

# Maison Bras

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 8**

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## Overview

If you are seeking somewhere to relax and enjoy spectacular views in the heart of Provence, then Maison Bras could be the answer to your dreams. With four gorgeous bedrooms, a contemporary open-plan living space and gorgeous outdoor area with a swimming pool, this is the perfect home for families of all ages.

Maison Bras is bright and modern with comfortable furnishings. The home has underfloor heating and cooling throughout and the pool can be heated too to extend its season. Here, you can enjoy open-plan living alongside magnificent countryside views from almost every space. The living area boasts a double height aspect creating a great sense of space. With a beamed ceiling, it is airy yet cosy with a sofa and accent chairs below. There is a large dining table with trendy hanging lights - perfect for evening meals together - and the kitchen is fabulous with top of the range appliances including an espresso machine, an island and an extra room with an additional fridge freezer. The living space opens to a large terrace, the gardens and the pool. Above this beautiful area is a multifunctional mezzanine which overlooks the living area furnished with sofas, a television and lots of stools. It's a great place for children to play or chill.

The bedrooms, bathrooms, guest toilet and utility room are all on the ground floor. The master bedroom suite enjoys a calm, romantic ambience and offers a large dressing room and a smart en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower and a separate toilet. French windows open to the garden. The remaining three bedrooms share a large family bathroom and another separate toilet. One of the rooms offers flexible sleeping arrangements as either a King-size or twin beds. Like the master, it enjoys French doors opening to the terrace and those spectacular views. With terrace access, the next bedroom offers bunk beds and a single bed and is perfect for children. The final bedroom has twin beds. The family bathroom comes with both a bath and walk-in shower.

With amazing views to the south, the terrace is a suntrap. You will enjoy wonderful al-fresco meals under a canopy, or perhaps breakfast at the other table and chairs under a tree. The pool is the ideal spot to cool down after relaxing on the surrounding sun loungers. To the other side is a beautiful lounge area, shaded by a giant parasol. Just like inside, the furnishings are all modern. The lower garden is an open field ideal for ball games.



This dreamy property sits a few hundred metres below the historic village of Viens and can be reached on foot within 15 minutes. Viens is a medieval gem, perched on top of the hill with fortifications and a backdrop of the spectacular Vaucluse and Luberon hills. The village was founded in the 12th century around a priory attached to the Abbey of Villeneuve-les-Avignon. You will quickly fall in love with its medieval streets and ancient houses, its imposing Chateau and Tour de l'Horloge, its warm welcome and its charming cafes. The village is surrounded by forests, agricultural areas and vineyards. Close by, you can visit Roussillon and a number of other Provençal villages and towns.

## Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interior

### Ground Floor

- Living room with a comfortable sofa
- Well-equipped kitchen with induction hob, oven, fridge-freezer, dishwasher, microwave, espresso machine, kettle, toaster and pantry with additional fridge-freezer
- Dining area with dining table seating 14 guests
- Utility room with washing machine, dryer and Hoover
- Master bedroom with double bed (160cm) with French doors leading onto the garden, large dressing room, en-suite bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and towel dryer (no WC)
- Bedroom with double (160cm)/twin beds and French doors leading on to the terrace
- Bedroom with bunk beds, single bed and French doors leading on to the terrace
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with walk-in shower, bath and double sink (no WC)
- Two guest WCs

### Mezzanine Level

- TV corner with sofas, pouffe and a desk

## Outside Grounds

- Heated infinity pool
- Sun loungers
- Pergola with large dining table
- Comfortable poolside seating area and large parasol
- Al-fresco dining table seating 6 guests
- Garden
- Barbecue
- Parking for 4 cars

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor heating/cooling
- TV
- Washer and dryer
- Iron







## Location & Local Information

Maison Bras is located on a hillside just below the charming village of Viens and both the house and village enjoy sensational views across the countryside. The old village ramparts are still dotted with square and round towers, the ancient Saracen tower now acting as a door. Viens' narrow cobbled streets lead you to the old 16th century Renaissance castle built on the foundations of the 12th century fortress. The village is sprinkled with noble dwellings including the Monier d'Arnard house and the Monier de La Quarre house. The town hall is housed in the old hotel of Pontevès dating back to the 16th century. An 11th century tower adjoins the site. The village Romanesque parish church of Saint Hilaire was built in the 12th century and then remodelled in the 17th century. There are old wash houses, a fountain, an ancient bread oven and a 16th century oil mill as well as lovely walks and opportunities for horse back riding or mountain biking.

Not far away from here, Roussillon with its magnificent cliffs stands proud in all different shades of ochre. If you walk up to the Castrum at the top, you will enjoy fabulous vistas across the valley to the Grand Luberon, the slopes of Mont Ventoux and the Vaucluse plateau. The quarry is the starting point of a wonderful 15km walk to the Colorado de Rustel quarry which offers a similar landscape and the fields on the approach to Roussillon are also a reddish orange hue due to the natural pigment of its ochre quarry. The main square of Roussillon is home to an excellent ice cream shop and a number of wonderful restaurants on the square. Roussillon boasts an interesting history and featured in the book 'A Village in the Vaucluse' by Laurence Wylie in 1957 when it was a very rural village which was referred to as Peyranne.

The characterful French village of Gordes is another Provençal treat. Gordes boasts pretty narrow alleyways lined with charming restaurants and cafes as well as an outstanding bakery and food stores. On the Luberon plain, the village enjoys superb views. Gordes is dominated by its wonderful church and castle. During World War II Gordes was mostly destroyed and the villagers massacred. The whole village was awarded the Croix de Guerre medal.

Gordes' Tuesday morning market is a perfect place to pick up local produce and a few souvenirs. In the basement of Gordes, you can make a magical underground discovery looking at the treasure of the Caves du Palais Saint Firmin, just a five minute walk from the castle. The cellars would have been used in the Middle Ages to house craft activities and it is still possible to see an old oil mill, cisterns and pipes dug into the rock. A small underground city can be explored with its carved pillars, stone staircases and beautiful vaulted ceilings.

You should also try and fit in a trip to L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, a characterful



market town that enjoys a brilliant array of restaurants, cafes, bars, boutiques, shops, antique centres, galleries and a fabulous historic centre. It is commonly referred to as ‘The Venice of Provence’ for its numerous canals but is also known as the ‘antiques capital of France’. Hundreds of stores and stalls are open every Sunday selling collectable bric-a-brac and serious antiques. The town also hosts an International Antiques Fair twice a year, at Easter and in August. Sitting on the Sorgue River there are many waterside restaurants and cafes and in August there is also a lovely floating market in addition to the usual Sunday morning market.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport       | <b>Avignon<br/>(62km)</b>                   |
| Nearest Airport 2     | <b>Marseille<br/>(87km)</b>                 |
| Nearest Train Station | <b>Manosque Gréoux-les-Bains<br/>(31km)</b> |
| Nearest Village       | <b>Viens<br/>(1km)</b>                      |
| Nearest Restaurant    | <b>Viens<br/>(1km)</b>                      |
| Nearest Supermarket   | <b>Viens<br/>(1km)</b>                      |
| Nearest Town          | <b>Gignac<br/>(10km)</b>                    |
| Nearest City          | <b>Aix-en-Provence<br/>(66km)</b>           |
| Nearest Tennis        | <b>(9km)</b>                                |
| Nearest Golf          | <b>(31km )</b>                              |

## What we love

- The modern interiors and open-plan living and dining spaces make it easy to spend precious time together. The mezzanine area is excellent for children wanting to play or watch a film
- The incredible mountain views that can be seen from the pool and outside grounds
- Maison Bras is just a 15 minute walk from the local village, Viens *local village*, Viens, and is ideally located for exploring other charming Provençal villages

## What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms has a set of bunk beds and a single bed, ideal for children.
- Please note that the two bathrooms do not have WCs. There are two separate WCs.
- Children will need to be supervised when using the open-tread staircase.
- 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.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 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: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.