Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 12 Bedrooms: 6



### **Overview**

Large character house with private heated pool, good-sized garden and terrace in quiet village. Pezenas - 10 minutes. Nearest beach - 20 minutes. River and riverbeach just a 2 minute walk. Sleeps 12 (6 bedrooms).

### **Description**

A beautiful 'Maison de Maitre' located in the peaceful village of Belarga. The house was built in 1860 but has been completely refurbished in a pleasant, contemporary style of whites and pale greys.

The house originally belonged to the Maffre family who were wealthy winegrowers and benefactors to the village. The local school and the College in Paulhan have both been named after this philanthropic family.

The house could be very suited to two families holidaying together as the first and second floor accommodation are pretty much self-contained. Only the ground floor living area would be in common use.

The route to Belarga is lined with majestic plane trees as it winds through vineyards. The village has all the basics (convenience shop, restaurant, bar, post office) close by and there is a beautiful river (suitable for swimming) with a 'beach' and picnic area a few minutes stroll from the house. The village also has a small playground for young children and a soccer pitch/basketball court and tennis court. All are just a few minutes' stroll from the house.

There are 6 bedrooms in total:
Bedrooms 1, 2 and 4 with double bed.
Bedroom 3 with twin, double bed and single bed.
Bedroom 5 with double bed and single bed.
Bedroom 6 with two x single beds.

2 family bathrooms. On 1st floor a 10m2 bathroom with shower cubicle, freestanding bath, bidet, wash hand basin and wc.

On the 2nd floor is an 8m2 bathroom with bath and shower attachment, wash hand basin and wc.

Beautifully fitted open plan kitchen with breakfast bar and double doors leading onto the large, shaded terrace which is perfect for outdoor dining. Equipment includes cooker, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, washing machine and microwave, coffee machine, toaster.

Large double length reception room (31m) with original marble fireplace and double doors onto the terrace. On the other side of the hall (16m) there is a dining room (16m) open to the kitchen. Widescreen TV and DVD player with a selection of DVDs for all.

There are two cots in the house.

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Bedlinen and bath towels provided.

Folder including appliance instructions and other useful information is available.

#### **OUTSIDE**

From the kitchen, through double doors to spacious, tiled terrace that offers shade from afternoon heat by a splendid chestnut tree. Neighbouring houses are almost invisible and the area is very private. Outdoor dining table with 12 chairs and barbecue.

Through gate in hedge to private heated pool which is  $8m \times 4.5m$ . The gate is 'adult-friendly' so small kids can't access the pool without your supervision. Daybed and sun loungers provided. You can sit in the sun or in the shade provided by the pool house.

The grounds are 900m2 and are planted with lawn, climbing roses and old trees and enclosed by walls (no overlooking neighbours).

The terrace (80m2) is a large private area with mature trees providing shade.

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### **Layout**

Ground Floor:

From front entrance into spacious, elegant hallway with large mirror flanked by urns. Wood-burning stove that can heat the entire house in winter.

Kitchen/Diner - table for seating 12, breakfast bar, cooker, fridge/freezer, dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, coffee machine, toaster.

Reception/Living Room - elegant marble fireplace, long leather sofa, widescreen TV and DVD player with a selection of DVDs for all.

#### First Floor:

Bedroom 1 - double bed, wardrobe, chest-of-drawers, tapestry on wall. View over garden.

Bedroom 2 - double bed, wardrobe, chest-of-drawers; View over garden.

Bedroom 3 - double bed plus single bed.

Bathroom 1 - large family bathroom, shower cubicle, bath, WC and bidet.

Second Floor: All these bedrooms are under the eaves, giving a cosy feel but offering sufficient headroom and still quite spacious.

Bedroom 4 - double bed

Bedroom 5 - double bed plus single bed.

Bedroom 6 - two x single beds.

Bathroom 2 - family bathroom, bath with shower over, WC and bidet.

Huge and resplendent wardrobe.

Large stand-alone washing machine in hallway - particularly useful if two families are staying in the house together.

### **More Info**

Private pool, easy walking distance to all amenities. Internet access.

All linen provided, including pool towels.

Cot and highchair available.

All wardrobes will not be accessible to guests, but there will be hanging rails and hangers for clothes during your stay.

**GUEST REVIEW** 

Gorgeous house in a stunning location. 5 of 5

We booked to stay for 2 weeks from 13/08/16 to 27/08/16, the group included 3 families a total of 13 people with ages ranging from 40 to 4.

The house was very spacious with plenty of room so we never felt like we were living on top of one another. The court yard has to be seen as I don't think the photo does it justice, it's lovely and is another room to the property. We ate all our meals here and it was a nice family space.

The pool was great and a really nice size and depth. Just up the road is the river and we had a great few days here. The house comes with an ice box and ice blocks for you to take a picnic.

The house is set in a small village surrounded by vineyards and the area is very picturesque.

We had a great time and would happily recommend this house to anyone.

Date of Stay: Aug 2016

#### **Features**

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Pets allowed on request
- Private pool
- Heatable pool
- Secure fenced pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Street parking
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Fireplace
- Spacious garden
- i-Rent

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### Location

The market town of Pezenas is only 12km away and has regular clothes, food and antique markets as well as many fine restaurants. The beach at Meze is 20km away and other beaches such as Marseillan and Cap d'Agde are 30 mins drive.

The house is in a quiet country village, surrounded by vineyards, but close enough to the busy market town of Pezenas (10 min drive) for all shopping/restaurant needs. There are many small villages in the area, each with their own market day, so you can buy fresh fruit and veg, meat, cheeses etc... almost everyday.

There is a bus stop in the village with a service to Montpellier but it isn't very often so we recommend having a car.

#### Unique benefits of the property

The village of Belarga is on the River Herault, which is perfect for swimming and fishing. There is a small weir or waterfall which the children love jumping off. There is also a small children's playground, tennis court and football/basketball pitch in the village. All of the above are just a 2 minute stroll from the house. The area has many fantastic restaurants nearby, all listed in the house book.

#### Coast/Beach

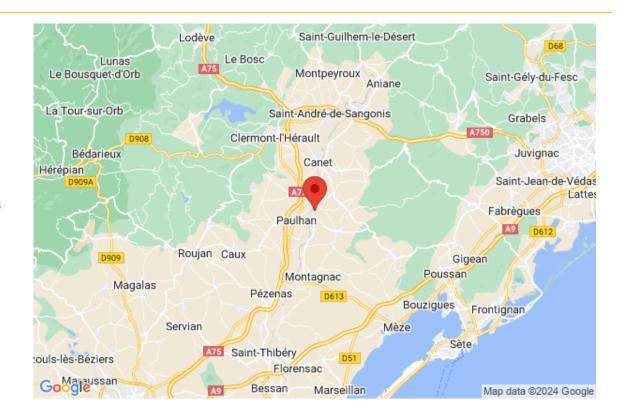
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#### Special interest holidays

Belarga is situated in the centre of the Languedoc Roussillon wine region. There are many vineyards nearby offering wine tastings.

#### Travel

Having easy access to the A75 motorway means that you can be in the town of Béziers in around half an hour. The A75 also gives you a good link to the A9 motorway, which in turn can take you to 1 of the 5 main airports that



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serve the region. Carcassonne, Montpellier, Nimes, Béziers-Cap d'Agde and Perpignan. Montpellier and Béziers are the nearest, and will take you about 45 minutes by car. The other 3 can be reached in about an 1.5 hours.

Distances

Nearest beach: Mèze 20 km.

Nearest airport: Montpellier 45 km. Nearest port: Marseillan 20 km. Nearest supermarket: 0.5 km. Nearest town: Pezenas 12km. Nearest large town: Béziers 20km

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### **Photos**

























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