

Domaine Monet

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 10 - 14

Overview

The landscapes of Luberon are as beautiful as a Monet painting full of the colour and light of the changing seasons. Surrounded by cherry orchards blossoming in spring, hills ablaze with summer lavender and ripening vines in the autumn, Domaine Monet is a picture-perfect home in the heart of this captivating region.

Domaine Monet has been a labour of love for its dedicated owner who moved to France with her two young children some time ago and who was inspired to write about her life experiences in two published books. She has a keen eye for detail and her passion for the domain can be seen in what she has created and how she lovingly looks after this wonderful home.

Sleeping up to fourteen guests in total, there is a main villa with five charmingly styled bedrooms plus a 2-bedroom air-conditioned cottage, both set in the beautifully landscaped gardens.

The main villa, with its characterful grey shutters, is full of light with an elegant living room and vast kitchen-diner both with sliding windows leading straight out onto the exquisite garden. Each of the peaceful bedrooms has been styled individually, many featuring contemporary as well as antique furnishings and every room also has its own modern bathroom. Outside there are spacious terraces wonderfully furnished for relaxing, chatting and drinking local wine with friends as you appreciate the Provençal surroundings.

The charming cottage is set just 70 metres away, a two-storey home with a lovely living room leading out to an al-fresco terrace, a brilliantly equipped kitchen and two bedrooms under the eaves upstairs. It's set just by one of the two magnificent koi carp ponds where three of the carp are over 65 years old.

Each of the houses has their own salt-water pool, meaning that guests have exclusive access to two swimming pools during their stay. Beautifully maintained, each pool has sun-loungers on the terrace or by the manicured grass and there are two barbecues for al-fresco dining at its best. There's a marvellous summer kitchen by the larger pool, perfectly equipped including a little fridge filled with soft drinks for guests to enjoy.

The extensive gardens are a pure delight, filled with the summer scents of lavender and roses alongside an olive grove, where the owner produces her own oil which is included in your welcome basket. There are glorious views



and you are surrounded by cherry orchards, vineyards and the Luberon hills. In the evening, as you relax outside on the romantically lit terrace all you can hear are the relaxing sounds of cicadas, frogs and birds. This is a really special place in an enchanting part of Provence.

There's a restaurant and bar in a little village just 3km away which the more energetic could even walk to or drive just five-minutes to reach a historic Luberon hilltop village with wonderful restaurants, a *boulangerie* and a lovely weekly market. Cherries and truffles are a local speciality and if you are a lover of fine foods then don't miss the excellent Farmer's market in nearby Apt on a Saturday morning with all sorts of regional offerings.

Other archetypal Provençal villages within a short drive include Roussillon and Gordes, two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' as well as Bonnieux and Lacoste. The historical cities of Avignon and Aix-en-Provence are also just an hour away whilst antique lovers should not miss the famous Sunday morning *brocante* at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue.

Or simply spend your time following the many walking and cycling trails across the landscapes of the Luberon. This is a truly fabulous place so perfect for guests wishing to capture the essence of authentic Provence.

Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Main Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living room with satellite TV with sliding doors
 - Open-plan fully-equipped kitchen-diner with a dining table for up to 12 guests and sliding doors
 - Bedroom with double bed (160cm) and outdoor seating area with chairs.
- Ensuite shower room with WC and dressing room
- Separate laundry room with washing machine and second fridge

First Floor

- Bedroom with double/twin bed (180x200 or twins 90x200cm) and ensuite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), dressing room and ensuite bathroom with shower, round bath, WC and dressing room
- Bedroom with double/twin bed (180x200 or twins 90x200cm) and ensuite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm) and ensuite shower room with WC

Cottage Interior (120m², located 70m from main house)

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with Satellite TV. Doors opening out to shaded al-fresco terrace area with BBQ
- Fully-equipped kitchen including oven, gas cooker, microwave, kettle, coffee maker, dishwasher and fridge-freezer
- Shower room with WC and washing machine

First Floor (with sloping ceilings)

- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), south-facing
- Twin bedroom with two large single beds (120cm each), north-facing
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds

- Salt-water swimming pool by main house (9.5mx4.5m, depth 1.5m) with floating safety pool shutter and maintenance pool robot when needed. Open 15th May to 15th September
- Summer kitchen with large fridge, oven, dishwasher and small fridge with soft drinks



- Second salt-water swimming pool by cottage (8mx4m, depth 1.5m) with safety pool shutter maintenance pool robot when needed. Heated up to 28C in May, June and September via a heat exchanger. Open 15th May to 30th September
- Poolside seating and sun-loungers by both pools
- Al-fresco relaxing/dining areas by each house
- Two BBQs (including Weber Gas BBQ)
- Table tennis
- Trampoline
- Landscaped grounds (10,000m2)
- Two large unfenced ponds, one including a cascade (on a timer)
- Canal
- Gated parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (cottage)
- Underfloor heating/cooling system (main house)
- Satellite TV in each house (English and French channels)
- Fans in each bedroom
- Table tennis
- Trampoline
- Games/tents and pool toys available on request for children
- Washing machines

Location & Local Information

Domaine Monet is set in glorious grounds, featuring two large koi carp ponds and a canal. Here you are surrounded by vineyards, olive groves and cherry orchards, farming land so typical of this region. This is the heart of the incredible Luberon with breath-taking scenery and idyllic Provençal villages and towns.

It's only 3km (a short drive or leisurely walk) to a small village with a restaurant and a bar as well as a 9-hole golf course. Slightly further north is a historical hilltop village, 4km away, where the local specialities include cherries and truffles. Here you will find exquisite architecture ranging from medieval times to the 19th century and there are some lovely restaurants and *boulangeries*. Don't miss the Tuesday morning market!

In the height of the summer the surrounding hills are ablaze with lavender and the scent is divine! The owner has written an excellent guide on the area – she started it in 2000 when she moved to the village and has been updating it ever since.

There are wonderful walks and mountain bike routes in the nearby area and horse-riding opportunities too. Bikes are available to hire in Apt and there is an excellent cycling route to follow between Apt and Coustellet, only recently completed. There are various hiking trails, including many of the well-marked GR routes, or you may just wish to wander through the local cherry orchards and vineyards.

The nearest town is Apt (12km) where you will find larger supermarkets and a brilliant Saturday morning market, known to be one of the best in the region, selling all sorts of wonderful local produce.

Roussillon (10km) is one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' due to its magical hilltop setting and maze of narrow winding streets and pretty squares. It's a place that has always been much loved by artists and you will be able to explore the lovely galleries and boutiques the village has to offer as well as follow an art trail. The local gastronomy is divine as well so make sure you try out one of the regional restaurants.

You are also within close driving distance of the archetypal Provençal villages of Bonnieux (18km), Lacoste (19km) and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes (18km), another one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

You can kayak or canoe along the Sorgue near L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (37km), a town which is also a must-see also for antique lovers with its weekly *brocante* on a Sunday morning as well as hundreds of antique traders across the town.



There are climbing opportunities near Buoux (16km), a tiny village with a castle not to be missed and now a mecca for rock-climbing.

Wine lovers will appreciate all the amazing wineries in the local area whilst more family friendly activities in the region include tree-top activity centres, a zoo about an hour away in Barben and a model railway 40-minutes away south of Carpentras.

Just an hours drive away is the capital of Provence, Avignon (57km), with a UNESCO World Heritage Site historic centre. Aix-en-Provence (65km), one of France's most beautiful university towns, is also a wonderful day trip.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon/Marseille (48km/90km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de L'Isle Sur la Sorgue/Avignon TGV (37km/59km)
Nearest Village	(3km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (3km)
Nearest Shop	Butchers/bakery (4km)
Nearest Supermarket	Apt (12km)
Nearest Town/City	Apt/Cavaillon/Avignon (12km/36km/56km)
Nearest Golf	9-hole golf course (3km)

What we love

- The welcome basket includes wine, home-grown olive oil and honey from the owners' neighbours
- In the beautifully kept gardens guests have two private swimming pools
- If you are travelling with children the owner will bring out her collection of games, tpees, tents and pool toys
- Three of the carp in the two ponds are over 65 years old!
- It's just a five-minute drive to an idyllic hilltop village with restaurants, a boulangerie and a weekly market
- Other archetypal Provençal villages nearby include Roussillon, Gordes, Bonnieux and Lacoste whilst both Avignon and Aix-en-Provence are within an hours drive

What you should know...

- The domaine sleeps up to 14 guests in total across the main villa with five bedrooms and a separate cottage with two bedrooms
- There is air-conditioning only in the cottage whilst the main house benefits from an under-floor cooling system
- Only the smaller swimming pool by the cottage is heated (in May, June and September only)
- The beautiful gardens feature a canal and two large unfenced ponds, one with a jetty. They include the estate's thousands of Koi carp, three of which are over 65 years old - children should be supervised
- In the summer a charming black cat lives in the garage

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1500 charged to clients' credit card prior to the arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 9.30 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes (underfloor heating in the main house).
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels. Pool towels are changed every third day or as required.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. Also, there is 3 hours of cleaning mid-week in the kitchen and bathrooms. Please note 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.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note only the smaller swimming pool (by to the cottage) is heated (up to 28C) and only in May, June and September. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: Both swimming pools are open approximately May to end-September.
- Changeover day: Sunday (other days outside July and August possible on request only).
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (shorter stays outside July and August possible on request only).
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: No. Please note a black cat lives in the outside garage in the summer.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: A/C is only in the cottage.