

Le Champ d'Olives

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 10

Overview

Gaze at the olive groves and wonderful landscapes as you swim in the beautiful swimming pool at Le Champ d'Olives. This superb villa offers old-world Provençal charm alongside an abundance of 21st century features set in the stunning Alpilles, just a short drive from idyllic villages and towns including Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

Only recently built, the owners have created a traditional yet stylish ambience across this characterful five-bedroom *maison* with wood beamed ceilings and exposed stonework, making the most of the bucolic views through the picture book windows that bring light into the home. You'll find chic furnishings alongside contemporary amenities such as underfloor cooling downstairs, a home cinema system and Bang & Olufsen speakers.

Outside, it's not just the views that will impress you. Inviting terraces in the shade overlooking fields of olive trees, a decked sun terrace, an al-fresco dining area and a boules pitch; this is a wonderful place to spend long summer holidays in Provence. The terraced gardens are full of colour with swathes of lavender and sweet-scented roses and the countryside around you will take your breath away.

Surrounded by five hectares of olive groves, it's no wonder that the local village, only a ten-minute drive away, is also known for its olive oil heritage with an original mill still operating and some of the country's finest oils produced here. You'll also find brilliant places to eat from pizzerias to Michelin starred restaurants, *boulangeries* and some lovely shops selling great local produce. Just a few minutes further by car and you'll reach one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Les Baux-de-Provence with its incredible views across the undulating hills and mountains of Les Alpilles.



Saint-Rémy is also nearby with its Van Gogh connections and atmospheric Wednesday morning market or explore a little further afield to Arles and Avignon. This area offers nature, history and charm and Le Champ d'Olives epitomises this utterly enchanting part of Provence.

Facilities

Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Historical Sites • Golf Nearby • Wine Tasting • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Chef/Cook Available • Wow Factor • Rural Location • DVD • Private Pool • Maid Service Included • Babysitting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema • Heating • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (approx. 450m2)

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living room with fire place. Doors leading to garden
- Open-plan kitchen-diner, well-equipped including oven, microwave, hob, fridge, dishwasher, coffee maker
- Cinema room with Bang & Olufsen speaker system
- Master bedroom with king-size bed and doors opening up to terrace
- Bathroom with dressing room
- Separate WC

First Floor

- 4 x bedrooms
- 4 x shower rooms with WC
- Terrace

Basement

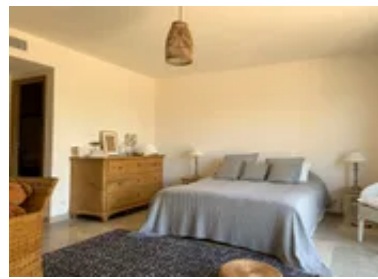
- Bedroom
- Shower room with WC
- Laundry room
- Pool house

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (18mx4m, depth:1.5m) with safety alarm
- Al-fresco dining and lounge area
- Sun-loungers
- Boules
- Terraced grounds
- Olive grove (5 hectares)
- Electric gate

Facilities

- Internet
- Underfloor heating



- Cooling on the ground floor and basement
- Home cinema room
- DVD player
- Bang & Olufsen speaker system
- CD player
- Underground garage
- Alarm and videophone
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron

Location & Local Information

In Les Alpilles Natural Regional Park, Le Champ d'Olives is surrounded by five hectares of incredible olive groves and the views are spectacular. It's around a ten-minute drive to a charming village which specialises in olive oil production.

The local village is home to some excellent places to eat including Michelin-starred establishments as well as more down to earth bistros and a pizzeria. There are also a handful of lovely shops such as a choice of *boulangeries*, a couple of grocery stores, a fishmonger and a butcher.

This area is especially famous for its olive oil and you can visit working farms or the olive oil presses to experience how the oil is made, learn about the history of this process and of course sample the product, some of the finest olive oils in France.

Les Alpilles offers wonderful opportunities for hiking, cycling, mountain biking and horse-riding through the beautiful and varied landscapes. There are also rock-climbing opportunities as well as the more leisurely pursuit of golf with stunning courses across the region, including the Domaine de Manville near Les-Baux-de-Provence. The local village also offers tennis courts to hire.

There are also many amazing villages, towns and cities to explore. Start with Les Baux-de-Provence, just under fifteen minutes away by car, where you can dine in excellent restaurants in a wonderful setting in this incredibly picturesque village. Explore the narrow lanes, admire the village château or just rest and enjoy a coffee or glass of local wine in a pretty café.

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, around 20 minutes away, is also a popular town to visit with its Wednesday morning market, charming restaurants and cafes and its Van Gogh trail (after all, this is where Van Gogh painted world-famous *Starry Night* amongst many others). Also a short drive away is Eygalières (20km), another archetypal Provencal village which is so beautiful that a number of celebrities have chosen to buy houses there.



The small city of Avignon is just to the north of Les Alpilles region, a great place to visit for its fascinating history, incredible architecture including Saint Benezet Bridge and the Pope’s Palace, two UNESCO world heritage sites and also the lovely markets, restaurants, bars and overall charming ambience.

The wonderful city of Arles, to the south, was also loved by Vincent Van Gogh and is also very near the beautiful Camargue region, around an hour away, where you can see wild horses and pink flamingos across the stunning landscapes of land and sea.

A little further afield, visit some of the enchanting Provencal villages of the Luberon region, sample some fine Côtes du Rhône wines (Châteauneuf-du-Pape is under an hour away) or canoe along the river towards the great town of L'Isle Sur La Sorgue, known for its antique shops and great Sunday morning *brocante*.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (35km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes (45km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille (53km)
Nearest Village	(5km/10-min drive)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (5km/10-min drive)
Nearest Supermarket	Grocery stores in local village (5km/10-min drive)
Nearest Town/City	Saint-Rémy/Arles (13km/25km)
Nearest Golf	Domaine de Manville (7km)

What we love

- Surrounded by five hectares of olive groves in the heart of Les Alpilles, the views are mesmerising
- Despite beautiful renovations, the house is full of character and warmth
- The 18m long swimming pool will delight keen swimmers
- The pretty gardens are full of Provencal scents and colour
- Les-Baux-de-Provence, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', is only 7km away

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
- Elegant open-tread stairs lead up to the first floor bedrooms
- The wonderful gardens are terraced and steps lead down to the swimming pool

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 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.
- **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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. Also include 4 hours a week. 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.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €2-€4 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).