

Maison Des Petits Galets

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 8 - 10

Overview

In a bucolic Provençal setting, surrounded by pines, truffle oaks, olive trees and lavender, Maison Des Petits Galets is a beautiful holiday home in the heart of the glorious Luberon.

Dating back to the 18th century, this former farmhouse has been renovated with such authentic style alongside contemporary interior design. Light floods in to the open-plan living and dining room with its high-end furnishings, Apple TV and Bose speakers. Sliding doors open out to the most characterful courtyard, a lovely place for al-fresco dining by the pretty fountain and olive tree.

The bedrooms are just as gorgeous, especially the king-size double with its high ceilings, elegant décor and luxurious free-standing bath. Each of the bedrooms has been individually styled and furnished and they all have their own shower or bath – the clawfoot tub in the downstairs double is another particularly lovely feature.

Outside, there's ample space to feast with family and friends and the relaxing swimming pool, which can be heated if needed, will delight all ages. Step through the little wooden gate and be greeted with views of the Luberon massif from the vast parkland surrounding the maison and its garden.

Just under 2km away is a beautifully preserved medieval hilltop village where you can wander around its steep narrow lanes and find a pretty terraced café for a bite to eat. Ménerbes is also a short drive away, another idyllic village surrounded by vineyards and cherry orchards whilst Bonnieux, Roussillon and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes are also close enough for a leisurely lunch out.

The Luberon also offers atmospheric Farmer markets selling all sorts of Provençal delights as well as captivating cycle and walking trails through woodland, hills, olive groves and fields of lavender. Seek out antiques in charming L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue or hire kayaks along the river near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse. Spend time visiting magical towns and cities such as Avignon and Aix-en-Provence, always returning to the tranquility and beauty of your historic Luberon home.



Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers
• Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport •
Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite •
Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Satellite TV • Heating • Cot(s) •
High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting •
Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes •
Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites •
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Interior & Grounds

10-person rate - 5 bedrooms

8-person rate - 4 bedrooms

Villa Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with satellite/Apple TV. Glass sliding doors open up to courtyard for al-fresco dining
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, microwave, stove, large oven, fridge/freezer and coffee machine
- Laundry room
- Guest WC
- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m wide) and open bathroom with bath, walk-in shower, two sinks and separate WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m wide) and open bathroom with shower, sink and separate WC
- Children's bedroom with double/twin bed and open-plan shower and sink

Courtyard Annexe Bedroom (accessed via external open-sided stone steps)

- Bedroom with king-size double bed (1.8m wide), air-conditioning, satellite/Apple TV, Sonos sound system and video library via Synology. Open en suite bathroom with bath, walk-in shower, two sinks and WC

Annexe Bedroom (accessed via external steps)

- Small bedroom with double bed (1.4m wide) and open bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x4m, non-chlorine) with safety alarm and can be heated when needed approximately May to October
- Poolside sun loungers
- Inner courtyard with fountain, olive tree and al-fresco dining area
- Shaded terrace with barbecue for al-fresco dining
- Garden lawn
- Vast grounds/parkland (beyond wooden gate) with meadow, woodland, olive trees and lavender
- Gated entrance



- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning (one bedroom only)
- Apple TV (own iTunes account needed)
- Satellite TV (French and English-language channels)
- 2 x Bose iPod docks
- Sonos sound system (in one bedroom)
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Maison Des Petits Galets has wonderful views of the Luberon massif from its surrounding land. It is situated just under 2km from a gorgeous village and within a short drive to other Luberon gems such as Ménerbes, Bonnieux and Roussillon.

The local village, a 5-minute drive away, features the ruins of an 11th century castle alongside many charming stone houses which have been beautifully restored. Wander around its narrow lanes and stop off for a coffee or something to eat in a café or restaurant. It really is an atmospheric place to explore.

Ménerbes (5km) is also within a short drive, another idyllic medieval village which was the setting for Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence'. Surrounded by cherry orchards and vineyards, its hilltop setting is magical and there are some lovely restaurants and cafes as well as a vibrant Thursday morning market.

Other glorious Luberon villages such as Bonnieux (8km), Roussillon (13km) and Gordes (16km) are all within easy reach for a wonderful day trip or head out on foot or bike to discover the magnificent landscapes of vineyards, lavender fields and rolling hills – no wonder this region has inspired so many artists and writers over the years.

Market-lovers should drive north to the historic town of Apt (18km) on a Saturday morning for its amazing Provençal market which is known to be one of the best in the region. L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (23km) is worthy of a visit on a Sunday with its brilliant flea market and little antique shops. The Sorgue is also a wonderful river for kayaking and canoeing, especially around Fontaine-de-Vaucluse.

Other fantastic days out in Provence include the historic city of Avignon (45km) and the beautiful University town of Aix-en-Provence, about an hour away. Gorgeous villages and towns can also be found scattered across Les Alpilles Regional Nature Park such as Saint-Rémy, Eygalières and Les Baux-de-Provence.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (36km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille (77km)



Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavailon (22km)
Nearest Village	Small village (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U et Drive (13km)
Nearest Town	Apt (18km)
Nearest City	Avignon (45km)

What we love

- Step through the garden's little wooden gate and be immersed in the surrounding parkland with meadows, dry stone walls, olive tree, swathes of lavender and truffle oaks
- The pretty courtyard, reached via the lounge's sliding windows, is a lovely spot for al-fresco meals by the fountain and olive tree
- The courtyard bedroom is especially impressive with air-conditioning, Apple TV, a Sonos sound system and video library via Synology
- Just 2km from a gorgeous Luberon village and also within a short drive to Ménerbes and Bonnieux

What you should know...

- During July & August only the maximum occupancy rate for 10 guests can be booked.
- When minimum occupancy of 8 guests is booked, certain rooms will not be available to guests.
- 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 or their property manager.
- Two of the bedrooms are separate from the main house, both accessed via stone external steps – please see the 'Features' tab for full details on the layout.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and 3 hours cleaning three times a week. 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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Pool heating charge?: Pool heating is included approximately May to October (when needed). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
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