

# Domaine Vivaldi

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## Overview

This is a stunningly renovated luxury property! Expect to be wowed by the décor and the 5-star hotel quality appurtenances throughout. The owners offer outstanding hospitality. Air conditioning throughout. Large, beautifully-maintained garden. Pool and loungers. Located in wine-making village with all services but tranquil seclusion is guaranteed within the property and gardens. 6 en suite bedrooms in Main House, of which 3 bedrooms have their own sitting room. 3 en suite bedrooms in separate loft apartment.

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## Description

As you enter this delicious property you will feel that you have stepped Through the Looking Glass. You will be immediately impressed by the quality and opulence of the décor and furnishings; nothing has been left to chance.

The owners have not only renovated this property, they have stamped it with their individual flair for design, colour and texture. Every piece of furniture, every beautiful vase, has been chosen with care and an eye for detail. You will feel like a guest living within an interior design magazine.

The Domaine offers the Main House (Maison Vivaldi), a maison de maître with 6 en suite bedrooms. Next door is the apartment (La Terrasse) with a further 3 en suite bedrooms.

The main house features a library and a music room and three of the six bedrooms have their own sitting room. Every bedroom has its en suite bathroom and some of the bathrooms are sufficiently big and comfortable to entice you stay on way beyond your usual bathtime!

The outstanding feature of La Terrasse is the gorgeous terrace with sitting and dining areas and lovely views over the gardens.

The elegant exterior offers a beautifully tended garden and the pool area has loungers and parasols.

The property is situated in the thriving wine-making village of Rieux Minervois but the garden is big and private so you won't be disturbed by outside noise.

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## Layout

Main House, Maison Vivaldi:

Ground Floor:

Entrance hall

Kitchen - Large breakfast bar, two dishwashers. Amply equipped for 12 guests.

Dining room - Elegance personified. Hand-made dining table and hand-upholstered chairs. Lavender/pink/green theme.

Library - Comfortable seating with Smart TV.

Music room - Elegant pink and green theme with piano.

Guest WC.

First Floor:

'Versailles' suite - Consists of bedroom + sitting room/TV lounge.

Super king-sized bed. Drawing Room blue theme.

En suite bathroom with slipper bath and Alessandro

Messalini armchair.

'Austin' bedroom - Super king-sized bed.

Black/white theme.

En suite bathroom.

'Louis' bedroom.

Super king-sized or twin beds.

En suite bathroom with Italian shower, basin and WC.

Second Floor:

'Floral' suite - Consists of bedroom and sitting room/TV lounge.

Super king-sized bed. Taupe theme.

En suite bathroom with double sink, bath, shower and WC.

Connecting door to:

'Juniper' bedroom.

Super king-sized or twin beds.

Twin beds or Super king-sized. Gold theme.

En suite bathroom with shower, basin and WC.

## More Info

Domaine Vivaldi can be rented throughout the year.

Winter lets welcome.

Pool is 11m x 4.5m x 2.5m deep. Not heatable. Chlorine.

Fenced and secured for safety.

Private, secure parking.

Kitchen appliances are from Bosch, Siemens and Rosieres.

Maximum 18 guests + baby or toddler.

Baby equipment available.

Pool open from 26 April until 30th October (or nearest Saturday).

## Features

- Aircon
- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Grouped properties
- Private pool
- Secure fenced pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Fireplace
- No pets allowed
- Spacious garden

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'Nautilus' suite - Consists of bedroom and sitting room/TV lounge.

Super king-sized bed. Peony theme.

En suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink, WC and Alessandro Masselini armchair.

Connecting door to Juniper.

Apartment, La Terrasse:

3 bedrooms to sleep 6 + baby or toddler.

Bedroom 1: King-size bed with en suite bathroom. Opens onto terrace.

Bedroom 2: King-size bed with en suite bathroom. Opens onto terrace.

Bedroom 3: Two single beds which can be arranged to provide a bed of super king-size proportions (by prior arrangement).

3 x Bathrooms: All have bath, separate shower, basin and WC. Hairdryer, a luxury range of toiletries and fluffy bathrobes are all provided.

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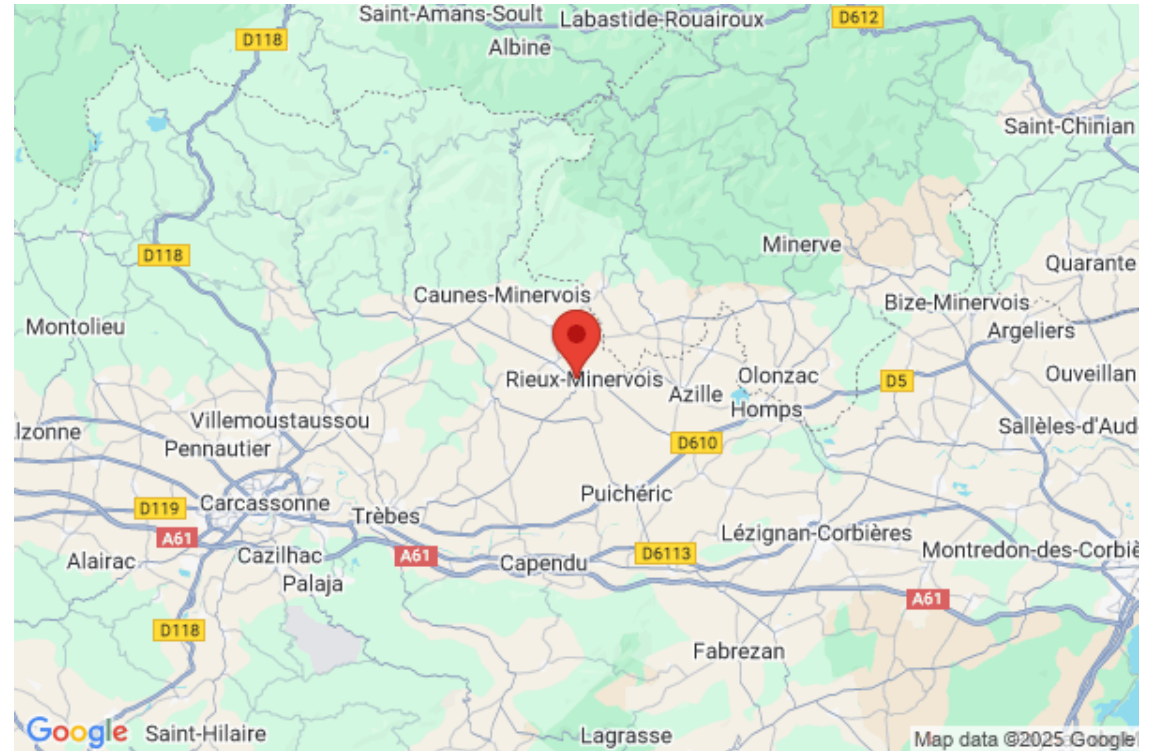
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## Location

This unique and imposing property enjoys an enviable location just a 400m stroll from the village square and excellent amenities that include a bakery, butcher, grocers, local bar, weekly market and one of several restaurants that are within walking distance..

Some facts about the region :

- Rieux-Minervois is an historical village whose timeline can be traced back to before the middle ages. The Eglise Heptagonale de Sainte Marie de Rieux-Minervois is a seven-sided church first built in 1097.
- The Chateau de Rieux is a castle-like structure overlooking the river. It is the ancestral home of the Gardey de Soos family who, at the time of the revolution, were much loved by the locals. They were hidden away and saved from a ghastly fate courtesy of Madame la Guillotine!
- The Minervois is one of the wine appellations of the Languedoc, producing some of the finest wines in all of France.
- Rieux sits between the Montagnes Noires to the north, which protects the region from the volumes of rain experienced on the other side in the lush Tarn, and the Mediterranean coastline to the south as it curves around the Golfe du Lion.
- The mountains (which are more like very big hills) are full of sleepy hamlets and villages with their own wineries and restaurants. Many vineyards were originally planted up by the Romans when they occupied nearby Narbonne. Marble quarries, and even a modern-day Indiana Jones-style (steel) suspension bridge, la Pasarela de Mazamet can be found in these hills. The Montagnes Noires provide a network of cycling routes, rewarding riders with amazing views towards the Pyrenees.
- The coastline offers a myriad of different topography. South towards the Spanish border and with some Catalan influences, the coastline combines cliffs and coves with a network of villages as far south as Collioure and Banyuls. Around Gruissan, the coastline is flatter and renowned for its salt flats, attracting the pink flamingos. Further round the coastline and the fishing villages of Marseillan and Sete can be found on the Etang de Thau, where oysters and mussels are farmed in the lagoons. Coastline villages are peppered with restaurants (lots of local seafood).
- Carcassonne, Narbonne and Perpignan are all in easy driving distance and each very different from the next. Carcassonne and its fairytale Cite (a



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Unesco World Heritage Site) dates back to the times of the Cathars; Narbonne's history is rooted in the Roman Empire and Perpignan is the most Mediterranean of them, with palm tree-lined boulevards. Culturally rich and diverse, they are each approximately the same size, by population, but each with a very different vibe.

- The Canal du Midi - another Unesco World Heritage Site - was constructed to join the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, thus avoiding having to sail around Spain. Its Mediterranean end is at Marseillan (also the home to the famous Noilly Prat vermouth - try a factory tour); it has an offshoot called the Canal de la Robine, which flows through Narbonne and beyond into the Golfe du Lion, near the stilted beach huts made famous in the cult film Betty Blue.

Beaches :

- Narbonne Plage : 55 mins / 57 km (sandy / local)
- Valras Plage : 67 mins / 68 km (sandy / east)
- Marseillan Plage : 83 mins / 92 km (sandy / east)
- Gruissan Plage : 57 mins / 58 km (sandy / south)
- Argeles-sur-Mer : 92 mins / 127 km (sandy / south)
- Collioure : 98 mins / 134 km (pebbly / south)

Getting There :

By Air. This region is serviced by ten regional and international airports - here are their drive-times and distances :

- Carcassonne : 32 mins / 29 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Beziers-Cap d'Agde : 70 mins / 75 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Perpignan : 73 mins / 98 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Castres - Mazamet : 76 mins / 62 km (Paris & Brussels city-hopper flights)
- Toulouse : 94 mins / 128 km (International flights)
- Montpellier : 96 mins / 138 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Nimes : 126 mins / 182 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Girona (Spain) : 129 mins / 202 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Rodez : 179 mins / 186 km (UK & European regional flights)
- Marseille : 180 mins / 271 km (International flights)

By Train :

- From Paris : It is now possible to reach the region by TGV from Paris in around 4 hrs & 30 minutes. The TGV travels southbound down the Rhone

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Valley past Lyon to Avignon, then westerly to Montpellier and Narbonne / Carcassonne (car hire depots at the railway stations).

- From the UK : Initially by Eurostar London to Paris. Change stations in Paris and take the TGV south as described above.
- Other mainland Europe : By train to Paris and take the TGV south as described above.

Alternatively, by train to Lyon and pick up the same TGV on its journey south

By Car & Ferry :

- From the UK, EuroTunnel connects Folkestone with Calais in just 35 minutes. Travellers remain seated in their own car throughout the transition.
- Various ferry routes across the Channel from Dover, Folkestone, Newhaven, Portsmouth, Plymouth to French Channel ports. Crossing times range between 45 minutes and six hours.

The arrival port is likely to influence the route south. It is recommended that travellers select different routes southbound and then northbound upon their return to take in as much as France as possible.

- There are also ferry routes from Portsmouth or Plymouth to Santander or Bilbao in Northern Spain. These are overnight crossings usually 20-24 hours in duration. These ports are approximately one hour from the Spanish / French border and then the journey eastbound is in the lee of the Pyrenees before circling Toulouse and onwards to Carcassonne.



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