooling off or enjoy long lunches by the pool house. Take an evening *aperitif* on the south-facing terrace or wander around the hectare of grounds full of shady trees and Provençal plants. The owner can arrange to cook you wonderful evening meals using only the best local ingredients or there is a choice of restaurants within a short drive.

Situated just south of Avignon, you are perfectly positioned between the idyllic villages of Les Alpilles National Park to the south and the lovely city of Avignon with its two UNESCO world heritage sites. Closer to home, the village of Barbentane has a picturesque old centre with pretty cafes and restaurants, a boulangerie and grocery shop plus some impressive historical buildings. There are several hiking trails in the nearby hills and beyond.

The region is in the heart of this formidable area of vineyards, idyllic hilltop villages, world-renowned towns, and summer landscapes of sunflowers. Gordes is just one of the beautiful villages in the outstanding Luberon region or head south to the charming town of St-Rémy where you can soak up the true Provençal way of life, especially on markets days. Wine lovers mustn't miss out on a visit to Châteauneuf-du-Pape whilst Van Gogh's precious Arles and Baux-de-Provence, one of France's acclaimed '*Plus Beaux Villages*', are also within easy reach.

After a day exploring, you will appreciate the calmness of the lovely wooded surroundings when you return to your beautiful estate and home.









Facilities

France250 • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Air-Con • Golf Nearby •

Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Special Offer • Has Offer • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • DVD • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Children's books • Swings • Bikes • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interior

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with fire-place. Doors opening up to west-facing terrace.
- Kitchen, well equipped including fridge, freezer, electric oven, microwave and dishwasher.
- Access to laundry room in garage

First Floor

- 2 x Double bedroom (180x200cm beds)
- 2 x Twin bedroom (90x200cm beds)
- Bathroom with shower
- Shower room
- Separate WC

Air-conditioning in bedrooms only.

2 x additional single bed available on request

Outside Grounds

- Salt water swimming pool (14mx5m, depth 1.2-2m) with safety cover
- Pool house with outside shower and WC and fridge
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Gas BBQ
- *Boules* pitch
- Gardens (unenclosed, 1 hectare)
- Swing

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Satellite/cable TV
- DVD player
- Hi-Fi
- Books
- Games
- Children's toys
- Piano
- Table-tennis
- Swing
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information

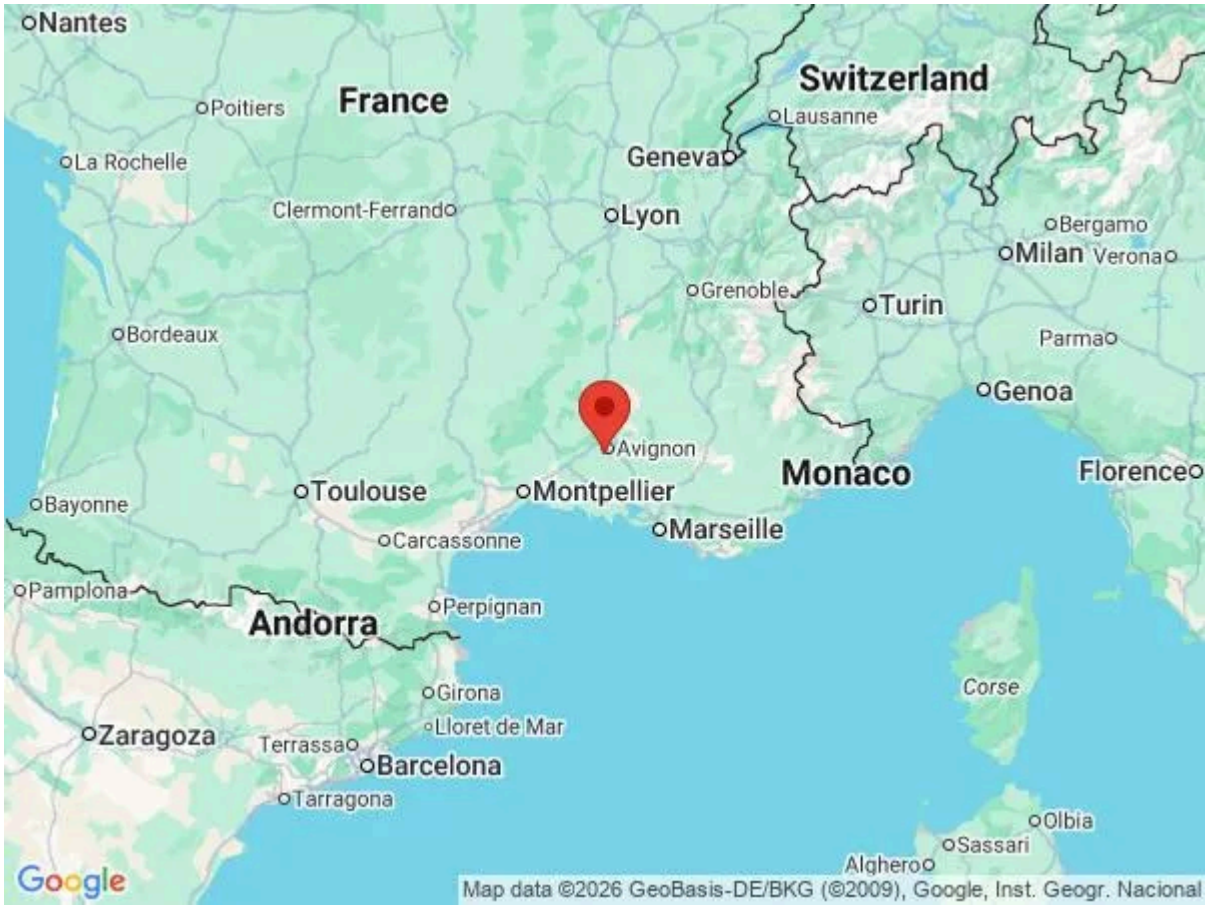
The village of Barbentane (3km) has a picturesque old centre with pretty cafes, impressive historical buildings and some of the original medieval doors into the village. You'll find a boulangerie and some good grocery shops for local fruit, vegetables and cheeses as well as some restaurants in the village. There are several hiking trails in the nearby hills and beyond.

The small and lively city of Avignon is just a short drive away. Explore the winding medieval streets, experience the 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. The bohemian quarter of the city, just next to the Sorgue river, has more of a village atmosphere with its artists, musicians, cafes and wine-bars.

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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 along the Rhône or Sorgue and there are plenty of other family









friendly activities throughout the region from model railways and open castles to trekking across the tree tops and visiting a zoo.

History lovers should also visit the city of Nîmes with its fine collection of Roman remains including Maison Carree, one of the best preserved Roman temples in the country. Just north of the city is the stunning Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also, not to be missed are the two festivals of Pentecote held in June and September.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon/Nimes (19km/43km)**
Nearest Village	**Barbentane (3km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Barbentane (3km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché Contact (6km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Avignon (14km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Barbentane (6km)**

What we love

- This home is full of true Provençal warmth and character
- Keen piano players take note that there are two tuned pianos!
- The setting feels wonderfully remote yet it's only 3km to the nearby village of Barbentane
- Avignon to the north is only twenty minutes by car, with St-Rémy not much further heading south
- This is the perfect location for day trips to many places including Nîmes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and the mesmerising Luberon

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
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner
- Air-conditioning is available in the bedrooms only.
- Two additional single beds can be made available on request (supplement)
- The beautiful grounds are unenclosed and lead to wooded hills covered in rosemary and thyme
- Please note that the last 200 metres to the villa is a sandy path

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:** 5.00 p.m. .

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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 must be provided to the owner minimum one month before arrival.
 Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.
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- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €300, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. 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:** A mid-stay clean is included for stays of 14 nights or more

- **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.

- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €300 payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately April to 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.