

# Maison De L'Artisan

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

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## Overview

Swathes of summer lavender, trailing roses by white shuttered windows, agapanthus by the trickling fountain and olive trees standing proudly overlooking the swimming pool. All of this with stunning views of the Luberon hills – this is quintessential Provence!

Maison De L'Artisan is like a step back in time in the most beautiful surroundings. Close to the idyllic village of Ménerbes, made especially famous by Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence', this traditional stone mas is the ideal place to unwind and soak up the ambience of this extraordinary region.

The character inside is enchanting with wood-beamed ceilings and cool tiled flooring. The cosy lounge and dining room opens up to the pretty kitchen with its Smeg range and kitchen island, tastefully designed to respect the house's heritage with stylish contemporary touches. Beneath the sloping ceilings, find four bedrooms and three bathrooms across the ground and first floor including a spacious double with valley views and a delightful en suite with a clawfoot bath.

In an elevated position on a hillside, the vistas from the terraced grounds are wonderful. Dine al-fresco beneath the pergola, gaze at the views from the upper terrace's stone table and swim in the glorious swimming pool with incredible scenery around you.

Ménerbes is just a 5-minute drive away, one of the Luberon's iconic perched villages, surrounded by cherry orchards, vineyards and woodland below. One of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*', wander around the small village and admire its charming lanes, reserve a table at one of the restaurants with a terrace and pick up local delights at the Thursday morning market. Ménerbes' 16th century citadel is still highly impressive and there are some fantastic walks in and around the village.

Roussillon, Bonnieux and Gordes all await, as does the handsome town of Apt with its atmospheric Saturday morning market, the largest in the region. Elsewhere, discover the wines of the Luberon, seek out numerous hiking opportunities and cycle across the undulating landscapes with trails for varied abilities.

Beyond the Luberon, you could visit the art galleries of Saint-Rémy, the



UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon and the antique shops of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue or kayak along the Sorgue River from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse in this beautiful and enchanting part of Provence.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interiors

- Open-plan lounge with fireplace, two sofas and TV
- Open-plan dining area with table for 10 guests. Doors lead to shaded al-fresco dining area
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including Smeg range cooker with gas hob and electric oven, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, juice press and Nespresso machine
- Bedroom with double bed, valley views and en suite bathroom with bath, sink and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Shower room
- Laundry room
- Guest WC

## Upstairs (beneath sloping ceilings/wood beams)

- Bedroom with double bed (140cm)
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Shower room with shower and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool with safety cover, surrounded by gated stone wall
- Pergola for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue
- Upper terrace with stone table and seating
- Terraced grounds
- Fountain
- Parking (5 cars)
- Electric gate

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- TV
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer



## Location & Local Information

In the Vaucluse department of southern France, Maison De L'Artisan is perched on a hillside with glorious views of the Luberon hills, 3km from the gorgeous village of Ménerbes and 39km from the historic city of Avignon.

Ménerbes is one of the Luberon's iconic perched villages, set above vineyards, cherry orchards and beautiful scenery of Provence – the vistas from the village are incredible! No wonder the historic village, with its 16th century citadel, has been classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and is also well known thanks to Peter Mayle's '*A Year in Provence*'.

As well as a small handful of shops and places to eat in Ménerbes, there is also a charming Thursday morning market. Book ahead if you wish to dine in one of the gorgeous restaurants, especially La Maison de la Truffe et du Vin du Luberon. Wine-lovers note that Domaine de La Citadelle, just outside the village, is within easy reach.

Other stunning hilltop villages across the Luberon include Gordes (10km) and Roussillon (15km), two further '*Plus Beaux Villages*', as well as nearby Bonnieux and Lacoste. Coustellet (8km), home of the Lavender Museum, is a good place to pick up groceries at the supermarket and also hosts a well-regarded Sunday morning food market. Just under half an hour away, historic Apt (21km) is the place to go for its large Saturday morning market whilst Cavaillon, known for its rich heritage and melons, is only 14km away.

The charm of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (18km) also awaits with its little antique shops, waterwheels and Sunday morning brocante whilst Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (18km) is popular with hikers, outdoor adventurers and canoeing/kayaking enthusiasts. Indeed, there are ample walking and hiking routes, cycling trails, rock-climbing and horse-riding across the breathtaking and varied landscapes of this part of Provence and beyond.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon Airport (31km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille Provence Airport (75km)</b>
Nearest Airport	<b>Nîmes Airport (90km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (15km/40km)</b>



Nearest Village	<b>Ménerbes (3km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Ménerbes (3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Super U et Drive, Coustellet (7km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Cavaillon (14km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon (39km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Saumane (18km)</b>

## What we love

- Swathes of summer lavender, pretty roses, a Provençal fountain and beautiful views from the swimming pool – this is what the Luberon is all about!
- The traditional interiors exude warmth and character alongside little touches of contemporary style
- It's just a 5-minute drive to the perched village of Ménerbes, classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'
- The iconic villages of Roussillon, Bonnieux and Gordes also await or discover more of Provence by visiting Saint-Rémy, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue or Avignon

## What you should know...

- In this traditional stone *mas*, find the cosy bedrooms beneath sloping ceilings and traditional wood beams.
- 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: €500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- 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.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.
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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: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any other special events are not allowed.