

Maison Pepin

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 8**

Overview

Set in a charming Provençal village close to the mountains and ancient forests of the Luberon Natural Regional Park you will find Maison Pepin, a modern home which can accommodate eight guests in comfort.

As you enter the home you will see a vast, open-plan living space which is contemporary yet warm and welcoming. The sitting area offers an L-shaped sofa next to a wood burner which would be cosy for an autumnal trip. Also, in this light-filled space there is a large dining table next to the fully-fitted kitchen. This layout creates a sociable environment for cooking and dining together.

There are four bedrooms available at the villa for when you need to recharge after a busy day. On the ground floor there is a master room with an en-suite bathroom which would be ideal for those who want a little privacy from the rest of the party. Upstairs there are a further three bedrooms; one double and two twin.

As you step outdoors you will see unrivalled views of the hills and mountains which make up the Luberon. Whether you are sitting under the covered pergola, dining al-fresco or swimming in the private pool, you will find yourself encircled by beautiful sweeping vistas in a leafy garden.

When you do not feel like cooking or want to pick up some fresh baguettes in the morning, then the nearest amenities can be found in the heart of the small village of Oppède. The old village of Oppède le Vieux is also just 3.5km away and has a rich history and a number of attractions to explore.

There are many idyllic towns and villages dotted around the hillsides of the Luberon and Roussillon is one of the most impressive. The village is 18km away but is worth the drive. As you approach the village you will be awe-struck by the amazing red and orange tones of the buildings and the surrounding hills. This colouring comes from the ochre quarries which makes Roussillon stand out from other places and creates a gorgeous contrast with the surrounding forests and blue skies. This pretty maze of streets and village squares has always attracted artists who used the naturally produced colours from the ochre in their paints. Even today there are a number of galleries and studios here that you can visit. Though there are churches, cafes, shops and restaurants here, the main attraction is the village itself and the incredible cliffs as the colours are just astounding. In the summer months the village is a hive



of activity as villagers host festivals and fetes in the streets which are lots of fun.

If you like spending time outdoors then you are perfectly placed for exploring this picturesque natural environment. This whole area is protected by an expansive natural park which comprises of dense woodlands, climbing trails and sign-posted walking routes which suit varying abilities. A little further out you can also find horse riding through the wilderness, caving and boat trips down enchanting rivers. Whatever you like to do outside you will be well catered for here!

Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Paragliding • Boat Trips • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open-plan room with garden access, sofas, TV, wood burner and dining table seating 8
- Adjoining fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, microwave, toaster, kettle and coffee maker
- Bedroom with double-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Guest WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with double-sized bed
- 2 x bedrooms with twin beds
- Bathroom with bath tub with shower, double sink and separate WC

Outside Grounds

- Private gated swimming pool
- Landscaped garden with lawn and flower beds
- Covered pergola with dining table
- Poolside sun loungers
- Outdoor seating
- Barbecue and grill
- Parking garage

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Central heating
- TV
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers



Location & Local Information

Maison Pepin sits in a leafy garden within the mountain landscape of The Luberon Natural Regional Park. With countless walking trails and charming villages close by, this is a wonderful place to stay for a trip exploring stunning Provence.

The home is located within a small village called Oppède which has a number of eateries, a bar and bakery which are really useful to have in walking distance. Before this village was settled, the villagers used to live 3.5km away in Oppède le Vieux which was built in to the sheer mountain face for defensive purposes. The village was built over 1000 years ago and was eventually abandoned when the constant battles of medieval France came to an end. Today, the village has been settled again but as you wander the sleepy streets you will see no real signs of modernity and the ghost-town feeling still lingers. Oppède le Vieux is a lovely place to meander around, you can visit the churches, castle ruins and the old town walls before enjoying dinner al-fresco in the tranquil square.

If you love spending time in nature then this is a fantastic place for you to stay. The Luberon parkland is vast and diverse and you can do lots of different outdoor activities here including kayaking, hiking, walking, paragliding and horse riding all while soaking in the staggering views. This landscape lends itself to slowing down and reconnecting with the natural environment and with each other as you look out for the 300 species of local birds and nearly 2000 plant species which are protected here. For the best views over the whole area why not head up Mourre Nègre, it is well worth the climb!

The Luberon is also famous for being home to a wealth of stunning hilltop villages. There are so many that you could visit one each day and never run out of things to see and do without having to travel far from the villa. One such village is Menerbes which is 4.5km away from the house and is a must-see village, classed as one of the most beautiful in all of France. The village has been inhabited since Neolithic times but became a thriving community in the medieval era and was defended by its citadel and huge walls. Today the village is a lovely place to stroll around stopping off for coffee at a pretty street side café. Visitors can explore the castle ruins, the clock tower and sample local truffles and wines. The village became popular with tourists due to Peter Mayle's book *A Year in Provence*, if you are interested in the author, you can also see his former home whilst here.

Another gorgeous place to discover is Bonnieux which is 16km away by car. The village is set on top of a hill over 450m high and is crowned by its church. The houses and shops wind their way down the hill from the church at the centre and look down over the rolling fields below which were often painted by



Impressionist artists. In the village you can see the 13th century walls, climb the 86 steps up to the church and even visit a bread museum before taking a break for a tasty lunch with a view.

If you would like to pay a visit to a busy city which is packed with museums and galleries then Avignon is a wonderful place for a day trip. This historic city is 35km away from the house and has plenty to see. You could choose to see the city while relaxing on a boat trip down the River Rhône or by taking a walking tour with a local guide. Alternatively, you could spend the day exploring on foot and visiting some of the key sights such as the Popes palace, the Pont d'Avignon bridge and the 12th century cathedral. Avignon should definitely make your itinerary if you are interested in art or history.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (28km)
Nearest Airport	Marseille (73km)
Nearest Village	Oppède (1.6km)
Nearest Restaurant	(350m)
Nearest Supermarket	Small grocery store/supermarket (400m/4km)
Nearest Golf	(8km)
Nearest Beach	Plage des Cabassons (48km)

What we love

- The villa looks down over the village of Oppède and the beautiful Luberon mountain range
- Maison Pepin is a great family home with an open-plan living space and four comfortable bedrooms
- The leafy garden has an inviting private pool which is enveloped by panoramic mountain views
- Guests can walk to the nearby bakery and restaurants with ease

What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms is set on the ground-floor which is useful for if any of your group struggle with stairs.
- The first floor bathroom has a separate WC on the same floor.
- Though the home is in a village setting, we recommend bringing a car to visit other towns and villages nearby. There is private parking available for guests.
- 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.

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: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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