

L'Oustal d'Olonzac

Region: Languedoc

Sleeps: 8 **Bedrooms:** 4



Overview

This classically elegant 19th century period property will seduce you with its secluded walled garden and indoor/outdoor swimming pool and sunny terrace with sunbeds. Located in the wine producing village of Olonzac in the heart of the Languedoc, you'll find a great selection of cafes, restaurants and shops nearby. Tennis courts nearby. River and lake swimming. Situated almost equidistant from Béziers, Carcassonne and Narbonne this lovely house will make an excellent base for exploring the ancient and fascinating region of the Languedoc. Can supply an extra bed for a child. 4 bedrooms/3 bathrooms.

Would also make a great Christmas, Winter or Easter break. Longer lets at reduced prices also possible. Flexible stays of 5 days or more out of high season accepted (until late May).

Description

This classically elegant 19th century period property was formerly a wine domaine but will now seduce you with its secluded walled garden and indoor swimming pool. Located in the wine producing village of Olonzac in the heart of the Languedoc, you'll find a great selection of cafes, restaurants and shops nearby plus - naturally - the opportunity to taste some of the local wines.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about this lovely house is that despite being situated right in the centre of a thriving village, the house and garden are completely secluded and tranquil; almost no noise penetrates into the garden and you are totally un-overlooked.

This lovely property is ideal for those who want to experience rural French village life, but still want a choice of activities. It is situated in the centre of Olonzac but is remarkably private and secluded. In the summer, the garden is a bower of flowers that buzz with the hum of bees. Stretch out and relax in the wonderful hammock, or take a refreshing afternoon tea beneath the wisteria pergola. Upstairs is a terrace almost completely covered with fragrant jasmine and which makes another delightful spot to sit and enjoy the tranquillity of the location.

The large games room offers table tennis and snooker, there is a plasma TV just for gaming, please bring your own PlayStation etc and games. Nearby is a lake for swimming and tennis courts which means there's always something to do.

Just a mile away is the Lac de Jouarres - it's worth a visit for the scenery alone, but you'll also find opportunities for windsurfing, kayaking, boating, fishing and other watersports from its shores. This is also the nearest beach for swimming, at only a 25 minute walk away. For sea swimming, the Mediterranean is a 35 minute drive away where Narbonne Plage or Valras-Plage greet you with endless vistas of golden sand to play or relax upon.

OUTSIDE

The garden is ideal for children, with high walls and gates providing a great deal of privacy for the large Mediterranean courtyard and outbuildings. The landscaped garden has mature plants, flowers and trees, in particular two magnificent plane trees which offer lovely shade for eating outdoors near the large barbecue area - which looks absolutely stunning when it's lit up at night.

Sliding glass doors made difficult for toddlers to open lead from the garden to the indoor pool and on top of the barn you'll find a superb roof terrace with views over the village. Step out of the house gates and

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you'll be in the village!

Indoor pool with sliding patio doors to the garden gives you the best of indoor/outdoor swimming pool.

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Layout

The ground floor has a large, formal living room with a fireplace (not in use) and is filled with period furniture. The open-plan, fully-equipped kitchen has a spacious dining area and another comfortable sitting area where you can relax while waiting for dinner to cook. The kitchen combines olde worlde charm with modern appliances and there is a huge cooker - ideal for enthusiastic chefs who want to impress their fellow guests with their culinary gifts. French doors lead from the kitchen to the lovely garden, and a separate drawing room contains two very large, comfortable sofas, two Louis square back chairs and a fireplace. This "maison de maitre" is tastefully restored and decorated and furnished to a very high standard, with many original features remaining and elegant wood paneling.

Separate utility room for food storage.

Separate laundry room.

Upstairs:

Bedroom 1: Master bedroom - very spacious with 4-poster super-king bed and en suite bathroom with bath and WC.

Bedroom 2: King-size bed 200cm. En suite bathroom with WC

Bedroom 3: Spacious. King-size bed 200cm

Bedroom 4: Circular bed 200cm, specially designed for people with back problems.

Cots and single beds can be provided for children if required.

Bathrooms:

En suite with bath to master bedroom

Large bathroom with bath en suite

Wet room with shower and WC

Extra WC outside

More Info

The owner kindly provides a generous Welcome Pack on your arrival with necessary essentials to stock your fridge for the first day or so.

Maid services, cook, driver, translator or babysitting services available on request.

Parking for one car only but there is ample parking outside, in addition.

You may be able to hear church bells during the day.

Highchair and cot available.

The house sleeps 8 Adults (4 Couples) and there are 2 baby's cots, 2 high chairs and one single bed if necessary.

NB: For Christmas rentals, the owners decorate the house for the festive season. The pool and house heating is by fuel and guests need to request fuel for heating beforehand. They can pay the housekeeper on arrival.

Features

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Table tennis
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Private pool
- Heatable pool
- Secure fenced pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Games Room
- No pets allowed
- Spacious garden
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Location

The sun-baked Minervois region is bursting with history and spans the departments of the Hérault and the Aude. It's filled with ancient Cathar villages and vineyards under wide, open skies.

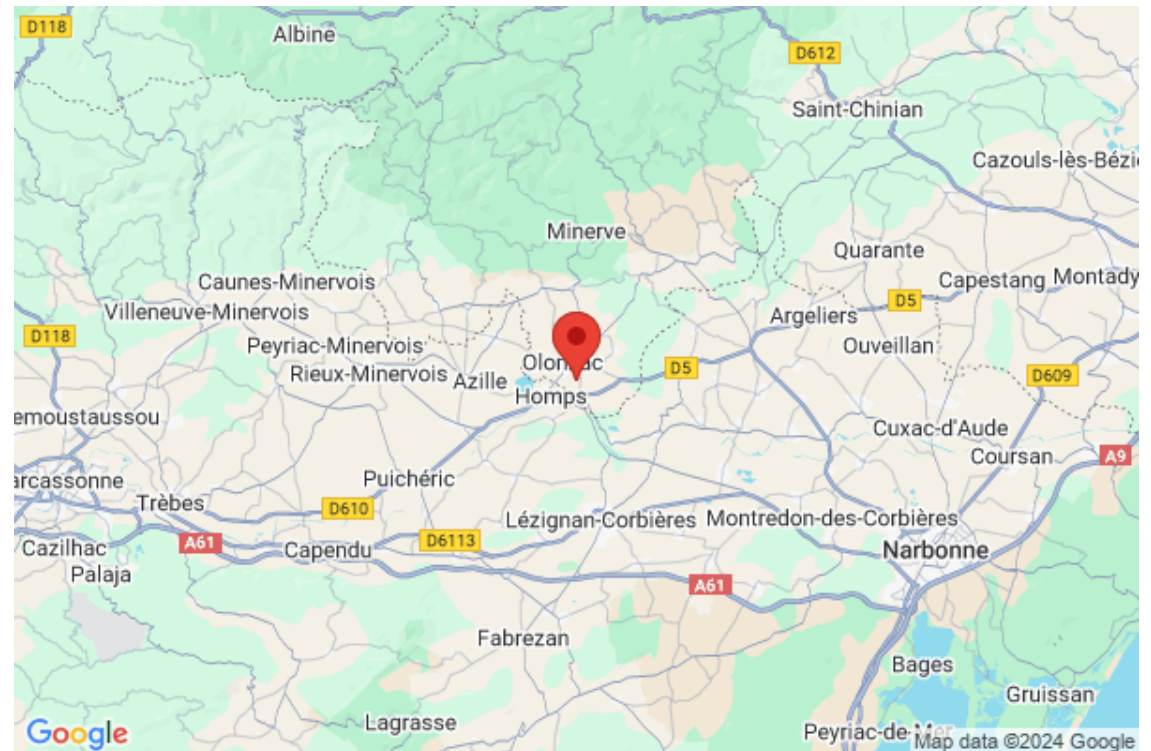
The village of Olonzac is the capital of the Minervois and is lively and energetic all year round, and on Tuesdays hosts one of the best weekly markets in the area. The village has everything you'd ever need: cafés, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, bakers, wineries, butchers, doctors, a pharmacy, a hairdressers and more.

Only two miles away, the Canal du Midi runs through the village of Homps, where you can stroll along the banks in the shade of the trees or take a boat trip and relax on the water as you watch the world go by! The Canal du Midi is an UNESCO World Heritage Site - this 360 km network of navigable waterways links the Mediterranean and the Atlantic through 328 locks, aqueducts, bridges and tunnels and is one of the most remarkable feats of civil engineering in modern times. Built between 1667 and 1694, it helped pave the way for the Industrial Revolution.

The village of Minerve is only 20 mins away, and has been selected as one of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France! Near the village the river disappears underground in a large, naturally-carved tunnel which can be explored by the more adventurous in your group.

Within the village there is a sizeable artistic community and many of their workshops are open to the public.

During the summer season, the Lac de Jouarres has lifeguards and there is a restaurant/snack bar and sun-loungers for public use. You can walk the perimeter of the lake in just over an hour, and the swimming area has been prepared using pebbles and geotextiles to prevent weed growth. The sailing/fishing areas are away from the bathing area, so there's no need to worry about the two activities overlapping! In the summer season, a range of surf board courses is on offer in the sailing area. Only a 25 minute walk away.



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Further afield, there's plenty to see and do thanks to range of opportunities for day trips. Try a day in Montpellier, Nîmes or Toulouse or explore the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean coast to discover ancient castles and picturesque villages that have been untouched by time. Walking and cycling are very popular in the Montagne Noire thanks to the rich diversity of wildlife and scenery. And if you really want to travel, the Spanish border is only an hour and a half away!

For a day on the beach, Narbonne-Plage or Valras-Plage are only a 35 minute drive away.

Nearest Airport Carcassonne, Béziers-Cap d'Agde, Toulouse, Perpignan
(31-35 km)

Nearest Village 2 mins away
(2 km)

Nearest Town/City 35 mins away
(26-30 km)

Nearest Restaurant
(1 km)

Nearest Bar/Pub
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Nearest Beach
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