

Le Pigeonnier

Region: Languedoc | Alignan-du-Vent

Sleeps: 5 **Bedrooms:** 2 **Bathrooms:** 1



Overview

Nicely renovated former pigeon loft tucked under the roof. The apartment is deceptively spacious. The living room with its exposed beams is a private paradise, far from prying eyes and just right for billing and cooing! Private terrace and use of 2 outdoor pools. Internet. Air conditioning in living area. 2 bedrooms / 1 bathroom. Sleeps up to 5. Third person can sleep on the mezzanine. Please note that Le Pigeonnier is reached by a steep staircase - not suitable for small children or persons of reduced mobility.

Description

Located in an ancient priory offering two large, shared swimming pools, one of which is heatable.

Former pigeon loft tucked under the roof, its spacious living room with exposed beams is a private paradise, far from prying eyes, for billing and cooing.

From its tree-top height terrace, via a steep staircase (reaching 7th heaven takes work!) decorated with amusing “agrafes” (carved keystone sculptures from the 18th century, speciality of nearby Pezenas) pinned to the wall.

Outside

Private terrace with a table and seating for up to 4 people, 2 sunbeds and a BBQ.

2 swimming pools : 1 non heated swimming pool (6m x 12m) with adjoining kids pool (4m x 4m). See pictures.

Gardens

These gardens have been divided up and laid out for different purposes:

Reception area: open to the outside and laid out for car parking in the shade of the trees – pines, plane trees and carob trees. You will be greeted at the entrance gates by a magnificent spring flowering mimosa and yuccas which flower up until Christmas.

Courtyard garden: the former interior courtyard transformed into a garden, surrounded on all four sides by buildings; in the centre an 8th century well. The varied flowerbeds and typical Mediterranean plants (palm trees, cypress trees, laurel bushes, bamboo, and pomegranate) shelter the private gardens, offering relaxation and intimacy for all guests. In the centre, a thousand and one scents: orange blossom, roses, vervain, laburnum, wisteria, begonias, jasmine, and irises. The variety of flowers ensures that the garden is in bloom 12 months of the year.

Riverside garden: bordering and shading the ancient Roman road, the oaks, plane trees, cedar trees, Judas tree and eucalyptus covering and sheltering the stream “Saint Martial” where generations of children have built dens and caught tadpoles.

Leisure areas: for ball games, badminton, table tennis or “boules”, for reading in the shade of the pine trees, the chestnut trees or in the gazebo, these gardens are ideal for relaxing. During your stay, you might come across squirrels, observe hoopoes, turtle doves and pipistrelle bats, see geckos lazing in the

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sun and appreciate the flocks of birds which take advantage of the abundant greenery and security of the setting.

This delightful and ancient site will not fail to surprise and enchant you.

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Layout

Bedroom 1 : 1 king-size double bed or 2 single beds

Bedroom 2 : 1 double bed

Mezzanine: Open to salon with single sofa bed.

Bathroom : 1 with bath and shower over and separate WC.

Kitchen : Fridge, hob, microwave, washing machine, dishwasher, coffee maker, kettle and toaster.

Dining : Seating for 5.

Lounge: Seating for 5, WIFI.

Garden : Table with seating for 2 and a BBQ.

Shared small communal room : library with books in English, French and German.

More Info

- Total surface area of Le Pigeonnier: 83m²

accommodating 4/5 people

- 1 large bedroom with king size bed (160cm wide) – or separate twin beds 80cm wide

- 1 double bedroom

- Spacious living room

- 1 bathroom with washing machine

- 1 separate WC

- Possibility of a 3rd person with a 90cm wide bed on the mezzanine overlooking the living room.

- Terrace – 17m². Very secluded.

- Small TV supplied with French channels.

Pets are allowed only with approval from the owner.

Features

- Internet
- Table tennis
- Un-overlooked pool
- Pets allowed on request
- Heatable pool
- Shared pool
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Spacious garden

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Location

A former country house transformed into holiday apartments, spacious and comfortable luxury gites, fully equipped with private gardens and terraces and outdoor pools, you will feel at home on your holidays whether as a couple or as a family.

This former priory, a magical place chosen by the monks for its silence and calm, ideal for relaxation and meditation. Make the most of the tranquillity, the light, sunshine and Mediterranean climate.

Set in leafy grounds in a country setting, the Priory is built on the site of an ancient Roman villa, dating from the 7th and 8th centuries: a unique blending of past and present.

Ideal holiday destination for couples or families or for large family gatherings.

Situated in the countryside in the south of the Herault, with easy access from two motorways, two airports and the TGV, only 5 minutes from Pezenas, the former regional capital, and 20 mins from the Mediterranean, the Priory offers you a warm welcome.

This region is an area of dramatic contrasts – miles and miles of glorious sandy beaches yet there is ski-ing to be found only a couple of hours away in the Pyrénées. We have endless vineyards and a tour of this region reads like a wine list.

Inland are amazing gorges and rivers and myriad fortresses and castles dating from the bloodthirsty Cathar times.

In short:

- Fabulous hot, sunny weather.
- Beautiful long sandy beaches with shallow water, ideal for young children.
- Gorgeous countryside with miles and miles of vineyards, stunning rivers and gorges, pretty medieval villages and bustling cities.
- Wealth of historical monuments and castles, the amazing Cité of Carcassonne.



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- Great dining experiences whether it be on the beach or in a medieval village amidst the vineyards.
- Good, locally produced wines at prices you won't believe!

Here are some highlights, not to be missed!

BEACHES

The beaches at Valras Plage, Sérignan Plage and Narbonne Plage are all very suitable for children and a quieter option to the beaches closer to Cap d'Agde. They have sheltered bathing areas for children and Valras Plage has some great play equipment on the beach.

For 'all the fun of the fair' head to Cap d'Agde with the fabulous 'Aqualand' water sports park as well as plenty of water sports, boat trips, a beautiful harbour, golf, casino, fashionable shopping, nightclubs, waterfront restaurants and several children's theme parks.

At Vias Plage, there is a funfair open during July and August called Europark which is very popular with teenagers

BOAT EXCURSIONS

At Grau d'Agde on board the Millésime you can take a guided excursion between the Canal du Midi, Thau lagoon and the Hérault river. Also boat trips available at Valras Plage, either trips up the coast or even sea fishing ones.

CANAL DU MIDI

Take the time to visit the Canal du Midi, a beautiful tree-lined Canal which links the Atlantic with the Mediterranean and which has miles of flat walks along the shady tow paths. Explore it on rollerblades, on horseback, by bike, by barge or simply on foot.

FURTHER AFIELD

Barcelona is just 2 1/2 hours away, easily achievable for a lunch in Spain!

About an hour to the south there are the Pyrenees.

Take a day trip (about 3 hours each way) to Andorra.

The Massif Central starts only a short distance to the north.

Not far away you can discover the 'Pont du Gard' en route to Provence

GOLF

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Several good golf courses are within easy reach, Golf Saint Thomas at Béziers, approx 20 minutes drive – see www.golfsaintthomas.com/english/

HORSE-RIDING

There are plenty of places offering horse-riding in the area. One is the St Jean Ranch in Serignan Plage which offers a range of activities such as excursions, horse-drawn carriage rides, horse rides on the beach or at sunset, and even excursions for experienced riders.

PRETTY VILLAGES

We have so many lovely traditional wine-producing villages in this area, all with weekly street markets and of course those sun-blessed Mediterranean beaches. If you enjoy the atmosphere of medieval streets, you will love walking through the old part of these villages, with their tiny squares, ancient porches and ramparts. Most villages have several fetes and festivals throughout the year, including the famous processions with floral floats. The village of Minerve is classified as one of the 'Prettiest villages in France' and is worth a trip. It is off to right on the way to Carcassonne is a must for those interested in the history of the Cathars.

VINEYARDS

Many of the local vineyards offer free tours and wine-tasting. Great fun and very interesting to see how they turn the grapes into wine. The coastal plain provides literally hundreds of Domaines for superb wine-tasting – its obligatory!

PEZENAS

Renaissance Pezenas is worth a visit, with its winding cobbled stone streets housing Antique Shops and Art Galleries. There is a large open-air market every Saturday which is well worth a visit. The town boasts that it was once the home of Molière and there are many craft shops, restaurants and beautiful buildings. During July and August the craft shops are open until midnight some nights and you will often find street theatre groups to entertain you !

The architecture and the streets of the village are worth a detour. The centre has been magnificently maintained and renovated. A destination particularly

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appreciated by the British due to its luxurious charm and refined boutiques, Pézenas has a wealth of buildings and hotels in characteristic architecture.

Molière built up his success in Pézenas, which he had chosen as his favourite place to stay. The town is also the birthplace of the singer Bobby Lapointe and maintains its tradition as a town of street entertainers and artists, with theatricalised guided tours and numerous art galleries and artists' workshops.

The town also has several unusual museums such as the museum of toys and delights of yesteryear, or the door and wrought iron museum.

Worth a visit on Saturday for the large market. The food market closes at 12 noon but everything else stays open. Wander through the old quarter, the artisan shops are very interesting and are all one off individual stores.

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Photos



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Le Pigeonnier has a nice bathroom with a bath, basin and shower over. There is a separate WC.



On the terrace overlooking the tree tops you will find these nice carved keystone sculptures!