

La Vieille Maison d'Art

Region: Avignon Sleeps: 16

Overview

La Vieille Maison d'Art is a 600-year old traditional stone Maison de Maître just a few steps away from the River Rhône, where peaceful riverside walks await.

It's in a small, tranquil village right in the centre of the 'Golden Triangle' between Nîmes, Arles, and Avignon. The village, with its handful of cafes and a small boulangerie, dates back to medieval times and still has tiny streets once suitable for horses rather than cars, offering a peaceful setting, perfect for experiencing true Provençal village life. This is a beautiful and historic area that has been famous for its culture since pre-Roman times and boasts local food markets, museums and the Camargue only a 30-minute drive away.

The renovation has been sympathetic and calculated; simple and preserving most of the original features and materials, which create a 'step back in time' full of character and charm. Stone floors and walls, old fireplaces and doors, large wooden beams and an eclectic mix of artwork and antique and vintage furniture. The house has various drawing rooms, a library, a 'chapel room', a dining room that can seat up to 60 people and a rustic, but well-equipped kitchen. The bedrooms, in keeping with a traditional French manor house, have high ceilings, large traditional windows and old style shutters.

Outdoors, courtyards, terraces and a salt-water plunge pool provide spaces for relaxing and for al fresco lunches.

La Vieille Maison d'Art marries history and nature in beautiful Provence and provides a truly unique experience and place to stay.

Facilities

Quirky • Easy By Train • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Bicycles Provided • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace • Chapel on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Fenced Grounds • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Stalking/Hunting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



Interior & Grounds

La Vieille Maison d'Art has a maximum capacity of 16 guests: 14 adults and 2 children.

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- 3 large entrance halls
- Fully equipped kitchen with large gas oven and hobs, coffee machine, fridge/freezer, wood burner, cookery books and large table for 10 guests
- Utility room with two washing machines, large tumble dryer, dishwasher, iron and ironing board, fridge, freezer and second oven
- Dining room for 60 guests
- Small chapel room
- Double bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Guest WC

First Floor

- 3 Double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms each with shower/bath, wash basin and WC
- Study with printer and scanner
- Library with English literature
- TV room with Apple TV, DVD player and DVD library
- Large sitting room with comfortable sofas and wood burner
- Second large sitting room with sofas and a writing table

Second Floor

- 2 Double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with shower/bath, wash basin and WC
- Sitting room
- Dormitory with two single beds and a child's single bed
- Playroom with two single beds, board games and children's games
- Family bathroom with shower/bath, 3 wash basins and WC (shared between the playroom and the dormitory)

Outside Grounds

Main Courtyard (20x20m)

- Outside breakfast table
- Large outside dining table for 14 guests
- Bamboos and plants for shade



- Sunny corners and parasols for shade
- Outside WC

Pool Courtyard

- Private square salt-water swimming pool (size: 4x4m / depth: 3m) with security alarm
- Poolside terrace
- Lunch table with 4 chairs
- 6 Sun loungers

Side Courtyard

- Cool and shady area perfect for escaping the summer heat with a good book

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Apple TV
- DVD player and DVD library
- Hairdryer in each bedroom
- Boules
- Two children's bicycles and four adult bicycles
- Board Games
- Two washing machines
- Tumble dryer
- Dishwasher
- Gated grounds
- Charcoal portable bbq
- Adult and Children's books

Location & Local Information

La Vieille Maison d'Art is perfectly located on the left bank of the Rhone River in a tiny village boasting tradition, heritage, local produce and a delicious speciality sausage! It offers a simple selection of local amenities with a bakery, post office, local bars and a small supermarket, perfect for the daily essentials. From here you can enjoy a wonderful walk along the river to Avignon, watching the barges float by and collect wild thyme and figs.

Throughout the year, and especially during the summer months, the village hosts a variety of events and festivities including markets, feasts and the Camargue Races.

The surrounding area is abundant with castles, caves, mills and many other interesting sights for all the family to enjoy. Many of the local villages offer a selection of activities including horse riding in Lansac (8km), canoeing and kayaking along the Gardon River (15km) and wine tasting tours in the famous village of Chateau Neuf des Papes.

Notably, Avignon, is a must-see UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the well preserved old town protected by its ramparts and the 14th Century Palace of the Popes. The town is a wonderful day out with historical monuments, museums and churches to satisfy all your cultural needs. There are also many events, including the famous 'in' and 'off' festival which takes place every year in July.

Similarly, the towns of Nimes and Arles are full of history and culture with markets offering all the fabulous delicacies of the region including wines, cheeses and charcuterie, as well as the Montmajour Abbey and Roman ruins.

The Provence countryside boasts beautiful scenery ideal for exploring on foot or by bicycle. The towns of St Remy de Provence and Les Beaux de Provence offer the charm and beauty of true Provençal life, with winding streets and pavement cafes with many boutiques and treats for all to indulge in and enjoy.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nimes / Montpellier / Marseilles (32km-35mins / 89km-1h9mins / 103km-1h10mins)
Nearest Ferry Port	Marseilles (103km-1h19mins)
Nearest Village	(2mins walk)



Nearest Town/City	Tarascon / Avignon (6km-10mins / 20km-23mins)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(4mins walk)
Nearest Supermarket	(3mins walk or 16km-20mins drive)
Nearest Shop	(3mins walk)
Nearest Restaurant	(4mins walk)
Nearest Train Station	Avignon TGV (20km-23mins)
Nearest Golf	Domaine de Manville (24km-27mins)
Nearest Beach	Plage Piemanson (70km-1h)
Nearest Tennis	(4mins walk)

What Oliver loves...

- The experience of staying in a large, 600-year old traditional French *maison de maître*
- Peaceful riverside walks on the doorstep – you can watch barges float past or pick wild thyme and wild figs that grow by the river
- The riverside walking path goes all the way to great castle town of Tarascon (about 6km) or Avignon (about 20km)
- Plenty of extra services are available like guided visits, art and cookery classes, yoga and even a shopping service for artist's supplies
- Local wine and olive oil is available for sale at the house
- Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is only a 15-minute drive away

What you should know...

- Parking is just outside the property and guests' bags will be delivered using a trolley system
- The villa sleeps up to 16 guests, as 14 adults and 2 children

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 16.00
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Bed linen & bath towels provided. Emergency extra sheets available if required.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply.
- Changeover day: Saturday. Other days on request only & may be subject to a charge.
- 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (all other durations on request only).
- Other Ts and Cs: Maximum Capacity: 16 adults + 2 children.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before their arrival.
- Insurance: Clients shall provide a copy of his/her travel insurance prior to access to the property.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.