L'Oustal Des Fleurs

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

As you first enter the former winegrower's house through the stone archway you catch a glimpse of the white wooden shutters, flower-filled pots and green foliage climbing the thick stone walls – instantly, you know that you have arrived somewhere special and that your authentic French village holiday has begun.

L'Oustal des Fleurs is an elegant 19th-century '*Maison de Maître*' in a traditional Languedoc village known for its wine. Yet the setting couldn't feel more peaceful and rural, with a lovely flower-filled garden, pretty patio and terraces and the sound of birds in the trees. Hammocks, loungers, dining tables under shady trees, colourful flowers and a stone barbecue create a little natural haven for relaxing and dining outdoors.

Indoors, this traditional house has been tastefully restored and decorated by its charming owner who is a talented interior designer. Many period features have been preserved, such as wood panelling, fireplaces and terracotta floors, whilst creating a spacious and inviting home combining period furniture, modern comforts and personal touches. There is an authentic sense of rustic charm throughout that guests truly appreciate.

Guests usually while away the time relaxing in the garden or swimming pool or strolling to the village for coffee and croissants. On more active days, they head to Lac Jouarres only 2 km away for stunning scenery, boating, fishing and windsurfing. Alternatively, just a one-minute walk away is a delightful park with tennis courts, pond, wildlife, rose garden and children's play area.

L'Oustal des Fleurs is a unique and very personal home offering rustic elegance and period style in an authentic village setting never too far from plenty of things to do and see.

Facilities

Great Value • **Recommended** • **Exclusive** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Indoor Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Games Room • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Fenced Grounds • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

- Large living and dining room with decorative fireplace and period furniture
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped. French doors lead to the garden
- Drawing room with fireplace, two large sofas and two Louis square back chairs
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom
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- Games room with professional snooker table, table tennis, plasma TV (bring your own games console) and several pieces of gym equipment

Outside Grounds

- Private indoor swimming pool (via lockable, sliding glass doors)
- Mediterranean courtyard
- Landscaped garden with plants, flowers and trees
- Shaded area for al-fresco dining (beneath two plaine trees) with outdoor lighting
- Large barbecue area
- Roof terrace above barn with village views
- Garden is gated with high walls
- Outbuildings
- Parking (one medium size car)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Plasma TV
- Snooker table
- Table tennis
- Gym equipment

Catering & Services

At Oliver’s Travels we pride ourselves on going that little bit further for our guests. From private chefs to babysitters we can help you arrange those little extras that make it a truly memorable holiday. Simply fill in the concierge request form or contact the Oliver’s Concierge Team who will be happy to help. We can typically help you arrange any of the following:

- Maid service/extra cleaning
- Private chef/cook/catering
- Welcome hamper/pre-stocked fridge
- Local day-trips or tours
- Airport pick-up/drop-off
- Babysitting / childcare services

Extras available at this property:

- Welcome Pack including snacks, cheeses, local olives and red and white wine
- Babysitting
- Maid service
- Bike hire (which can be delivered to the house)
- Housekeeper can help with local information and restaurant recommendations
- Beautician, massage, facials, & reflexology

Please note that all extras are subject to availability and must be requested in advance of the holiday (prices on request). Due to some rural/remote locations, not all services will be available at all properties. However, we will always do our best to fulfil your requests!

Location & Local Information

The sun baked Minervois region is bursting with history and spans Herault and Aude. It's filled with ancient Cathar villages and vineyards under wide, open skies.

The village of Olonzac is the capital of the Minervois and is lively and energetic all year round, and on Tuesdays hosts one of the best weekly markets in the area. The village has everything you'd ever need: cafés, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, bakers, wineries, butchers, doctors, a pharmacy, a hairdressers and more.

Only two miles away, the Canal du Midi runs through the village of Homps, where you can stroll along the banks in the shade of the trees or take a boat trip/hire a boat and relax on the water as you watch the world go by! The village of Minerve is only 20 mins away and has been selected as one of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France! Near the village the river disappears underground in a large, naturally-carved tunnel which can be explored by the more adventurous in your group.

Within the village there is a large artistic community and many of their workshops are open to the public. The Canal du Midi is an UNESCO World Heritage Site - this 360 km network of navigable waterways links the Mediterranean and the Atlantic through 328 locks, aqueducts, bridges and tunnels and is one of the most remarkable feats of civil engineering in modern times. Built between 1667 and 1694, it helped pave the way for the Industrial Revolution.

Lac de Jouarres lake is only 2km - it's worth a visit for the scenery alone, but you'll also find opportunities for boating and wind surfing on its shores. During the summer season, the lake has lifeguards and there is a restaurant/snack bar and sun-loungers for public use. You can walk the perimeter of the lake in just over an hour, and the swimming area has been prepared using pebbles and geotextiles to prevent weed growth. The sailing areas are away from the bathing area, so there's no need to worry about the two activities overlapping! In the summer season, a range of surf board courses is on offer in the sailing area.

Further afield, there's plenty to see and do thanks to range of opportunities for day trips. Narbonne and Valras beach in Beziers are only 35 minutes away. During the summer there is a childrens adventure park and fairground rides just by the harbour in Valras Plage as well as lots of restaurants, boutiques and ice-cream stalls. Narbonne Plage carries the European Blue Flag and has 5km of fine sand with plenty of sporting activities such as sailing, beach volleyball, jet-skiing, sand yachting, catamaran or sea kayak. There is also lots

of entertainment in the summer such as evening markets, open-air shows and traditional festivals.

Try a day in Montpellier, Carcassonne, Nîmes or Toulouse or explore the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean coast to discover ancient castles and picturesque villages that have been untouched by time. Walking and cycling are very popular in the Montagne Noire thanks to the rich diversity of wildlife and scenery. And if you really want to travel, the Spanish border is only an hour and a half away!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (42km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (62km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Aéroport Sud de France Perpignan (87km)**
Nearest Village	**Olonzac (In the village)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Olonzac (Short walk)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Supermarché Casino (Within 1km)**
Nearest Town	**Lézignan-Corbières (12km)**
Nearest City	**Narbonne/Carcassonne (30km/36km)**
Nearest Beach	**Gruissan Plage (48km)**
Nearest Tennis	**In the village (Short walk)**

What Oliver loves…

- This former wine maker's house is in a charming village with plenty of traditional cafés, restaurants and shops just a stone’s throw away and yet it remains beautifully tranquil and feels like a countryside setting.
- Enjoy the view of the church from the pretty garden patio whilst sipping a glass of the lovely wine, produced in the same village.
- This traditional village house and it’s pretty garden are picture perfect - guests are treated to a spacious, well-equipped and rustic home which has been beautifully decorated by the talented owner who is an interior designer.
- The covered swimming pool means that enjoying the pool is guaranteed at all times - it can be also heated for a supplement.
- Enjoy two bottles of wine on arrival, compliments of the owner.

What you should know…

- Please note that the plasma TV in the game room is not connected to the satellite.
- Beautician, massage, facials, & reflexology are available at the property, available by appointment.
- There is space for only one car within the grounds, however there is plenty of free parking outside and in the village.
- The housekeeper lives 3 cottages away from the property and can try and help you with any requests you may have.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1,000 charged to clients' credit card prior to the arrival and refunded within 2 weeks after departure, subject to full damage inspection.

- Arrival time: 4.30 p.m.

- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.

- 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.

- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.

- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.

- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.

- Changeover day: Saturday.

- Minimum stay: 7 nights.

- Pool heating charge?: Extra €350 approximately, payable locally and must be requested at least 10 days in advance. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- Heating costs included?: Yes.

- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- 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: Beautician, massage, facials, & reflexology are available at the property, available by appointment.