

# Le Mas Des Alpilles

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 16

## Overview

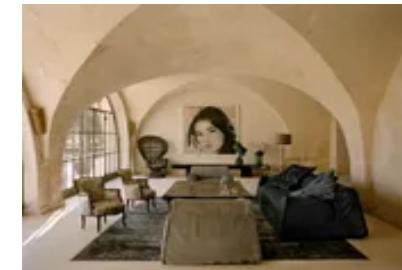
Set just a short walk from a pretty Provençal village, Le Mas Des Alpilles is a handsome house set in exquisite gardens. In the heart of Les Alpilles Natural Park, this home offers charm and luxury in a captivating part of Provence.

Dating back to the 18th century, Le Mas Des Alpilles has been beautifully renovated by architects who have respected the *maison's* history yet created a contemporary haven. It was originally the home to a horse-operated olive mill and to this day horses remain on the estate as well as century old olive trees and an original mill in one of the reception rooms.

The sense of history pervades the *mas* with vaulted ceilings, thick stone walls and antique furnishings alongside stylish décor and modern amenities. Warm colours have been used throughout to create a welcoming ambience across the eight sumptuous bedrooms, all which feature air-conditioning, elegant bathrooms and TVs. One of the master bedrooms with its four-poster bed and copper bathtub is a particular delight.

The incredible French gardens feature water fountains, lawns, a chapel, a vegetable garden and a forest of pine trees. Swim in the heated swimming pool overlooking the ancient olives and dine al-fresco on the elegant terraces. A tennis court has also been recently added.

You're welcomed with fruit, flowers and local wine as well as fine locally sourced bathroom products, bathrobes and slippers. A continental breakfast is served every morning, there's maid service most days and additional arrangements can be made for a chef, fitness instructor or masseur and spa therapist to come to the home.



Stroll into the local village for *boulangeries*, a fish monger, butchers and some lovely restaurants and make sure you sample some of the best olive oil made in one of the original mills. It's only a short drive to one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Les-Baux-de-Provence or explore the charming art galleries of Saint-Rémy. Arles and Avignon are both magnificent cities to visit in this stunning part of southern France.

Les Alpilles region also offers wonderful walks and cycle trails through landscapes of olive groves, vineyards and enchanting countryside; this is bucolic Provence at its very best.

## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Villa • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Wellness • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Tennis Court • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Chapel on Site • Maid Service Included • Wow Factor • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Chef/Cook Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Instagrammable • <1hr to Airport • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Spa/Massage • TV • Lift • Laptop Friendly Workspace • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Sauna/Steam • Home Cinema • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Breakfast Included • Meal delivery service

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (840m2)

### Ground Floor (approx. 300m2)

- Two reception rooms
- Two fully-equipped kitchens
- Dining room
- Bar
- Cinema room
- Laundry room

### First Floor (approx. 370m2)

- Bedroom One: king-size double bed, dressing room and bathroom with shower
- Bedroom Two: master bedroom with king-size double bed, mini-bar, safe, dressing room and bathroom with large walk-in shower
- Bedroom Three: master bedroom with king-size canopy bed, mini-bar, safe, dressing room and bathroom with large walk-in shower
- Bedroom Four: king-size double bed and bathroom with shower
- Bedroom Five: master bedroom with king-size canopy double bed, desk, sofa and bathroom with bath
- Bedroom Six: king-size double or twin bed and bathroom with shower
- Bedroom Seven: king-size canopy double bed and bathroom with shower
- Bedroom Eight: master bedroom with king-size double bed, balcony, dressing room and bathroom with shower
- Cinema room

*Please note all bedrooms have air-conditioning and flat screen TVs*

### Second Floor (approx. 172m2)

- Fitness/yoga room
- Sauna
- Spa



- Massage and relaxation room

### **Outside Grounds (approx 3.5 hectares)**

- Heated swimming pool (16x5m), open approximately May to end-September (other months on request)
- Outdoor shower
- Sunloungers (x8)
- Terrace for al-fresco dining
- Vegetable garden
- Fountains and water features
- Gardens including lawns and woodland
- Picnic areas
- Tennis court
- Chapel
- Electric gates (and interphone)

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TVs
- Apple TV and Netflix
- Home cinema system
- Sonos speaker system
- Fitness/yoga room
- Spa and massage room
- Lift
- Hairdryers

# Location & Local Information

Le Mas des Alpilles is located in the heart of the Alpilles Natural Regional Park, within walking distance to a characterful village and just a short drive from one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Les Baux-de-Provence.

You can wander into the local village in about fifteen minutes or so, where you will find a selection of good places to eat including a great pizzeria as well as a Michelin starred restaurant. There are also some lovely shops such as *boulangeries*, a butchers and deli and a couple of small grocery stores. You can sample some of the amazing olive oil produced in the village at one of the local presses.

It's only a 5km drive into Les Baux-de-Provence which enjoys a marvellous setting and is a delightful place to explore. Many visitors come to soak up the ambience in the pretty village, exploring the lovely squares and little lanes or heading up to the fortified château.

There are many other idyllic villages and towns to discover across Les Alpilles including Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where you can follow the Vincent Van Gogh trail around the town or enjoy the Wednesday morning market and Eygalières, an incredibly picturesque village which is now a bit of a celebrity hot-spot at times with A-listers escaping the paparazzi here.

Just to the north of Les Alpilles, the small city of Avignon is a wonderful day out, not just because of the two UNESCO world heritage sites (Saint Benezet Bridge and the Pope's Palace) but also due to the great atmosphere around the covered and weekend markets, the brilliant restaurants and great cafes and wine-bars.

Arles is also famous for its Van Gogh connections and is a lovely city to visit for its galleries, museums and restaurants. It is also the gateway to the Camargue, an incredible region about an hours drive away, well-known for its incredible landscapes of land, lagoon and sea with wild horses and pink flamingos.



This region offers endless activities such as horse-riding on the estate as well as nearby, golf within a short drive near Les Baux-de-Provence and beyond and some amazing walking and cycling trails, following routes through lavender fields, vineyards, olive groves and summer meadows.

In July you must try some of the melons from Cavaillon whilst antique lovers mustn't miss the Sunday market in Isle Sur La Sorgue, also popular for those who love canoeing. The heart of the Luberon region is also waiting to be explored with so many archetypal Provencal villages including Ménerbes, Roussillon and Gordes.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport     | <b>Avignon</b><br>(30km)                |
| Nearest Airport     | <b>Nimes</b><br>(45km)                  |
| Nearest Airport     | <b>Marseille</b><br>(54km)              |
| Nearest Village     | <b>(1km)</b>                            |
| Nearest Restaurant  | <b>(1km)</b>                            |
| Nearest Supermarket | <b>(1km)</b>                            |
| Nearest Town/City   | <b>Saint-Rémy-de-Provence</b><br>(11km) |
| Nearest Golf        | <b>Domaine de Manville</b><br>(3km)     |

## What we love

- The beautiful French gardens feature a heated pool, century-old olive trees, pretty fountains and a forest of pines
- Each of the sumptuous bedrooms has an elegant bathroom, air-conditioning, TV and Nespresso machine
- You're welcomed with fruit, flowers and wine and a continental breakfast is provided each morning
- It's a leisurely stroll to the local village with its charming shops, excellent restaurants and some of France's best olive oils
- Les Baux-de-Provence, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' is just a few minutes by car

## 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
- The exquisite gardens include water features and fountains
- The caretakers live discreetly in a separate flat on the second floor of the property
- It's only 750m to the local village; if you are walking, bear in mind that the surrounding lanes and roads tend to be unlit and without pavements

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €10000 pre-authorisation by credit card paid to the owner one month before arrival and released up to 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, changed once per week.
- **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 any special events for up to 20 people are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.
- **Heating costs included?**: Yes, heating costs included up to €500. Any consumption over this level will be paid locally.
- **Pool heating charge?**: Included from start of May to end of September.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €2-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?**: Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?**: The pool is open approximately May to end-September. Other months are on request and subject to a supplement of €700 per week.