

La Maison Charmante

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 8

Overview

A gorgeous house of character in one of Provence's most dreamy villages, La Maison Charmante allows you to experience the authenticity of the Luberon region, just a few steps from the very heart of Lourmarin, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Set over three floors, this cosy holiday home will captivate you in every way with its traditional charm and comfort. The lovely living and dining area features exposed beams, cool tiled floors and pretty French windows opening straight out to the terrace and garden. All four bedrooms have en suite showers whether it's the two spacious twin or doubles on the first floor or the top floor rooms under the characterful wood-beamed ceilings.

Spend relaxing days outside dining al-fresco overlooking the lawned garden and trees with swathes of summer lavender, a little boules court and the prettiest of swimming pools just perfect for cooling off on hot summer afternoons. Feast by the Weber barbecue or just sit back with a glass of Côtes de Provence in this idyllic village setting.

Stroll out of your gate, down the lane and you will find yourself in the heart of Lourmarin, a gorgeous Provençal village where Albert Camus once lived. Wander along its picturesque lanes and come across street-cafes and a number of excellent restaurants as well as delightful shops and an especially wonderful Friday morning market.

Ansouis and Cucuron are also a short drive away, two picture-perfect villages with Michelin starred restaurants or head north to many more of the Luberon's archetypal perched villages such as Oppède-Le-Vieux, Ménerbes and Bonnieux. Charming Aix-en-Provence, a town which so inspired Cézanne, is just a 40-minute drive away or visit Van Gogh's beloved haunts such as magical Saint-Rémy and Arles, both around an hour by car.

Discover the undulating landscapes of Provence by bike, hiking or horse-back, passing vineyards, wineries, farms, orchards, rivers and woodland. Or simply drive from one idyllic village to another, always admiring some of the most enchanting scenery of southern France.



Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens •
Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport •
Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Hairdryer • DVD • Heating • Cot(s)
• Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse
Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist
Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

- Living-dining room with TV and DVD player
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, oven, hob, coffee machine, fridge-freezer and washing machine

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (1.8m wide, can be made as twins) and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (1.8m wide, can be made as twins) and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and separate WC

Second Floor (sloping ceilings)

- Bedroom with double bed (1.8m wide, can be made as twins) and small en suite bathroom with shower and sink
- Bedroom with double bed (1.4m) and en suite bathroom with shower and sink
- Separate WC (on landing)

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (4x4m) with electric safety cover
- Sun-loungers and deck chairs
- Al-fresco dining and lounge terrace
- Weber barbecue
- Lawned garden

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- TV and DVD player
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Ironing facilities



Location & Local Information



La Maison Charmante is in the enchanting village of Lourmarin, in the southern part of the Luberon region around 40km north of Aix-en-Provence.

Wander out of your pretty cottage and you will reach the heart of Lourmarin in less than 200m, one of the most loved villages of the Luberon. Lourmarin is well-known for being adored by Albert Camus and nowadays it's classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. Spend time soaking up the ambience in one of the many charming street cafes and dine out in a range of excellent restaurants from simple bistros to high-end establishments. Experience the joy of the Friday morning market and pick up some wine, olive oil, herbs, honey, jewellery, soap and all sorts of other wonderful products from Provence.

In the landscapes that surround Lourmarin you will find olive groves, vineyards as well as cherry and almond trees. Head to the Durance river, around 6km, to hire canoes or kayaks, a wonderful way to discover the natural surroundings. The Étang de la Bonde is a picturesque spot where locals swim in the summer and it's also ideal for walks through the pine forests and fishing. Horse-lovers will also find an equestrian centre a short drive away.

Then there's other local villages to visit such as delightful Cucuron (8km) with its picturesque square and bassin, century-old plane trees, Michelin starred restaurant and a pretty Tuesday morning market. Ansouis (10km) is another one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with its beautifully preserved castle, pretty church and a further Michelin starred restaurant.

Travelling north, other Luberon villages waiting to be discovered include Ménerbes, Bonnieux and Lacoste, all of which can be reached by car in around half an hour to forty minutes, driving through the remote wooded hills of the incredible Luberon.

Look out for hikes of varying abilities from pretty vineyard trails to the more challenging Gorges de Régalon whilst cycling between villages is also very popular, including the local Pays d'Aigues circuit which covers some of the pretty southern Luberon villages and towns. Buoux is the place for rock-climbing or you may just prefer to spend your time driving around local vineyards sampling many of the excellent wines, including a couple of good wine châteaux close to Lourmarin.

Further afield, other highlights of Provence include the lovely University town of Aix-en-Provence (40km) or historic Avignon which can be reached in around an hour. Heading west into Les Alpilles, discover Les Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence within an hour or, a little further, spend time in Van Gogh's beloved Arles, the gateway to the Camargue.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille (56km)
Nearest Airport 2	Avignon (55km)
Nearest Train Station	Aix-en-Provence TGV (45km)
Nearest Village	Lourmarin (Centre in less than 200m)
Nearest Restaurant	Lourmarin (Short walk)
Nearest Shop	Lourmarin (Short walk)
Nearest Town	Pertuis (17km)
Nearest City	Aix-en-Provence (40km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Du Luberon (37km)

What we love

- A characterful village house in beautiful Lourmarin, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'
- Spend time in the gorgeous garden with its barbecue and private swimming pool
- Wander out to street-cafes, pretty shops and some excellent restaurants
- Visit other idyllic villages of the Luberon including nearby Ansouis and Cucuron, both with Michelin starred restaurants
- Spend the day in Cézanne's beloved Aix en Provence, only forty-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 or their property manager.
- In a village location, the road is too narrow for parking – you can drop off your luggage/shopping etc and then there is free parking around 50 - 100m from the house.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before 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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Pool opening dates?: 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.