

# Maison Yasmina

Region: Ile de Re Sleeps: 5

## Overview

Those with an admiring eye for rustic, unequivocally French styling will be immediately enchanted on arrival at Maison Yasmina. A masterpiece of authentic charm both inside and out, this hugely characterful three-bedroomed home welcomes up to five guests to the equally beguiling village of Ars-en-Ré.

You're humbly greeted by native flora, at a stunning arched entrance door that's installed within expertly preserved stone walls - themselves bedecked with climbing foliage and shuttered windows so synonymous with the island's authentic architecture. The delightfully offbeat furniture in the corridor beyond the front door is indicative of the imaginatively curated joys that await, inside this unashamedly sophisticated *maison*.

Your living space contains, among other delights, a range of comfortable seating. There's a large and dreamily comfortable sofa, its fabrics perfectly in tune with the monochromatic décor, along with a rug that invites romantic evenings in front of the fireplace and television.

The uber-chic rustic ornamentation, beautiful choices of fabrics and furnishings, as well as the intelligent use of space, are indicative of this remarkable home's owner having founded an interior design magazine. The inventive use of materials continues in the kitchen - solid wood and stainless steel offset by the whitewashed stone wall - with a magnificent range cooker as the centrepiece.

Two bedrooms with stylish en-suite shower rooms occupy the ground floor – one double and one twin room – along with a WC.

Climb the ultra-modern, yet effortlessly congruent, iron staircase, which leads to a choice of two additional bedrooms. A masterfully preserved free-standing bathtub and washbasin are showcased in the en-suite to the double room.

Expressive styling and intelligent use of space deliver a delightfully chilled outdoor living space, with a shaded dining table, sunbeds and quirky seating giving you some cool spots to relax throughout the day and evening in this beautifully planted courtyard.

With Ars-en-Ré classified as one of the '*Plus Beaux Villages de France*', Maison Yasmina is most certainly not out of place here. This delightful harbour village, known for its black and white spire that has guided sailors safely to the



small port for hundreds of years, is home to boutiques, galleries and fabulous restaurants. Alongside cycling enthusiasts who return to Ars-en-Ré in their droves each year, you'll have fast access to some of the most invigorating routes, making this a perfect base from which to explore the island by bike.

# The Telegraph

## Facilities

Villa/House • Quirky • Instagrammable • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (150m2)

### Ground Floor

- Lounge with television and fireplace
- Dining room
- Kitchen with range oven
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with two single beds (90cm), en-suite bathroom with shower
- WC

### First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), en-suite bathroom with bathtub
- Bedroom with single bed (90cm)

## Outside Grounds (100m2)

- Covered terrace with dining table
- Barbecue
- Garden lounge
- Sunbeds

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV



## Location & Local Information

Winding streets lined with green-shuttered, whitewashed houses, boutiques, galleries and a small but picturesque port all help to keep Ars en Ré on France's official list of plus beaux villages. The sleepy centre is gorgeous, with a huge stone church whose black and white spire serves as a nautical day mark. Take a relaxed fishing excursion or boat ride, or happily meander around side streets that feature boutique galleries, flower shops, artisanal bakers and so many delightful spots for photos. You'll find wonderful seafood restaurants and cafés, with seating in the cobbled village square, where you can relax and immerse yourself in the refined beauty of this historic town.

Located in the quieter southwest of Ile de Ré, Ars en Ré is a superb base for biking around an island whose sixty miles of mainly car-free cycling routes bring thousands of visitors back each year. Easy terrains, salt beds, oyster farms and marshland typify the local landscape, and a wealth of picturesque and varied routes across the whole island are quickly accessible from Ars en Ré. Hire bikes from one of the rental outlets in the village, then head out and explore the natural delights of this fabulous island.

One superb journey is the seven-kilometre ride north to Phare des Baleines, where if you climb the steps of the iconic lighthouse, you'll be able to see the black tip of the spire back at Ars en Ré, as well as enjoying spectacular views across the coastline and village of Portes en Ré. There are huge stretches of sandy beach here, fabulous seafood restaurants, and the chance to partake in some wave-enhanced summer watersports, or even a motorboat ride.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>La Rochelle Airport (32km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>La Rochelle (44km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>St Malo (353km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Ars-en-Ré (Within 300m)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Ars-en-Ré (Within 300m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>U Express (500m)</b>



Nearest Beach	<b>Near Ars-en-Ré (1-2km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Saint-Martin-de-Ré (15km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Trousse Chemise (11.5km)</b>

## What we love

- Packed with curios and unique furnishings, the bohemian vibe at this designer's home fits perfectly with the classy environment of Ars en Ré
- It is wonderful to be able to stroll out to Ars en Ré's charming shops and restaurants
- You're ideally situated here for access to the incredible cycle path network that brings keen cyclists back to Ile de Ré year after year
- Indeed, cycle up to Phare des Baleines and visit the incredible beach at Conche des Baleines, just 6km away

## What you should know...

- You'll have a choice of three beautiful bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, along with a cosy fourth bedroom with a single bed.
- If travelling with youngsters, do note that the contemporary-style stairs are open-tread.
- 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: €3000 charged to clients credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded 2 weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes (excluding electricity from October to April which is subject to an extra cost, payable locally).
- 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Changeover day: Saturday in April, July, August, September, part of October and over Xmas/NY. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 14 nights from mid-July to mid-August. 7 nights during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- 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.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: There should be no noise or loud music after 10.00 p.m.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.