

# Maison Eponine

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

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## Overview

Maison Éponine is a modern villa surrounded by captivating Luberon landscapes with breathtaking views from the swimming pool and terrace. It's lovely to be able to stroll to the traditional local village with its boulangerie, honey factory, ice-cream shop and a couple of restaurants.

Located around 16km east of Apt, the wild and rugged scenery dotted with lavender fields will enchant you. We love how this contemporary home still manages to exude Provençal charm and makes the most of the sensational outlook. Across the vast grounds, alongside the swimming pool and terrace overlooking the Luberon valley, there is a boules court beneath the dappled shade of the trees and a hammock for lazy afternoons. An authentic stone borie, where shepherds would have once sought shelter, adds to the character of this gorgeous garden.

Inside Maison Éponine we adore the chic open-plan lounge and kitchen with designer sofas and a Smart TV alongside a modern kitchen, stylish dining table and doors sliding open to the poolside terrace and covered al-fresco dining patio with barbecue. The master bedroom is also on this floor with a luxurious en suite bathroom (with an oval bath and walk-in shower) whilst there are three further bedrooms upstairs, all sharing another impressive bathroom.

Stroll along the country lane and you will reach the heart of the hilltop village in around 10 minutes. Dating back over ten centuries, time seems to stand still as you explore its medieval lanes coming across the old communal oven and *miellerie* (honey farm) selling all sorts of honey-based delights. There's also the usual *boulangerie*, grocery store and a couple of places to eat as well as a much-loved ice-cream shop with a great choice of flavours.

Keen hikers will appreciate the many walks through the wonderful surroundings with the Oppedette gorges and the ochre-landscapes of Rustrel both nearby, whilst less adventurous guests can admire the idyllic scenery from viewpoints. Head to Apt on a Saturday morning for the region's largest market and perhaps venture on towards some of the Luberon's iconic perched villages such as Roussillon, Ménerbes and Gordes.

Slightly closer to home, soak up the authenticity of the tiny village of Saint-Martin-de-Castillon, experience yet more magnificent vistas from Saignon and



try the summer cherries from Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt. Be inspired by Le Jardin de l'Abbaye de Valsaintes, gasp at the lavender fields and olive groves surrounding Simiane-la-Rotonde or simply marvel at the incredible views from your swimming pool terrace at this beautiful Luberon getaway.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Modern • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interior

### Main Floor

- Grand salon and dining area with sofas, library, Smart TV and dining table. Doors open to garden and swimming pool
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped with central island, oven, hob, fridge-freezer, microwave, food processor, toaster and coffee bean machine. Doors slide open to shaded al-fresco terrace
- Laundry room
- Office space with desk (beneath the stairs)
- Master bedroom with double bed (1.6m), door leading to poolside terrace, dressing area and en-suite bathroom with bath, walk-in shower and double sinks
- Separate WC

### Upstairs (via open-tread and partially open-sided stairs)

- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m), antique wardrobe and sofa
- Bedroom with double bed (1.6m), antique wardrobe and armchairs
- Bedroom with twin beds (90cm each, can be joined to make a king-size double), glass wardrobe and armchairs
- Bathroom with bath, walk-in shower and two sinks
- Separate WC

## Outside Grounds (4000m2)

- Swimming pool (12m x 4m)
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and armchairs
- Shaded al-fresco dining terrace (8-10 guests) and gas barbecue
- Boules court
- Hammock
- Authentic Provençal borie
- Shaded parking area (4 cars)
- Electric gate

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor cooling system
- Smart TV
- Washing machine and dryer



## Location & Local Information

Enjoying the most stunning views, Maison Éponine is in the Luberon region of Provence a short walk from a medieval village. This eastern part of the Luberon is wilder and less visited than some of the perched villages further west so you will benefit from its authentic charm without as many summer visitors.

Walk along the country lanes (no pavements as is typical in rural France) and you will reach the edge of the hilltop village in a five to ten-minute stroll. It almost feels like time as stood still in this 1000 year old village with its old houses, honey factory, ice-cream shop, grocery store and a couple of places to eat. Look out for the little Farmer's and artisan craft market on a Wednesday morning.

Keen hikers note there are some wonderful trails near the village, a fantastic way to appreciate the incredible scenery of rugged landscapes and lavender fields. Furthermore, the Oppedette gorges are just 6km to the north and the ochre landscapes of Rustrel are around a 15-minute drive away, another popular area for walkers.

Follow the winding road west towards Apt (16km) to experience the region's largest Provençal market on a Saturday morning. This handsome historic town dates back to Roman times and it is a joy to spend time there with its shops, restaurants, squares and fountains. It is also the capital of candied fruit and you will no doubt find plenty of places selling this local delicacy. There is a smaller local produce market in Apt on a Tuesday morning that is worthy of a visit.

Saignon (16km) is another picture-perfect Luberon village with spectacular views and close to lavender fields whilst even closer is the tiny village of Saint-Martin-de-Castillon (8km), also full of charm. If you wish to visit some of the iconic perched villages of the Luberon then Roussillon (29km), Ménerbes (39km) and Gordes (37km) can be reached within a 45 to 60-minute drive.

In the other direction is the Provençal town of Manosque (32km), known for its authentic beauty as well as its olive oil and wine production. Potter around its restored old town with pavement cafes and pretty houses and admire the views by walking up Mont D'Or.

The most adventurous of guests could continue driving on to Gréoux-les-Bains (46km) with its colourful Thursday morning market, as well as Lac d'Esparron-de-Verdon with its pristine water, lakeside beaches, seasonal water-based activities and incredible hiking opportunities.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Marseille Airport (88km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Nîmes (122km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Manosque - Gréoux-les-Bains (33km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Small Lubeorn village (Within 800m)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In the local village (800m)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery and grocery store on edge of village (Within 800m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Apt (16km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Apt (16km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Du Luberon (25km)</b>

## What we love

- The views of the Luberon landscapes from the decked poolside terrace are incredible
- It's lovely to be able to stroll to the 1000-year old village with its boulangerie, restaurants, honey factory and ice-cream shop
- This region is wonderful for hikers with its rugged scenery contrasting summer lavender fields. Furthermore, the Oppedette gorges are only 7km to the north
- Don't miss the Provençal market in Apt on a Saturday morning, the largest in the Luberon

## What you should know...

- If staying with youngsters, take care on the open-tread and partially open-sided staircase, designed in a contemporary style.
- 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: €850 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
- 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.
- Linen & towels 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: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any other special events are not allowed.
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