

Le Martinet

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 6

Overview

This jewel of a holiday home sleeps 6-8 guests and is found in the heart of an authentic medieval village close to the Cévennes National Park.

Dating back over 300 years, Le Martinet's restoration has been a labour of love for its dedicated owners over the last few years. They have brought this three-storey village house back to life with carefully chosen furnishings, modern fittings and works of art whilst respecting its great heritage. The three pretty bedrooms with king-size doubles feature air-conditioning alongside beautiful detail in the en suite bathrooms. Two extra guests can stay on an additional bed in the pigeon tower's reading room/office.

The gorgeous kitchen-diner and stylish lounge both have doors leading to the upper terrace with its summer flowers, herbs, swimming pool and decked terrace, a truly wonderful spot for warm summer days. There's the option for al-fresco dining by the barbecue and another table on the lower terrace near the wooden doors opening out to the street.

There's a lovely bistro just a short stroll away that serves small dishes and good wine with stunning views from its terrace. The exquisite town of Uzès, around half an hour by car, is home to several excellent restaurants and an atmospheric twice-weekly market that takes place beneath the shady plane trees. Look out for good local wine and olive oil alongside sweet onions and goats cheese from the Cévennes.

Hikers will love the close proximity of wonderful trails – Anduze, the gateway to the Cévennes National Park, is 19km away. If you are not a keen walker then hop on the steam train that runs to Saint-Jean-du-Gard.

Visit the vineyards of Sommières, Languedoc or the Rhône valley, marvel at the historic sites of Nimes and Avignon and canoe or picnic by the incredible Pont du Gard, just one of many UNESCO World Heritage sites across this captivating part of southern France.



Facilities

Quirky • Modern • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Teens •
Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to
Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Washing Machine • All Bedrooms En-
Suite • Smart TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Garage •
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (across three storeys, reached via steps)

- Living room with door leading to terrace
- Kitchen and dining area, fully-equipped. Door leads to terrace
- 3 x bedrooms with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom
- Pigeon Tower with office/reading room (and additional bed for 2 guests if required)



Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (8x2.5m, depth: 1.2m) accessed via safety gate (in lower part of the garden). Open approximately mid-April to end-October
- Raised herb beds
- AI-fresco dining table
- Lower courtyard (via steps) with dining table
- Barbecue

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning/heating
- Wood burner
- Smart TV with Netflix and Amazon
- Ironing board
- Washing machine and drying rack



Location & Local Information

In the Gard department of southern France, 47km from Nîmes Airport, Le Martinet is located in the heart of a charming medieval village close to the Cévennes National Park.

You could also fly into Montpellier Airport (70km) or arrive via TGV train from Paris Gare de Lyon to Nîmes with onward connections to Alès (12.5km), taking just over four hours.

The village is so pretty and authentic – wander down the narrow cobbled lanes, stop off for crêpes and coffee and dine out in the local bistro just down the road serving good local food and wine on its outdoor terrace. There are glorious views of the surrounding countryside and vineyards from the village's hillside position.

Soak up the charm of this region in the market town of Uzès (28km), a delightful place to explore with its historic architecture and enchanting twice-weekly market that takes place beneath the shady plane trees of Place aux Herbes on a Wednesday and Saturday morning. It is often regarded as one of France's most beautiful markets and gastronomic specialities to look out for include olive oil, sweet onions, goat's cheese, truffles (in the winter), good wine, honey alongside seasonal fruit and vegetables. Uzès is also home to a variety of excellent restaurants showcasing the best regional cuisine.

The towns of Alès (12.5km) and Anduze (19km) are both considered to be the gateways to the Cévennes National Park – Le Gardon River runs through both. Try Pélardon goat's cheese from Anduze's Saturday morning market and look out for the steam train that takes you to the lovely village of Saint-Jean-du-Gard. It goes without saying that the Cévennes National Park is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts with its hiking trails.

Elsewhere, visit the fascinating cities of Nîmes (35km) and Avignon (65km), canoe beneath Le Pont du Gard (40km) and sample wines across the Rhône valley, Languedoc region or around the historic wine town of Sommières (35km).

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Nîmes Airport (47km) |
| Nearest Airport 2 | Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (70km) |



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| Nearest Airport 3 | Avignon Airport (75km) |
| Nearest Train Station | Alès (12.5km) |
| Nearest Village | (In a village) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Village restaurant (Short walk) |
| Nearest Supermarket | (2km) |
| Nearest Town | Alès/Uzès (13km/28km) |
| Nearest Golf | Golf Club Ales Ribaute (12km) |
| Nearest Beach | La Grande-Motte (77km) |

What we love

- A stylishly renovated 300-year old house in an authentic medieval village near the Cévennes National Park
- It's such a privilege to have your own swimming pool and pretty terrace in the upper garden
- As well as a crêperie and upmarket restaurant, there is a charming little bistro in the village with the most beautiful views from its terrace
- Embrace the wonderful ambience of Uzès' twice-weekly market showcasing all sorts of gastronomic delights
- Other fantastic days out include Nimes, Le Pont du Gard and Avignon

What you should know...

- Le Martinet sleeps 6 guests across 3 bedrooms. Two further guests can be accommodated on an additional bed, if required, in the pigeon tower (a reading room/office).
- This three-storey historic house is full of character – be mindful of low doorways, uneven floors and steep steps as you appreciate its charm.
- Guests need to be able to manage lots of steps.
- There are two primary entrances to the house - the first, from the street, taking you up the renovated central staircase to the main living area of the house, and the second via the blue gates, which lead you to the lower courtyard.
- You can use the padlocked secured garage for parking (space for one small car) or there is free parking around the village.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000 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: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, changed once for stays over 7 nights.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of more than 7 nights also included. 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 Viistors Tax included in rental price.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately mid-April to end-October. 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. 3 nights may be possible from October to April, excluding Xmas/Easter.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, pets are not allowed in the bedrooms.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.