

# Minervois Paradise

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## Overview

Wonderfully converted wine cave nestled amidst the vineyards in this beautiful and tranquil Minervois valley. This holiday home comfortably sleeps 6 guests in 4 bedrooms, all with their own bathroom. There is a good-sized private pool, beautiful covered terrace and a lush garden with olive grove. All ground-floor with walk-in showers. Ideal for family holidays! Suitable for people with reduced mobility. Pets welcome.

## Description

The property “Au Paradis Des Cigales” lies in a stunningly beautiful location seven kilometres to the north of Bize Minervois.

The property nestles among the vines in this forgotten valley, this property can truly offer a secluded haven in which to enjoy your holiday.

Whether you are looking for an action packed sightseeing trip or planning to do little more than laze by the pool, there will be something for you.

The accommodation is all on one level, furnished to a high standard with some interesting antiques.

There is a good sized swimming pool, dedicated solely for the use of your party with a separate barbecue area with full size built-in barbecue. There are also a number of bikes available for cycle rides.

Au Paradis occupies the whole ground floor of the bergerie. It is approached from the terrace shaded by ancient olive trees. The house very comfortably accommodates up to eight people in four bedrooms. There is a fireplace and electric heating for the colder seasons.

Large living room has several French windows opening onto the terraces, making it very easy for summer living.

Kitchen has Dishwasher, Cooker, Ironing facilities, Microwave, Washing machine, Electric hob, Electric oven, Fridge-Freezer.

Master bedroom is en suite.

Two double bedrooms, one with French windows onto the terrace.

One twin bedroom is also en suite.

Family bathroom with separate bath and shower.

Separate WC

The property is surrounded by a well kept garden. There are ancient olive trees offering shady spots to relax in the heat of the afternoon. An olive grove for the children to play in. Behind the property we have eight acres of private garrigue for you to explore.

Minerve

Minerve lies to the west and had a fortress in the Middle Ages. One of the most dramatic moments in the war against the Cathars took place here in 1210, when the town witnessed the first great burning of the heretics. The Crusaders condemned more than one hundred and forty souls to the flames. The Oppidum d’Enserune rises 120 metres above the Beziers plain and has been occupied since the 6th Century BC.

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Well worth a visit and also worthy of note is the view of the drained lake of Montardy, which can be seen from the oppidum. Minervois, as a region is famous for its wines and that will become instantly obvious as you tour the area. The wines are generally fruity robust reds of good quality. The exception being the excellent Muscat produced in St. Jean de Minervois only a 10 minute drive and a must for the wine cognoscenti.

## Carcassonne

Carcassonne is famous for being the largest medieval fortress in Europe.

There are really two towns, the lower town dating from the thirteenth Century and the more famous Cite, the upper walled town, which has been occupied since earliest times.

Much of what can be seen today is a nineteenth Century restoration, but it certainly should not be missed on a trip to this area. The view from a distance cannot fail to impress. If your visit includes the 14th July, they have a wonderful firework display here.

## Narbonne

A major centre since Roman times, Narbonne is a city with much to offer. The cathedral dominates the skyline from a distance; in fact it has the third highest vault of any Gothic cathedral in France. It is well worth a visit, as are the Treasury and the two buildings of the Archbishop's Palace. The Canal de la Robine offers somewhere to stroll and perhaps have lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. The Halles de Narbonne is a daily covered market where fresh produce can be purchased if you are planning to cook in the evening. Finally, the archaeological museum is a must. There are excellent displays of artifacts from Narbonne's history and especially the Roman period, when this city was the capital of Provincia Romana Narbonensis.

## Les Montagnes de la Clape and the Beaches

This is an important wine growing area between Narbonne and the beaches. The scenery is simply stunning and well worth investigating. There are several good vineyards here that are open to the public.

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Château Pech-Celeyran at the northern end and Château Pech Redon in the south are worth a visit. There are also some good beaches; Fleury d'Aude is excellent, especially if you want to get away from the crowds. The village of Gruissan with its ochre coloured houses is a perfect spot to have a long lunch. Seafood, as you may expect, is very good here.

## Corbières

This important region stretches south from Narbonne. Its sun drenched limestone hills have a beauty that is quite incredible. The area is littered with the remains of numerous monastic institutions and châteaux. The 12th century Abbaye de Lagrasse has been restored, and an Augustinian order of monks has been established where the old latin Mass is sung.

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## Other Useful Area Links

### Local Amenities

Nearest bakery: Bize Minervois (Aude)

Nearest bar: Bize Minervois (Aude)

Nearest market: St Chinian (Herault) - This Market Is On A Sunday, So Good For Stocking Up On Arrival.

Nearest pharmacy: Bize Minervois (Aude)

Nearest supermarket: Bize Minervois (Aude)

Tourist information: Ginestas (Aude)

For a choice of restaurants in the area, please visit [paysdusoleil dot com](http://paysdusoleil.com)

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## Layout

Minervois Paradise occupies the whole ground floor of an old bergerie, approx 200m<sup>2</sup>. It is approached from the terrace shaded by ancient olive trees. The house very comfortably accommodates 8 people in four bedrooms. There is a fireplace and electric heating for the colder seasons. It is set in about 3600m<sup>2</sup> of gardens and groves.

Large living room with French windows opening onto the terraces, making it very easy for summer living. Kitchen has Dishwasher, Cooker, Ironing facilities, Microwave, Washing machine, Electric hob, Electric oven, Fridge-Freezer.

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## More Info

Suitable for the elderly and wheelchair-friendly. Please note there are gravel pebbles in the garden.

The owners are occasionally on-site but they live upstairs, have their own separate entrance, terrace and private pool.

The grounds are huge! You may never find the edge of your territory!

Bikes available for cycling in the area.

## Features

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Suitable for reduced mobility
- Pets allowed on request
- Private pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Secure parking
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Fireplace
- Spacious garden
- i-Rent

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## Photos



Facade



Shaded ancient olive tree



Rear Terrace



Swimming pool



Sun loungers



Shaded side terrace



Former water feature, now flower beds

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Ancient olive tree



Rear Terrace



Living room/ diner



Living room



Kitchen off living room



Ensuite bedroom



Ensuite shower room

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Shower



Childrens ensuite bedroom



2nd double bedroom



3rd double bedroom



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Front lit up at night