

Maison Basque

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

In the heart of the mesmerising Luberon National Park, just a five-minute drive from an idyllic provençal village, Maison Basque is a delightful stone house full of charm and character.

Inside you are greeted with a warm ambience with traditional Provençal features in every room from wood-beamed ceilings, exposed stone walls and cool tiled floors. Styled with rustic elegance, the open-plan living space is dominated by a glorious open fireplace and age-old dining table, perfect for feasts prepared in the cosy kitchen. There are three sweet bedrooms and bathrooms, including a spacious master room upstairs, accessed via its own stone staircase outside.

The gardens are the perfect place to relax, enjoying lunch by the roses or lazing on the lawns before dipping into the fabulous swimming pool. With Provençal scents and colours around you, the outside space is a charming place to spend quality time with loved ones.

The local village is just a five-minute drive away: beautifully preserved, with winding narrow lanes filled with fine restaurants, pavement cafes and little shops. Located on a hill, it is surrounded by glorious countryside filled with vineyards and olive groves. There are some amazing hiking paths and mountain bike routes nearby or you may just prefer to sample excellent wines in one of the many local wineries.

Some of the most idyllic villages are within a twenty-minute drive such as Bonnieux, Lacoste, Roussillon and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes whilst foodies should head up to Apt on a Saturday morning to experience one of the region's most famous markets. For a longer day out, the amazing cities of Avignon or Aix-en-Provence can be reached within an hour, both incredibly picturesque places to visit in Provence.

Here in the Luberon National Park, you are in an area of outstanding beauty and Maison Basque is the most welcoming and lovely abode from which to experience this mesmerising part of Provence.

Facilities

Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Watersports • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Garage • Maid Service Available • DVD • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

Maison Interior (150m2 over 2 levels)

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room (37m2) with open-hearth fireplace and doors to the garden
- Kitchen, well-equipped including hot plates, oven and dishwasher
- Bedroom with French double bed, doors to the garden and shower with WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and doors to a terrace. Shower with WC
- Bedroom (35m2) with double bed (160x200cm), corner lounge area, TV, DVD player and doors to a terrace. Bath with WC. *Bedroom accessed via the terrace only*

Outside Grounds (1000m2)

- Private swimming pool (12mx5m, depth 0.8-2.20m) with safety fence and cover. Open May to end of September approximately
- Terrace (50m2)
- Electric BBQ
- Enclosed gardens/grounds
- Single garage and parking for 2 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Central heating system
- Safe
- Alarm
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Maison Basque is located just a five-minute drive north (2km) of a delightful and beautifully preserved village. Many say this is one of the most picturesque places in France.

Located on a hill, it is surrounded by glorious countryside filled with vineyards and olive groves. Explore the village's narrow lanes that wind up the hill, discovering little shops and restaurants, then enjoy breathtaking vistas on the way up to the village square at the top. The village boasts some impressive places to eat, from traditional restaurant to charming cafes with outstanding views.

There are some spectacular hiking paths and mountain bike routes (mountain bike hire is possible nearby). Indeed, the Luberon National Park offers an ideal setting for walking, cycling, and even kayaking along the Sorgue. There are climbing opportunities near Buoux (23km), a tiny village with a castle not to be missed and now a mecca for rock-climbing. Wine lovers will appreciate all the amazing wineries in the local area whilst more family friendly activities include horse-riding and tree-top activity centres nearby plus a zoo and model railway both within an hours drive.

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.

You are also within close driving distance of the archetypal Provençal villages of Bonnieux (12km), Lacoste (9km), Roussillon (15km) and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes (15km), one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*.

Food lovers should also head to the Luberon town of Apt (24km) on a Saturday morning for its incredible Provençal market, one of the most famous in the region and well known for its local products especially candied fruits and goats cheese. The old town has a lot of charm and character and the surrounding hills are typical of beautiful Provence.

Famous Avignon (38km), the capital of Provence, and Aix-en-Provence (65km), one of France's most beautiful university towns, are just over an hour away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon/Nimes/Marseille (29km/79km/70km)
Nearest Town/City	Cavaillon/Gordes/Apt (15km/15km/23km)
Nearest Train Station	Cavaillon /Avignon SNCF (16km/42km)
Nearest Golf	(16km)



Nearest Supermarket	(6km)
Nearest Village	(2km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1km)
Nearest Shop	(2km)

What we love

- The master bedroom is particularly spacious with its own living area, TV and DVD player
- The enclosed swimming pool is surrounded by glorious lawns for relaxing in the sun
- The beautiful local village is just a five-minute drive away
- The archetypal Luberon villages of Bonnieux, Lacoste, Roussillon and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes are all within 15km
- Food lovers, don't miss the amazing market in Apt on a Saturday morning
- Both Avignon and Aix-en-Provence can be reached within an hour

What you should know...

- Please note that Maison Basque is not suitable for small children.
- The larger bedroom upstairs is only accessed from the terrace via stone steps outside.
- Car hire is needed to explore this fascinating region.
- In drought-affected areas, legal restrictions on refilling and topping up water in private pools may apply and the swimming pool may be closed. Please check before departure for the most up to date information in the area.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** Between 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Other arrival times are on request only. Please enquire.
- **Departure time:** Before 10.00 a.m.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are on request only. In drought-affected areas, legal restrictions on refilling and topping up water in private pools may apply and the swimming pool may be closed. Please check before departure for the most up to date information in the area. Please note that Maison Basque is not suitable for small children.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** No.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately early May to late 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.