

Archimbaud House

Region: Languedoc

Sleeps: 6 **Bedrooms:** 3



Overview

Beautifully restored village house with 3 bedrooms in a quiet village close to Pezenas. Private courtyard and terrace with cool-off pool. 25 minutes from the nearest beach. Sleeps 6 comfortably.

Description

The house is stone built on 2 floors and has been beautifully renovated keeping all original floors and exposed beams. The house has been tastefully decorated and has many superb pieces of traditional French wooden furniture.

On the ground floor is the open plan lounge and kitchen with comfortable seating, a bar/buffet, a woodburning fire and LCD flat screen TV. The kitchen is very smart and modern and fully fitted with new, high quality items.

French doors lead into the courtyard which has a stone table, sunloungers and a sun awning to provide shade while dining. There is a small pool (called a bassin), which is 3m x 2m x 1.5m and has stone seats in it, much like a jacuzzi but without the bubbles. The pool is chlorinated and kept clean by the owners on changeover days. It can also be heated off-season and has a pool alarm for the security of children. It's the perfect place to sit on those hot days, cooling off with a glass of wine in your hand!

There is a pool house with shower room, washing machine and a large chimney with grill for those evening BBQs. This room can also be used as a games room for the children or as an evening dining area as it also has a large wooden table with a bench and 4 chairs.

Stairs lead up to a top terrace which can be used for sunbathing or just somewhere to hang out the washing. The whole courtyard, bassin and terrace are completely private and not overlooked at all.

Back inside the house, stairs lead to the first floor where there are the 3 bedrooms, each named after a Marcel Pagnol character.

Bedroom one is Chambre Manon and has a double bed and a single bed with bedside tables.

Bedroom 2 is Chambre Angèle and has a small double (only really suitable for one person), a large wardrobe, a set of drawers and a bedside table.

Bedroom 3 is Chambre Honorine and has a double bed, a cot with all linen supplied, a wardrobe, an armchair, a bedside table and a small balcony.

There is one large bathroom on the first floor which is in between bedrooms 2 & 3 and has a bath with shower over, a basin, WC and a dressing table area.

In summer, the house is cool due to the very thick walls. In winter, the house is heated by the woodburner

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and electric radiators in the bedrooms and is fully double glazed throughout.

OUTSIDE

Private, enclosed courtyard and terrace of 75m² with heated cool-off pool.

Pool room with bathroom and summer kitchen for BBQs / games room / shower room. Also 4 bikes.

Plenty of free parking 30m away from the house.

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Layout

Kitchen : fully equipped with electric oven, 4 gas hobs, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave.

Dining : seating area for 6 indoors and 6 outdoors.

Living room : lounge area with sofa and armchairs, TV with French stations only,DVD and CD Player, traditional bar/buffet. Selection of games and magazines.

Summer kitchen/games room : fireplace with grill for BBQs, table and chairs for 8, washing machine, shower room with basin and WC.

Bathrooms

First floor : bathroom with bath, shower over, basin and WC. Summer kitchen/games room : shower room with basin and WC.

Bedrooms

3 bedrooms : 1 bedroom with one double and one single bed, 1 bedroom with a small double (for one person), and 1 bedroom with a double bed and a cot.

Entertainment : LCD flat screen TV with French channels only.

More Info

Linen and towels provided, pool/beach towels can be supplied for a small extra cost. Beds will be made up for you on arrival.

Highchair and buggy and cot available for hire.

Water and fruit juice are left in refrigerator,and coffee etc. to ensure a pleasant first breakfast.

A welcome pack is provided on arrival with local produces, wine, homemade jams etc.

The beaches of the Mediterranean are only a short drive away, while to the north the mountains offer a number of cooler lakes, ideal for a refreshing dip in the summer.

Cathar history is present almost everywhere and the ancient fortress of Carcassonne is only an hour's drive away and well worth a visit, especially on jousting days!

Minerve off to right on the way to Carcassonne is a must for those interested in the history of the Cathars.

Enthusiastic visitors can enjoy a great variety of activities including hiking, biking, swimming, fishing, water sports, canoeing and river rafting, horse riding, tennis and golf.

Béziers, the nearest city, is 25 minutes drive away and has perhaps the best flower market in the whole of the south on Fridays in the beautiful tree-lined main boulevard.

Pézenas has a large open-air market every Saturday which is well worth a visit. The town boasts that it was once the home of Moliere and there are many craft shops, restaurants and beautiful buildings. During July and August

Features

- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Private pool
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Terrace

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on a Wednesday and Friday the craft shops are open until midnight and you will often find street theatre groups to entertain you !

Montpellier, the elegant and cosmopolitan centre of the Hérault, is 40 minutes drive.

Several good golf courses are within easy reach, Golf Saint Thomas at Beziers, approx 20 minutes drive - see www.golsaintthomas.com/english/.

The beautiful tree-lined Canal du Midi which links the Atlantic with the Mediterranean has miles of flat walks along the shady tow paths.

Cap d'Agde (30 minutes) has beaches and water sports, boat trips, beautiful harbour, golf, casino, fashionable shopping, nightclubs, waterfront restaurants, several children's theme parks and a fabulous water park (Aqualand).

About an hour to the south there are the Pyrenees and it is possible to take a day trip (about 3 hours each way) to Andorra.

Monasteries and castles abound in the area and there are plenty of vineyards where you can taste some of the best wines in France.

All ages but no wheelchair access.

GUEST BOOK :

"Just a quick note to say thank you for arranging our stay in France last week. We had a wonderful time and the accommodation was first class. We are interested in returning next year with our family."

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Mr & Mrs Lees, September 2007

"Dear Juliana,
Just wanted to say thank you for all your help and patient replies to my endless emails when sorting the holiday. We had a fabulous time. The house in Cazouls was everything we wanted it to be. Jean and Monique were charming and with the help of my daughter and her friend we all managed to communicate very well. We will not hesitate to recommend Allez Languedoc holiday lets to our friends and hope that we will be able to use your services again in the near future.
With very best wishes,"
Alison - August 2009

"Hi Juliana, I just want to let you know that the villa we rented last week was absolutely lovely and the owners were extremely lovely people.
Thank you again for helping me arrange our stay in South of France and we look forward to arranging again with you in the future."
Kind regards, Lyn (September 2009)

" Dear Juliana, Well we are back from France now and the washing is nearly all done!
Just wanted to say thank you for all your help and patient replies to my endless emails when sorting the holiday. We had a fabulous time. The stay in Millau with my sisiter was great and then the house in Cazouls was everything we wanted it to be. Jean and Monique were charming and with the help of my daughter and her friend (who are both taking French at Bath uni) we all managed to communicate very well. We will not hesitate to recommend you to our friends and hope that we will be able to use your services again in the near future."
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Location

The house is located in the centre of the tiny village of Cazouls d'Herault in the vineyards where the bread is still delivered to your door if you leave a bag out on your doorhandle overnight!

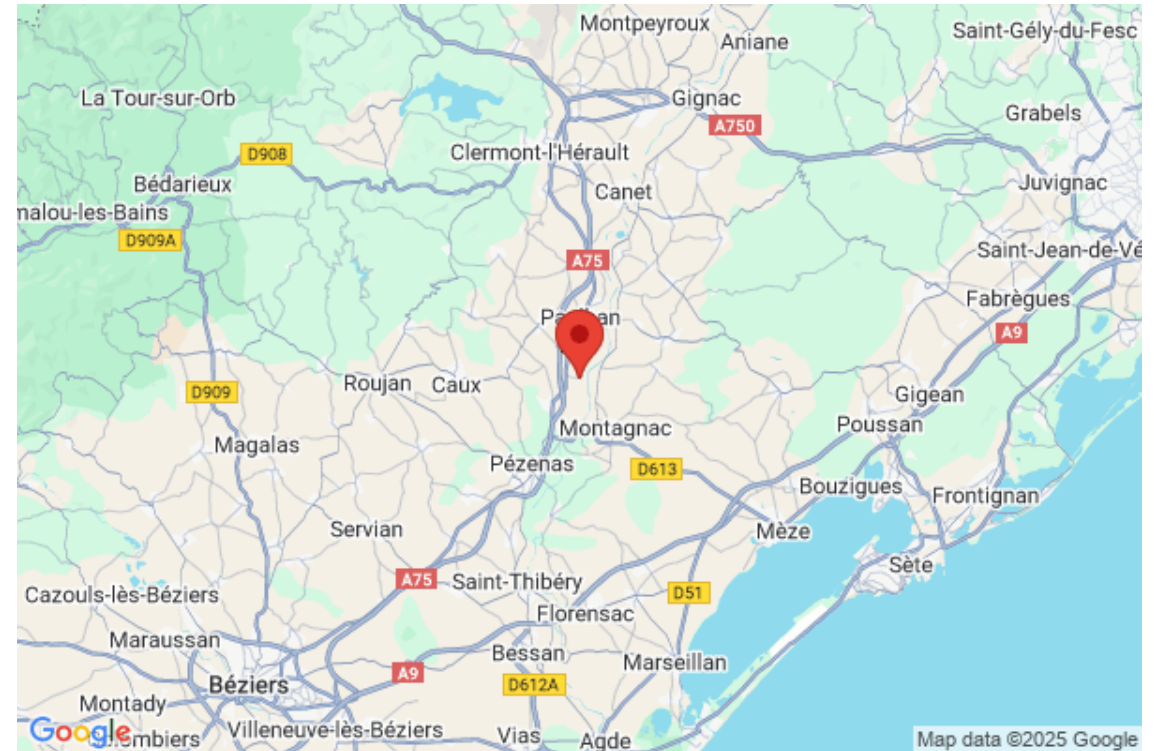
The village is very peaceful and perfect for a complete get away from it all holiday but there is a small restaurant/bar just a few steps away from the house if you don't want to drive. There is also a pizza van which comes to the village square a few times a week. For a larger selection of shops, restaurants and bars then the town of Pezenas is just a few minutes drive away.

The village has regular communal BBQs by the river on Saturday evenings in high summer and everyone is welcome.

On the last Sunday in July there is a super village festival.

The village is very well located - 25 minutes to the beach and 20 minutes to a large and beautiful swimming lake red hills(Lac de Salagou). Cap d'Agde is 30 minutes, Beziers is 25 minutes and Montpellier around 40 minutes.

Budget airlines fly regularly to Montpellier, Perpignan, Carcassonne and Nimes, all within easy reach. The TGV goes to Beziers and Eurostar operates a non-stop service from Waterloo to Avignon in high season. Spain, Andorra and the Pyrenees are within easy reach and the railway stations of Beziers and Narbonne make for easy access via the budget airlines or the TGV.



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Photos



This beautiful village house has a stone table outside, sunloungers and a sun awning to welcome the shade! It also has a small pool with stone seats in it. There's also a pool alarm for the security of your children. Fabulous isn't it?



Here you see the open plan lounge in this village house. There is a bar, a woodburning fire and LCD flat screen TV. Very cosy! Nicely decorated with traditional French wooden furniture!



A view of the pool, the stairs that lead to the top terrace and the pool house! The whole courtyard, pool and terrace are completely private. You will definitely enjoy your stay in this village house!



This village house has an open kitchen with comfortable seating and a bar. The kitchen is modern and has all sorts of new, high quality items. Fully equipped.



The pool house. It has a shower room, washing machine and a large chimney for evening BBQs. This room is multifunctional: use it as the pool house, games room or evening dining area. Choose the function that fits you best at the time!



This village house has three bedrooms total. Here you can see the double bedroom plus a cot that's available. Perfect for a young family!



This bedroom has a small double bed (for one person).



This is the shower room in the pool house. There's also a basin and WC.

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A view of the open lounge and kitchen. You can also see the bar/buffet and a comfy sofa.



A closer look at the sun awning. It comes in handy to provide shade while you're eating outside.