

Le Sommelier

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

Overview

A wine-lovers idyll, Le Sommelier is a grand *maison* offering character and a touch of romance set in beautiful vineyards in the heart of the sublime landscapes of Les Alpilles, only 2km from the picturesque town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

With charm and authenticity, this farmhouse has been renovated to make a lovely home which is welcoming and warm. The relaxed interiors offer comfort and character with traditional furnishings alongside modern features. Over three floors, there are five pretty bedrooms, each one featuring their own bathrooms including a romantic tub and some impressive Italian showers.

Outside it's so typically Provençal with a delightful shaded pergola perfect for lingering lunches with friends or long evenings under the starry sky with fine local wine and good company. The grounds are vast, featuring flowering terracotta pots, an abundance of shady trees and of course acres of vineyards producing many grape varieties. Wander to the lovely gated swimming pool, catch some sun on a lounger or cool off in the inviting water in this idyllic French setting.

You can drive, cycle or even walk to nearby St-Rémy where you can explore the winding lanes, admiring artists at work before dining in one of the many excellent restaurants. Other idyllic villages to discover in Les Alpilles region include Maussane, famous for one of the best olive oils in France and Les Baux-de-Provence, one of the country's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Arles and Avignon are also wonderful cities to discover full of art, history and fine cuisine whilst activity lovers can play golf nearby, ride horses through the varied landscapes or try rock-climbing. There are many cycling trails and of course this area has so many fantastic walks passing summer sunflowers, fields of lavenders, olive groves and vineyards. This is Provence in all its glory in one of the most captivating parts of southern France.



Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens •
Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to
Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Working Fireplace
• Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine
Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes
• Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (300m2)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen, fully-equipped including oven, microwave, American fridge, dishwasher and espresso machine)
- Living-dining room with TV, music system and piano
- WC
- Bedroom (22m2) with a double bed (160cm) with adjoining living area
- Bathroom with Italian shower (1mx2m) and WC (could suit guests with restricted mobility)
- Laundry room

First Floor

- Bedroom (14m2) with double bed (200cm) and private bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (14m2) with double bed (180cm) and private bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom (35m2) with double bed (200cm) and private bathroom with Italian shower and WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom (35m2) with twin beds (90cm each) and private bathroom with WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10mx5m) with safety gate and fence
- Garden lounge
- Al-fresco dining area
- Plancha
- Working winery with vineyards

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (except kitchen)
- TVs
- Music system
- Fitness equipment
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

Le Sommelier is set on working vineyards belonging to a family who produce excellent Vin de France wines with a tendency towards organic production. There are beautiful vineyard views from many of the bedroom windows and from the relaxing al-fresco terrace.

The location is in the heart of Les Alpilles Natural Park, around 2km from Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (a short drive or cycle ride away or keen walkers could stroll into the charming town). St-Rémy is well-known for its connections to Vincent Van Gogh, who created many paintings during his time here and you can visit the famous asylum at St Paul de Mausole during your time here.

Nowadays, many artists live and work in the town and you can discover their art in pretty galleries and boutiques dotted around the winding lanes. In the summer months, on selected Sundays, the 'Route des Artistes' fills with local artists showing off their work creating a wonderful and bustling atmosphere.

St-Rémy is also well-known for its excellent restaurants from down to earth bistros to Michelin starred establishments and there is also a lovely weekly food market on a Wednesday morning.

Indeed, this region is a delight for lovers of fine cuisine whether it is tasting some of France's finest olive-oil in the pretty village of Maussane with its two ancient olive mills or discovering some of the area's best restaurants from excellent pizzerias to high-end dining. There are of course many opportunities to visit wineries that are scattered across Les Alpilles, including just by your own *maison*.

This region is loved by hikers with many walking-trails for various abilities, passing the diverse and stunning landscapes of this part of Provence. Golf-lovers will find a range of courses across the region whilst there are horse-riding and ample cycling opportunities nearby.

Other idyllic villages and towns to discover include Les Baux-de-Provence (12km), one of France's acclaimed '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and Van Gogh's precious Arles (30km), both within easy reach. Gordes (37km) is yet another one of the many beautiful villages worth visiting with stunning architecture, set in the outstanding Luberon region with equally beautiful landscapes.

Just to the north of Les Alpilles, the small yet lively city of Avignon (22km) is an excellent day out with its winding medieval streets, excellent dining opportunities and two UNESCO world heritage sites, the Pope's Palace and Saint Benezet Bridge. The covered market offers all sorts of delights or head to the weekend farmers, flower and flea markets for wonderful local produce



and a bargain or two.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (20km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes (52km)
Nearest Train Station	Avignon TGV (25km)
Nearest Village	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (2km)
Nearest Town/City	Avignon (22km)
Nearest Golf	Domaine de Manville (12km)

What Oliver loves...

- There are lovely vineyard views and you can also see the stunning Alpilles in the distance
- The shaded pergola is the perfect place to spend summery afternoons relaxing in the gardens
- Try the wines produced from the vineyards surrounding you!
- The charming town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is just a couple of kilometres away, you could cycle or even walk there

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
- Air-conditioning is featured throughout except the kitchen
- The pretty pool is set just away from the actual house
- This is a working vineyard and you'll be able to try the amazing wines produced on site

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €3000 paid to the owner by bank transfer 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.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €150, paid locally. 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. Except July and August 2020 when minimum stay is 14 nights.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon booking confirmation.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy must be provided to the owner minimum one month before arrival.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.