

# Maison De La Bastide

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 16

## Overview

As soon as you catch a glimpse of the Art Nouveau façade of Maison de la Bastide, you will be captivated by the historic charm of this unique and beautiful home in the heart of Carcassonne's Bastide de Saint Louis, a short walk from *La Cité Médiévale*.

This *Maison de Maître* is a listed building protected by the *Bâtiments de France* and is of great architectural importance – indeed, it's recognised by the *Mairie* as one of the most significant houses in the city and has hosted many notable guests over the years.

Be enchanted by its heritage as you step through its historic doors into the gorgeously tiled hallway with light beaming through from the stained-glass window above the sweeping curved staircase, all original features of this 19th century home. Double doors lead through to the inviting lounge and dining area, there's a characterful kitchen to create feasts using the very best ingredients from Carcassonne's food markets and the elegant bar is waiting to be stocked with some of the finest wines from Pays d'Oc.

On the first floor, choose between the two graceful king-size bedrooms with historic touches, gorgeous en suites and doors leading out to a balcony overlooking the courtyard garden below. Then there's the two-bedroom suite with its wrought-iron balcony and lovely shower room or head to the very top of the house for two further en suite doubles and a charming 2-bedroom apartment, allowing up to 16 guests to stay across this magnificent abode.

The courtyard garden with its al-fresco lounge and dining area is the perfect spot for breakfast or an evening aperitif on warm summer evenings, before strolling out to the abundance of restaurants and wine bars scattered across your neighbourhood. It's just a 2-minute walk to Place Carnot with its café terraces and don't miss the bustling market three mornings a week to pick up a wealth of regional French delights.

Strolling towards the Aude and crossing the bridge, you will soon reach La Cité de Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of France's most visited attractions with its medieval architecture, museums, towers and historic ramparts – book a guided tour to make the most of your time or just explore the narrow lanes to your hearts content.



For a change of scene, hire bikes and set off along the wonderful Canal du Midi or look out for canal boat cruises through the city and beyond. Further afield leaving the city, drive to Cathar castles, Languedoc vineyards, picture-perfect villages and Mediterranean beaches.

You can even hop on the train to admire the rose-tinted city of Toulouse, handsome Narbonne or the pretty surroundings of Castelnaudary, passing undulating landscapes of the Aude region as you go.

## Facilities

Townhouse/Apartment • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Easy By Train • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1 hr to Airport • Hairdryer • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Cable TV • Heating • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Go-Karting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips • RWC-Toulouse

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interiors (450m2)

### Ground Floor

- Entrance hallway
- Lounge with TV, adjoining dining room and doors leading to garden
- Lounge with sofa and bar (to be stocked by guests)
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including range cooker with gas hobs, two electric ovens, fridge-freezer and dishwasher
- WC

### First Floor

- Bedroom suite with king-size double bed, doors leading to balcony/terrace overlooking rear garden, air-conditioning, coffee machine, mini-fridge and en suite bathroom with roll top bath and shower
- Bedroom suite with double bed, air-conditioning, coffee machine, mini-fridge, marble flooring (and 10cm step), doors leading to balcony/terrace overlooking rear garden and open-plan shower and WC with sink
- 2-bedroom suite, one with king-size double bed, coffee machine and small balcony, the other with double bed, coffee machine and Juliet balcony. Connecting bathroom with shower and WC

### Top Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed, coffee machine, small balcony and en suite bathroom
  - Bedroom with king-size double bed, coffee machine and en suite bathroom
- Top Floor Apartment (self-contained)
- Lounge area and small kitchen area with fridge and washing machine
  - 2 x bedrooms with double bed and coffee machine
  - Shower room with WC

### Outside Grounds

- Courtyard-style garden with raised terrace
- AI-fresco dining and lounge area

### Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (two largest bedrooms only)
- mobile air-conditioning units and floor standing fans available (for all street facing rooms)



- Fans (rear top rooms)
- TV
- Board games
- Washing machine

## Location & Local Information

Such a privileged location in central Carcassonne, just a 20-minute stroll from the UNESCO World Heritage site, La Cité de Carcassonne, Maison de la Bastide is a beautiful house in Bastide de Saint Louis, a neighbourhood of bustling restaurants, wine-bars, shops and some of France's most famous sights. If staying in July, look out for the Festival de Carcassonne and the Bastille Day fireworks which are some of the finest in France.

The train station is a 15-minute walk away with connections to Toulouse and Montpellier whilst Carcassonne Airport can be reached via taxi or airport shuttle. If you wish to bring or hire a car, there are various car parking options either underground (charges apply and check the opening times/days) or you could try and find a free space in various car parks across Carcassonne.

In the heart of Bastide de Saint Louis, within two minutes you can be at historic Place Carnot with its grand fountain, café terraces and bustling market on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Also close by is Les Halles showcasing the very best regional and gourmet produce, open five days a week, whilst there are delectable restaurants dotted across this part of the city. Carcassonne specialities include *le cassoulet*, pork *charcuterie*, truffles, chestnuts, regional cheeses as well as pastries and other sweet delights.

Wander towards the Aude river, cross the bridge and within a 20-minute walk you can be in the medieval city, La Cité de Carcassonne, with its 3km long ramparts, many towers and a warren of winding lanes. Explore to your hearts content, visit the citadel's museums, book a guided tour along the city walls and look out for events taking place from treasure hunts to historic re-enactments. As Europe's largest fortified city, no wonder it's one of France's most visited tourist destinations.

Heading back to the Aude, enjoy a picnic or stroll by the riverside at Parc de Camin del Garric or walk to the other side of Bastide de Saint Louis to Port de Carcassonne and the Canal du Midi. Cruise boats offer tours of the canal through central Carcassonne and beyond or arrange bike hire to ride along the tow paths. The keenest of cyclists can challenge themselves to follow tougher Le Tour de France routes across the glorious landscapes of the Aude and Tarn countryside.

For a fantastic day out, other attractions within driving distance of Carcassonne include the Cathar castles of Lastours and Montségur, the vineyards of Languedoc, idyllic villages such as Minerve, Lagrasse and Limoux or the beaches including Gruissan Plage and Leucate, both around an hour away by car. You can also catch a train to the rose-tinted city of Toulouse, taking just 45 minutes, or eastwards to the beautiful city of



Narbonne.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Carcassonne Airport (4km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (95km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Toulouse-Blagnac Airport (103km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Carcassonne Train Station (800m)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Local neighbourhood (Short walk)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Carrefour City (Short walk )</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Carcassonne (5km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Gruissan Plage area (75km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- In a privileged setting in the heart of Carcassonne's Bastide de Saint Louis, this protected Maison de Maître is architecturally exquisite
- The interiors are also beautiful – historic and ornate yet with modern comforts and a pretty courtyard garden
- How wonderful to be able to stroll across the Aude to La Cité de Carcassonne, one of France's most visited attractions
- Hire bikes and cycle along the Canal du Midi or enjoy leisurely strolls and picnics by the Aude riverside
- Spectacular day trips include Toulouse and Narbonne as well as idyllic villages and vineyards across the Languedoc countryside

## What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the two largest bedrooms only. Mobile air-conditioning units and floor standing fans are available for all street facing rooms, and fans are provided for the rear top floor rooms.
- Due to the historic nature of this unique house, children will need to take extra care on the curved stairs and balconies.
- If you wish to bring or hire a car, there are various car parking options a short distance away (charges will apply locally for some options and check opening times/days). Details can be provided before your stay.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €600 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: 4.30 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €150, paid in advance to Oliver's Travels (this will then be transferred to the owner). 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (June to September) or 3 nights at other times.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges as well as music restrictions. Stag/hen parties are not allowed.
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