

# Les Lauriers Roses

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

Les Lauriers Roses offers guests the quintessential rustic, yet elegant, country retreat. Tucked in a secluded corner of Provence, this home provides flawless attention to detail, within an atmosphere of “cosy luxury.” Blending the best of old and new: original stonework and architecture along with cutting-edge design and contemporary comforts. Exquisitely renovated, the spirit of the original nineteenth century building remains. Pretty shutters frame the façade, whilst the creamy-toned original stone is exposed internally, along with timber beams and original doors.

The lawns are just the right level of maintained and delightfully unkempt in places, glorious fruit trees, swaying poplars and vibrant shrubbery along with sweeping gravel drive and dappled terrace.

When it comes to *al fresco* dining, the grounds are punctuated with inviting nooks: for a quiet coffee at the wrought-iron bistro set, a children’s post-swim snack in the dappled shade, or a lively cocktail party gathered at the smart outdoor lounge banquettes. A light-filled summer house offers a sleek dining pavilion, ideal for pool parties or summer barbecues. The pool is framed by a terrace dotted with loungers, for cooling off when the Mediterranean heat ramps up.

Fourteen guests can be accommodated across seven bedrooms and six bathrooms. Each of these has a distinct feel, whether it be the buttercup yellow room with salmon-pink silk shades, embroidered flower-print eiderdowns or oil paintings alongside porcelain carafes and wicker reading chairs. Antique dressers, ethnic prints and mid-century furniture rub shoulders with fabulous monochrome upholstery, splashes of vivacious modern art and slick designer lighting. Its lack of uniformity adds to



this home's appeal.

The farmhouse kitchen is ideal for self-catering, with a central oak dining table, whether it be lazy breakfasts or a pre-dinner *amuse-bouche*. With separate reception rooms, comprising reading room and open plan lounge-dining room, guests have ample space to convene as a group or spread out.

Les Lauriers Roses is in a tranquil spot, less than ten minutes from the lively Saint Rémy de Provence, which is known for its bustling arts community, as well as its café-lined squares and renowned Wednesday market. Les Baux de Provence is a further fifteen minutes away, famous for its tenth century fortified castle and myriad of medieval homes, cobbled streets and squares. A little further afield UNESCO-listed Pont d'Avignon, or the charming Arles, much beloved by tortured Expressionist Van Gogh can be enjoyed.

Set between the Carmargue and Luberon in Western Provence, lies the spectacular Alpilles Natural Park, known for its intriguing breadth of plant varieties and bird species, as well as its craggy beauty encompassing limestone ranges, marshlands and olive groves.

## Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • DVD • Wi-Fi/Internet • Maid Service Included • Air-Con • Private Pool • Babysitting Available • Butler Available • Meal delivery service • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

### Ground Floor

- Large open plan living-dining room
- Lounge comprising television and bookshelves
- Snug with fireplace
- Fully equipped kitchen including two dishwashers, two kitchen fridges including American fridge with ice dispenser, two electric ovens, gas hob and microwave
- Utility room with storage space
- WC
- One bedroom with two single beds (80x200cm each) and own shower room with WC

### Separate studio (own entrance)

- One bedroom with two single beds (80x200cm each) with WC

### First Floor

- Dormitory with four single beds (80x200cm each) with bathroom and shower
- Bedroom with double/ twin (90cm each or 180cm), own shower room
- Bedroom with two single beds (90cm each) own shower room
- Bedroom with double bed (180 x 200cm), own bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (180 x 200cm), own shower room

## Outside Grounds

- Pool (13 x 5.5m comprising shallow and deep end) with alarm system and safety barrier
- Pool side terrace with loungers
- Summerhouse with kitchenette and covered outdoor dining room
- Dining furniture, outdoor lounge furniture
- Barbecue and Plancha



- Just under four acres of gardens
- Woods, fruit trees and flower beds
- Night lighting
- Electric entry gate
- Pétanque

## **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Televisions including satellite and cable
- DVD Player
- Hairdryers
- Children's games
- Washing machine, dryer and ironing facilities



## Location & Local Information

This serene dwelling is tucked away in a green haven less than ten minutes from Saint Rémy de Provence (6 km), about fifteen minutes north of Les Baux de Provence in the heart of the spectacular Alpilles Natural Park. The nearest convenience stores, as well as bakeries, pharmacies and restaurants are a couple of kilometres distance.

The Alpilles ('small Alps') offer a limestone mountain range of both wetlands and rocky terrain, shaped by over four thousand years of civilisation. At the heart of the Alpilles range, visitors will be able to explore traditional, pretty villages such as Eygalières and Paradou, many of which have earned the status of "*plus beaux villages*." History buffs will enjoy archaeological sites such as the Caisses de Jean-Jean Oppidum, the Roman site of Barbegal and the Fontvieille Hypogea.

The Alpilles' majestic scenery provide endless walking potential among olive groves, vineyards, orchards and pine-scented woods. Walkers will chance across small chapels and oratories as well as generations-old farmhouses. Wildlife-lovers will be particularly spoilt in the Alpilles with its rare bird life, whilst those keen on hiking, riding or cycling will have an array of trails to wind their way leisurely through this delightful part of Provence.

Saint Rémy is a bustling, lively place with narrow, winding streets as well as colourful café-lined squares. Known for its arts heritage, most notably former home of Van Gogh, today this region retains a thriving arts community. Local artists display work in the galleries of Saint Rémy, and along the Route des Artistes on selected Sundays.

Arles, much beloved by Van Gogh, boasts UNESCO listed Roman monuments, as well as museums, Roman theatres, and winding medieval streets. The photography event takes place every summer drawing an International crowd.

Avignon is about half an hour away (24 km), known for its famous *Pont*, which has an intriguing history dating back



to the Middle Ages, whilst Les Baux de Provence is dramatically perched atop the limestone Alpilles Mountains and boasts a fortified tenth century castle as well as quintessential Provençal charm.

Whether it be sumptuous Provençal dining, luscious and unspoilt nature, designer boutiques and a touch of Mediterranean glamour, Provence is a place which draws visitors back, time and time again.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (27km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille (83km)
Nearest Town/City	Saint Etienne du Gres (2km)
Nearest Village	Avignon (24km)
Nearest Restaurant	(2km)

## What we love

- Restored period home comprising original features and architecture along with all the modern touches
- Extensive private gardens offering almost four acres of lawns, luscious orchards, enchanting woods, a choice of dining terraces as well as dazzling summer house
- Set in the heart of the Alpilles just a short distance to the former home of Van Gogh, Saint Rémy de Provence, which is depicted before sunrise in *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 the booking
- Please note that bookings will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner
- Two of the bedrooms are on the ground floor, one of these is a self-contained studio with private entrance (which has a WC but not a bathroom)
- Please note that air conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5:00 p.m. Late arrivals after 9.00 p.m. may be charged a late arrival fee of €120.
- **Departure time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** No.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **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. 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. Please note that air conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- **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. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** No.
- **Tax:** French visitors tax included.