

The Retreat

Region: Languedoc

Sleeps: 8 **Bedrooms:** 4



Overview

Lovely restored farmhouse on edge of quiet hamlet and 15 minutes from one of the most beautiful villages in France. Safe river bathing 5 minutes away. 4 bedrooms can sleep 8.

Description

The house is about 150 years old and has been renovated and decorated in keeping with its age and traditional style and design, to comfortably sleep 8 guests.

It is a perfect retreat from the stresses and strains of busy life. You won't find internet access here, nor is there television or a phone, just peace and quiet for a perfectly relaxing holiday in stunning surroundings.

Ideal for aspiring artists, writers, musicians or people who just want to sit in the sun and read. The owner is an artist and this is evident in the house, from his work which is displayed on the walls to the decorative style of the whole house. A gorgeous place to chill-out and revive your spirit.

Enter through the front door into the lounge which has a comfortable sofa and armchairs, a big open fireplace, coffee table, desk and bookshelves filled with books. Stereo amplifier and speakers for connection to your personal CD and MP3 players.

Down a couple of steps into the kitchen which is very spacious and the owner has left many cookery books here for people who enjoy experimenting with French produce.

This room was originally the adjoining barn, and maintains the wonderful high ceiling and traditional stone walls.

The large pine table under the huge iron chandelier, provides a focus for family dining or entertaining. The kitchen is well-equipped with oven, hob, fridge/freezer, microwave, dishwasher, washing machine, iron and ironing board.

There is also a comfortable seating area here by the fire for friends and family to keep the cook company while they produce fabulous meals!

Doors lead onto the rear terrace which has exterior furniture and a BBQ.

The main bathroom is on the ground floor with a bath, separate shower unit, wc and basin.

There are 4 bedrooms - the first, a double bedroom is on the ground floor with antique brass and iron double bed, and French doors which lead to the garden with table and seating.

Three further bedrooms are located on the first floor, 1 with double bed and 2 with twin beds. There is also

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a travel cot if required.

Also on the first floor there is a shower room with wc and basin.

The property is centrally heating and room fans are available for warmer nights.

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OUTSIDE

2 sets of French doors lead you out into 2 terraces, for outside dining or sunbathing.

The house is surrounded by planted gardens and woodland of pine and cypress trees.

There is a barbecue and a range of garden furniture.

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Layout

Large kitchen/dining room.

Separate lounge.

2 double bedrooms and two twins.

Bathroom (ground floor) with bath, separate shower unit, wc and basin.

Shower room (1st floor) with wc and basin.

More Info

Linen and towels can be hired for £15 per person.

Visited by one of our team. Highly recommended.

I just wanted to let you know that we have had a lovely time in LAGR101 and were delighted with the house. It has all the character I was hoping for and lots of warmth and quirky touches in its furnishings that made it feel a family home.

I especially loved all the various places there were to sit and relax. The double bedroom upstairs was truly perfect; comfortable, pretty, and with the windows open, you can hear the river babbling all night. When you wake up you see the chapel and the trees. Adorable!

Features

- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Family friendly
- Terrace

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Location

This property is situated on the edge of the quiet hamlet of St Martin, nestled on a bend in the River Orbieu.

It is in the Corbières region of the Languedoc, an area unspoilt by tourism or development in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

It has planted and wooded gardens, ideal for children to play in, and the immediate area is perfect for long walks, offering fine views and total peace and quiet.

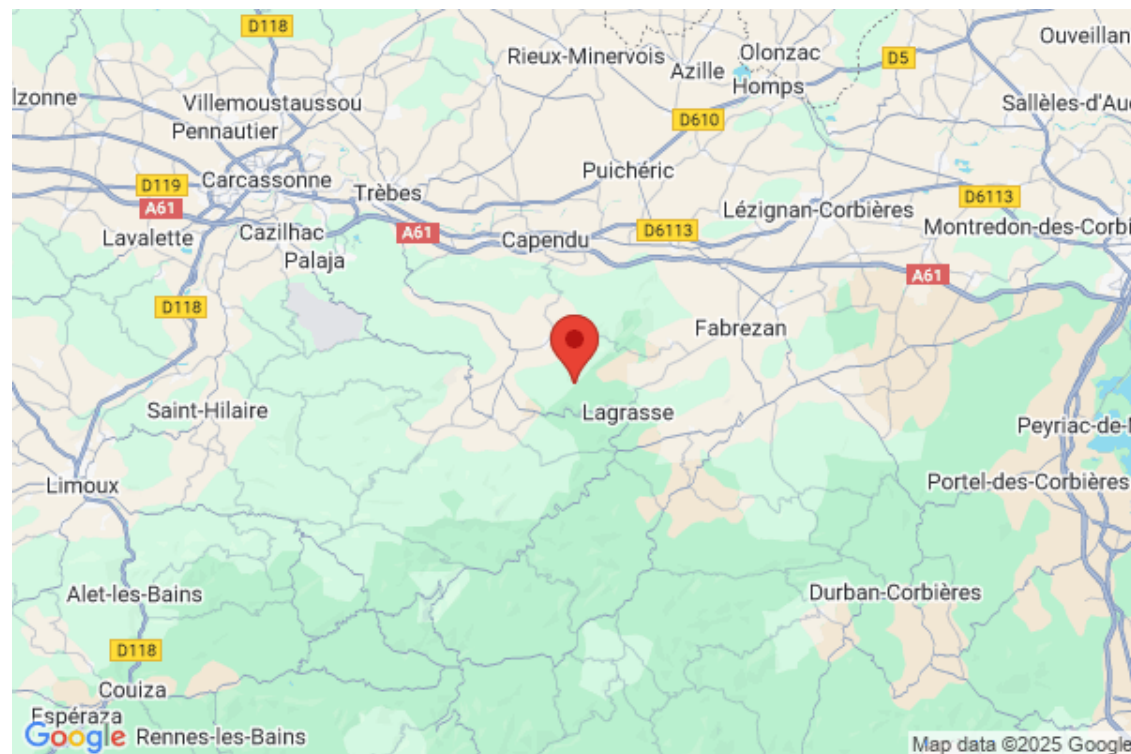
The outstanding village of Lagrasse, classified as one of the most beautiful in France, is a 15 minute drive away with its medieval streets, abbey, restaurants, shops, bars and markets selling local produce etc.

The immediate area is perfect for long walks in the hills of the regional forest, covered in wild herbs with fine views and total peace and quiet.

10 minutes walk from the house there is safe tranquil bathing in the river pools, or there are several Mediterranean beaches to choose from, whether long stretches of sand or family oriented resorts, all within an hours drive.

The ski slopes of the French Pyrenees, and Andorra.(80.0 km) are relatively close and the nearest airport is a 45 minute drive south from Carcassonne (Ryanair and autoroute).

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The village Lagrasse with two shops and a good selection of restaurants is 10 km away.

If you fancy a day trip to Spain, the fascinating town of Gerona is only 2 hours drive, as are the Dali Museum in Figueras and Cadaques on the Costa Brava coast. Barcelona is a 3 hour drive.

Nearest airport is Carcassonne (Ryanair), a 45 minute drive away.

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