

Maison Alouette

Region: Ile de Re Sleeps: 12

Overview

Create memories at this lovely family home just a short walk from a sandy beach, near Les Portes-en-Ré in the north-west of this alluring island.

Maison Alouette is a true gem, not just because of its quiet setting near the pine forest backed beach, but also due to its welcoming ambience. Step inside and appreciate the spacious interiors of the main house with its open-plan living space, light-filled dining area and traditional kitchen with everything you may need. Pretty touches create a warm and homely abode and wide windows frame the beautiful garden views.

There are four bedrooms in the main house, two delightful en suite doubles and two pretty twins that share a shower room. Wander across the patio to an annexe with a second living area and small kitchen as well as two further bedrooms, each with their own shower room. This set-up makes the home ideal for a holiday with extended family or a small group of friends wanting to appreciate the *maison's* charm and its wonderful location.

The mature gardens are a joy with century-old trees, picturesque terraces and a covered al-fresco dining area and barbecue. There is lots of space for children to run around whilst you relax in the sun admiring the colourful flowers and plants. Step outside your home and a path will take you down to a wonderful sandy beach, only 400m away.

As well as scenic sandy shores and a beachside restaurant so close, you are also near a nine-hole golf course as well as a tranquil nature reserve, home to a number of migrating birds and wildlife. Hire bikes and cycle up to the pretty village of Les Portes-en-Ré with its flower-filled lanes and daily summer market or cycle further to idyllic villages across other parts of the island such as Ars-en-Ré, La Couarde-sur-Mer and Bois-Plage-en-Ré.

Hike through woodland, discover beautiful stretches of coastline and a wealth of watersports, ride horses on the beach and explore historic towns and colourful markets – the captivating Ile de Ré is the perfect destination for relaxed summer holidays in glorious surroundings.



Facilities

Recommended • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Beach • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips



Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors (220m2 across two parts)

Main House (split-level)

- Open-plan living room with fireplace and TV lounge
- Open-plan kitchen-diner and separate back kitchen, well-equipped with dishwasher, electric oven, ceramic hob, microwave, pressure cooker, fridge-freezer, toaster, cafetiere, electric kettle and mixer
- WC with sink
- Bedroom (20m2) with double bed (160cm) and bathroom with bath, bidet, sink and WC
- Bedroom (10m2) with twin beds (90cm each)
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- Shower room with shower and sink
- Bedroom (20m2) with double bed (160cm) and open-plan bathroom with bath, sink and WC

Separate Annexe (80m2, split-level)

- Open-plan living-dining area with fireplace and kitchen with ceramic hob, small fridge, dishwasher and microwave
- Bedroom (15m2) with double bed (160cm) and shower room with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (15m2) with twin beds (90cm each) and open-plan shower room with shower, sink and WC
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds (3000m2)

- Covered al-fresco dining terrace
- BBQ
- Sun-loungers (x4)
- Garden
- Swings
- Private parking (outside garden)

Facilities

- Internet access
- Telephone
- Heating
- TV
- Hi-Fi
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

In a quiet residential area, Maison Alouette is located in the north-west of the island, just south of the village of Les Portes-en-Ré, around a forty-minute drive from the 3km-long toll bridge that connects Ile de Ré to the mainland of France.

Step out of your gardens and join a path that takes you down to the beach, around 400m away. Backed by pine trees, this sandy stretch of coastline is beautiful. There's a beachside restaurant serving good food in an informal setting looking out towards the bay (book in advance) and if you stroll a little further you will reach Le Banc du Bûcheron where you can walk out far into the bay when the tidal conditions allow you to.

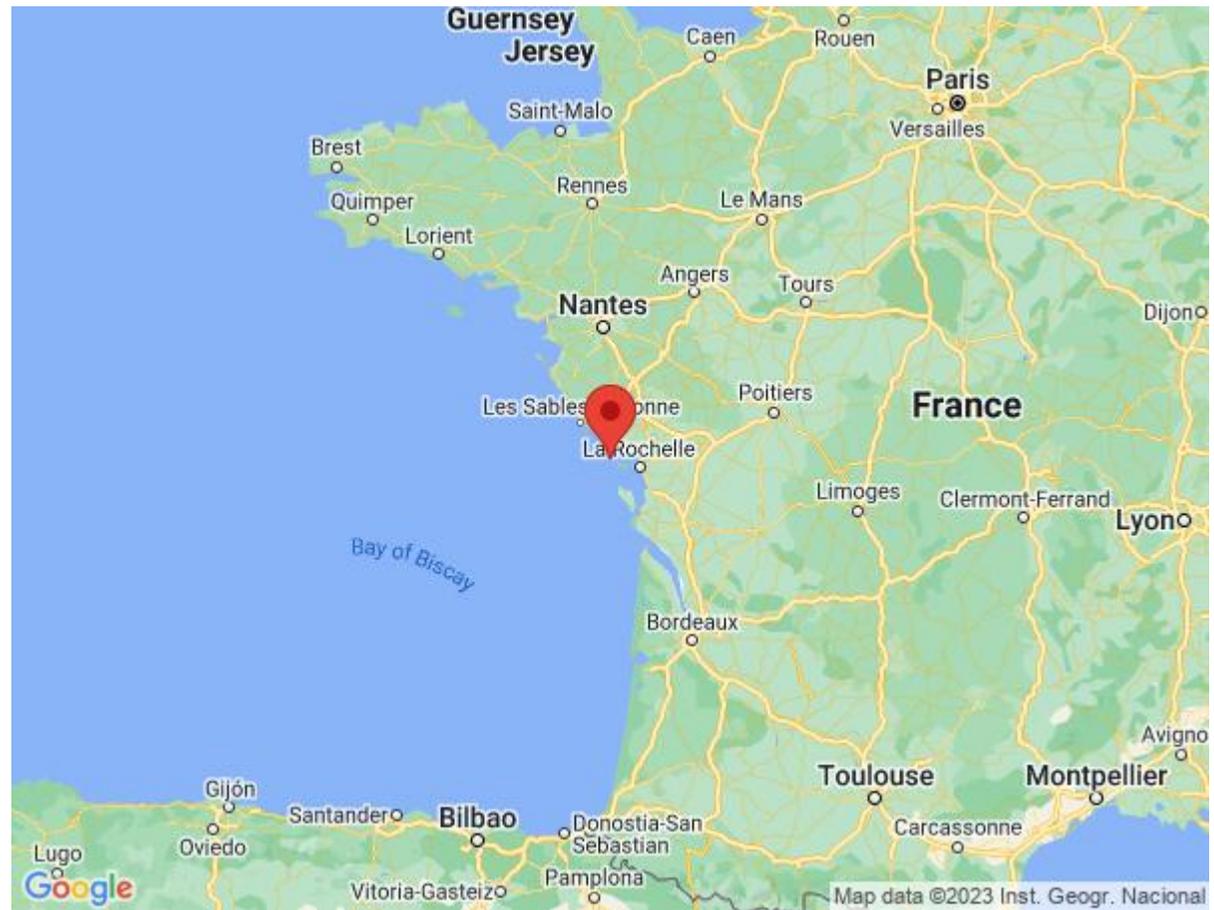
Most locals and tourists alike cycle around the surrounding area and island – the nearby Lilleau des Niges Nature Reserve is a great place to bike or walk, admiring the salt marshes and fascinating wildlife, or head north to pretty Les Portes-en-Ré, just 4km away. Here you will find both useful and charming shops (including a *boulangerie*, butchers and small supermarket), a handful of restaurants and cafes as well as a daily market in the summer where you can pick up all sorts of locally grown produce as well as the region's famous Trousse-Chemise oysters.

There's a place to hire bikes in the village as well as volleyball and basketball courts, a watersports centre on the main beach and tennis just a little further inland. An equestrian centre can be found a short drive or bike ride away and even closer is a picturesque nine-hole golf course near the nature reserve.

There is so much of the island to explore whether you are wanting to discover yet more idyllic beaches, hike through stunning natural landscapes or visit pretty markets in lovely villages and towns. Ars-en-Ré (11km) and La Flotte (30km) both host bustling markets and are classified as two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' whilst La Couarde-sur-Mer (20km) and Bois-Plage-en-Ré (25km) are delightful villages with outstanding beaches close by.

The historic town of Saint-Martin-de-Ré (27km), a UNESCO World Heritage site, is great for a day out whatever your interest with its fortresses, lively restaurants, lovely harbour and famous ice-cream parlour.

If you have the time, head back over the toll-bridge to the city of La Rochelle to discover its historic beauty, charm and relaxed ambience – be sure to bring back yet more regional treats from one of the many wonderful markets.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Aéroport La Rochelle (44km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nantes (182km)
Nearest Train Station	La Rochelle (50km)
Nearest Beach	(400m)
Nearest Restaurant	Beachside summer restaurant (450m)
Nearest Village	Les Portes-en-Ré (4km)
Nearest Supermarket	Les Portes-en-Ré (3.5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Trousse Chemise (1km)
Nearest Tennis	Les Portes-en-Ré (4.5km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Martin-de-Ré (27km)
Nearest City	La Rochelle (49km)

What we love

- A path from outside the home takes you straight to the sandy bay, just 400m away, as well as a beachside summer restaurant
- It's such a pretty *maison* with lovely homely touches and lots of room for everyone
- The enclosed gardens are beautiful with so much space for relaxing, al-fresco dining and barbecues
- Hire bikes and cycle to the nearby golf course, nature reserve and the pretty village of Les Portes-en-Ré with its charming market in the summer

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
- Two of the bedrooms can be found in a pretty annexe with its own living-dining area and small kitchen

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: A pre-authorisation of €900 will be charged to the clients' credit card upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection (this will also be used to cover any charges/excess not covered by the guests' insurance policy).
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. (late arrival fees apply)
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m. (early check-out fees apply)
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights except peak season when 14 nights. All other durations on request only.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request only.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €1- €4.60 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Insurance: A mandatory insurance policy which covers guests for tenancy liability and property damage liability during their stay is included in the rental price.
- 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 not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: Highchairs and cots are available on request.