

# Maison des Oliviers

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 8

## Overview

This bright, modern villa lies on the outskirts of a lovely village offering changing views of the mountains beyond. It's easy to relax here on the terrace with a glass of Mont Ventoux wine, walk a few steps for a dip in the heated pool, lounge in one of the deckchairs by the vineyards or just sit beneath the shade of the ancient olive tree.

The inside living space is bright and contemporary with sliding doors leading to a large covered terrace, pool and lawn area. The well equipped kitchen is perfect for preparing a Provençal feast for al fresco dining while the elegantly curved white stone staircase is just one of several interesting design features. Guests may have to draw lots to decide who has the downstairs bedroom opening onto the terrace or the large waterbed upstairs!

It's just a leisurely stroll or short drive to the local village with its pretty medieval centre with narrow streets and ancient stone fountains. The area is famous for its many hectares of forest and, of course, the famous Mont Ventoux which towers over the town to the north-east. There are plenty of places to peacefully potter and the Monday morning market is one of the most beautiful of the region with its festive and colourful atmosphere. On any of your local walks, you may well come across one of the last shepherds in the village, tending the sheep with his trusty dog.

The energetic holiday maker will be delighted by the opportunities for hiking, climbing, riding, mountain biking and tennis. Experienced bikers transform into cycling gods when they ascend Mont Ventoux, which has become legendary as one of the most gruelling climbs of the Tour de France cycle race. During the winter, the mountain is transformed into a ski-resort.

There are so many places to visit nearby. Carpentras is proud of its stunning architecture and there are walking trails and a wine circuit to follow. Vaison La Romaine earned its historic name in 1924 when excavations uncovered a wealth of Roman remains. Take the twisty little road through the forest to the medieval old town of Malaucène to Mont Ventoux.

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## **Facilities**

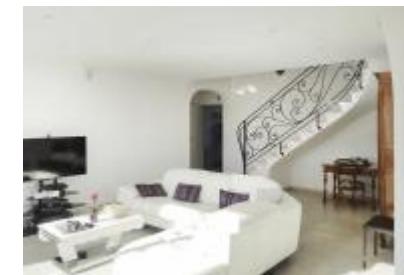
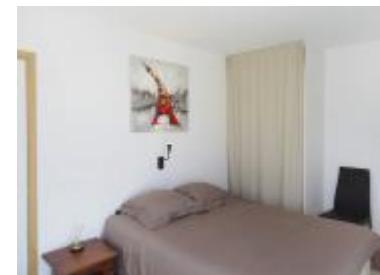
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Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet  
• Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ  
• Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis  
• Home Cinema • DVD • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) •  
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling •  
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &  
Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (160 m<sup>2</sup>)

### Ground Floor

- Spacious entrance hall
- Large open-plan living/dining area with doors to garden, terrace and swimming pool
- Open-plan kitchen well equipped with three induction hot plates, oven, dishwasher, microwave and freezer with doors to terrace
- Bedroom 1 with double bed (140 cm x 200 cm), shower and doors to terrace
- Separate WC



### Upper floor (with air-conditioning)

- Bedroom 2 with double bed (160 cm x 200 cm)
- Bedroom 3 with double bed (160 cm x 200 cm)
- Bedroom 4 with double waterbed (180 cm x 200 cm) and shower
- Separate shower and WC
- Separate WC



### Outside Grounds (2,300 m<sup>2</sup>, fenced and shared with two other properties).

- Heated swimming pool with safety cover (5 x 10 m, depth 150 cm, available from 01.04 to 30.10, heated from early April to mid-October)
- Pool house with shower and WC
- Terrace (100 m<sup>2</sup>) with terrace furniture and 9 deckchairs
- Pergola
- BBQ
- Table tennis
- Parking for two cars on the premises

### Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV and home cinema
- DVD player
- Air conditioning upstairs
- Secure room for bikes
- Washing machine
- Smoke alarm
- Electric shutters throughout the house

# Location & Local Information

Maison des Oliviers is situated in a residential area on the edge of a village in the Mont Ventoux region of south-eastern France. It enjoys views across both village and mountains from its elevated position.

Just one kilometre away, it's a lovely agricultural village consisting of several hamlets spread out over a large area, enjoying a clement Mediterranean climate and producing wine, asparagus and a variety of fruits.

There are plenty of places here in the village to peacefully potter; it has a pretty medieval centre with narrow streets and ancient stone fountains while the main road has terrace cafes, shops and plenty of activity. There are also some beautiful historic buildings to admire. The Monday morning market is one of the most beautiful of the region with its festive and colourful atmosphere.

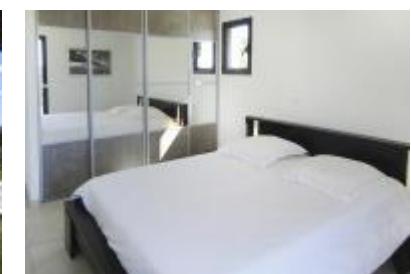
The area is famous for its 6,300 hectares of forest with a variety of vegetation and wildlife. The tourist office gives information about the many hikes available, one outing offering the magical experience of watching the sun rise over nearby Mont Ventoux, which towers over the village to the north-east. On any of your local walks, you may well come across one of the last shepherds in the village, tending the sheep with his trusty dog.

You may prefer to go climbing, riding, play tennis or hire a mountain bike for the many local cycle routes. Experienced riders transform into cycling gods when they ascend the biking trail on Mont Ventoux, which has become legendary as one of the most gruelling climbs of the Tour de France cycle race. During the winter, the mountain is transformed into a ski- resort offering both cross country and alpine skiing, normally with good snow cover between December and April.

When you are ready to explore further afield, take the twisty little road through the forest to the medieval old town of Malaucène (13km), close to Mont Ventoux. The old part of town is really lovely with tall townhouses lining narrow streets dotted with water fountains. Climb up to the Calvaire, a panoramic viewing site providing stunning vistas of the town and surrounding mountain ranges. If you visit one of the cafes or restaurants you may well see some lycra clad cyclists preparing for their ascent of the mountain.

North-east of Malaucène are Les Gorges du Toulourenc (24.5km) which run for about 30km to the small village of Saint-Léger (33.5km). You can take a walk along the river taking a dip in the pools en route.

Ouvèze, surrounding the ruins of a 12th century castle. On the other side of the river lie the fascinating 15 hectares of the old Roman town - the ancient



sites of Puymin and Villasse are viewed as being the largest archaeological dig in France. Vaison is also known as a city of art, with the Roman theatre hosting a variety of cultural events throughout the year.

Venasque (19km) is one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*, a charming and historically fascinating village perched on the edge of a rocky peak. There are a few shops, cafes and restaurants and the narrow, steep streets are decked with flowers throughout the warmer seasons. Make sure you sample some of the delicious local cherries if you are staying in the early summer.

Don't miss the lively city of Avignon (41km) during your stay, where you can explore its winding medieval streets, and visit two UNESCO world heritage sites, the Pope's Palace and Saint Benezet Bridge. The covered market offers all kinds of treasures and the weekend farmer's, flower and flea markets sell wonderful local produce.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon</b> <b>(48km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Nîmes</b> <b>(91km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare Avignon TGV</b> <b>(46km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(1km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(1km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour</b> <b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Carpentras/Avignon</b> <b>(16km/41km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Saumane</b> <b>(30km)</b>

## **What we love**

- The modern sleekness, brightness and comfort of this beautifully furnished home on the outskirts of a lovely village
- Wonderful mountain views, shade giving ancient olive tree, heated swimming pool and a covered outside terrace for atmospheric dining
- The fabulous forests, mountains and villages of the Mont Ventoux region offer so many opportunities for a wide range of activities as well as simple peaceful meandering in lovely places
- The impressive fortified city of Avignon, one of the major cities of Provence, is only 40kms away

## **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
- Whilst the swimming pool is for private use, the villa shares the extensive grounds with one other holiday home and the owner's house
- Air-conditioning is featured on the first floor only

## Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: Between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Other arrival times are on request only. Please enquire.
- Departure time: Before 10.00 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, excluding pool towels.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pool heating charge?: Please enquire for pool heating supplement. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are on request only.
- Other Ts and Cs: The pool is open from April to end of October, subject to weather conditions.