

# Cottage Canigou

**Region:** Languedoc

**Sleeps:** 6 **Bedrooms:** 3



## Overview

Ideal for small family requiring swimming pool and garden. Fully equipped new cottage-style kitchen/dining room, washing machine, separate lounge with UK satellite TV and internet. Within walking distance of shops and bar/restaurants. 3 bedrooms / 2 bathrooms. 15 minutes to the beach. Sleeps 6.

Ideal for family special occasions, reunions and anniversaries when booked with ARG106 (Cottage des Albères), ARG107 (Catalan Farmhouse) and ARG108 (Mas D'en Porte) to accommodate up to 22 or 32 people. Tennis available in the village

## Description

Gite with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on a Domaine with shared swimming pool and garden, idea for families with children.

Located in a small village within walking distance of shops and bar/restaurants.

**GROUND FLOOR** - Comprising of a spacious double bedroom, suitable for cot, if required. Bathroom & WC and Wet-Room (shower & WC). Bathroom is equipped with washing machine, adjacent to Hallway with access to Cottage garden.

**FIRST FLOOR** - Bedroom No. 2 - double / triple. Fully fitted cottage-style kitchen. Modern oven & hob with refrigerator. Living room with dining area and lounge with flat-screen SAT TV. South facing views over the court-yard. Baby cots, high chairs and stair-gate available at no extra cost.

**THIRD FLOOR** - Loft Room Bedroom No.3 - single bed ideal for older child or teenager.

Internet access and free outgoing calls to most European land lines.

Iron/ironing board.

**FOR LARGER GROUPS:**

Available for rental separately or rent both cottages together; ideal for 2 families or a larger group of up to 12 people (or up to 32 / 36 people - see below); each property having their own privacy & facilities, whilst sharing the 500m2 garden and swimming pool 9m x 6m. Private patio / BBQ area for each cottage.

Alternatively, these two cottages can be rented in combination with ARG107 and ARG108 which sleep 10 each to accommodate to 32 / 36 people, including 3 separate swimming pools, set in a total of almost 2-acres of private gardens.

We can offer short breaks (minimum 2 nights) and or winter lets as Cottage Des Alberes is well insulated and equipped with electric heating. A local English housekeeper is available to provide assistance, if required.

Optional (enquire for further information)

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## Outside:

Shared swimming pool of 9m x 6m but would be private when booking both cottages. With a deep-end of approximately 1.75m and a shallow end of 1.20m, it is available from early-May until mid-late October each year. Situated in a location enjoying all-day sunshine, the pool is attended regularly to ensure ideal water quality.

A range of sun beds, parasols, tables and chairs are available in the garden and pool surround. A Mulberry tree in the garden provides shade for those wishing to relax and read or take a refreshing drink!

The swimming pool is equipped with a Pool Safety Alarm system, conforming to NF P 90 - 307 to provide added safety protection.

## BBQ

Private Car Parking

Tennis Rackets and bikes are available for a small charge.

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## More Info

Visited by one of our team.

Linen & towels supplied. Final clean included in price.

Additional services such as Maid Service, Chef, Welcome Pack, Bikes, Tennis Rackets and childrens toys available.

Toiletry Pack / Shampoos and beach towels available to travel light. Please enquire.

Children welcome

Pets accepted.

Child-friendly equipment supplied; Cots, high chairs & safety gates, selection of child toys.

I must confess we did not explore too much (the pool kept us busy!) but had a wonderful meal at the seafront in Collioure were they managed to seat 10 of us with no booking - the restaurants in Ceret were less flexible. The house was great and the area we know and love - my beach recommendation is Le Racou as it is a little less hectic than the main Argeles beaches.

Mr P, Paris

We all had a lovely time at Roussillon Farmhouse and Cottages. Want to go back. It was ideal for a large family like ours, plenty of space and freedom to wonder around the three properties and use the two pools. It was a good base to visit the sites around the area. We tried both restaurants in the village and they were both very good. The local shopkeeper was also very helpful. He had hot

## Features

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Table tennis
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Pets allowed on request
- Grouped properties
- Shared pool
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Fireplace
- Spacious garden

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croissants ready for us in the mornings! We spent a day with the kids in Aqualand in St. Cyprien. We actually all got on the rides - a lot of fun! Visited the local beaches, and ports - plenty to see. It was such a relaxing holiday no one to bother us in the houses only ourselves. The facilities were spot on everything you would need. Only thing wrong was the time was too short!! Thanks for being so helpful. We all want to go back again so hopefully you will be hearing from us again and we would recommend your property to everyone.

Mrs R, Dublin

We all thoroughly enjoyed our time at your property in France. It was ideal for our large family and easily met our high expectations. The location and weather were fantastic. The local Aqualand waterpark was a great day out for the kids and very good value for money. Our favourite village was definitely Collioure where we have a superb meal at a small fish restaurant. We would recommend the farmhouse to our friends.

Mr M, Lanarkshire

We sure had a wonderful time in the Farmhouse. The weather was nice, sunny and temperature was good. We had breakfast in the morning on the terrace, looking to the sea in the distance, great view! The farmhouse was great to stay, everything we needed was there. Thanks for that! I like to come back again, with my whole family, next year.

Mrs K, Holland

We enjoyed our stay very much - loved the area - very

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beautiful and we like its proximity to the sea and the mountains. We loved the farmhouse and its location - fantastic views and especially liked the privacy it offered. Many thanks for your hospitality and we loved the village restaurant Pierre Anne.

Mrs R, Durham

Everyone loved the farmhouse and the pool was enjoyed by all. We had an excellent Sunday family lunch in Laroque des Alberes at La Cueva. Lovely food, good wine, friendly efficient service and good value. A week is not long enough so we will certainly return to the area for longer next time and will be in touch.

Mr D, Berks

We had a great holiday, and our two weeks at your beautiful house were really super for us and the family. There is so much we appreciated that it is difficult to know what to single-out. The bedrooms upstairs are all charming and having three bathrooms up there was enormously helpful. We loved the kitchen area, and the fact that it was only a short distance to carry stuff out to the table on the terrace. I shall certainly recommend the house to others, and hope that one day, if we can assemble the numbers again, we will return.

Mr S, London

Roussillon Farmhouse was spacious, well equipped and suited us well. The location was stunning; mountain

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backdrop and views to the sea; it makes our back garden look very mundane. The pool was in constant use & the table tennis proved very popular. We enjoyed dinner with friends at La Cueva in Laroque - very successful, (recommended by your housekeeper). Overall, a successful holiday & we would certainly recommend Roussillon Farmhouse to family & friends.

Mrs S, Surrey

We had a most enjoyable holiday at the Farmhouse. The location and facilities are very good and the surrounding area provides lots of opportunity to visit places of interest for all the family.

Mr U, West Midlands

The holiday itself was very successful especially being able to have all our family with us in the same location. We loved the garden and the swimming pools and the table tennis table gave us a lot of fun. We liked the area and the weather was great and the constant breeze was very welcome against the heat!

Mr W, Surrey

We loved the house and of course the pool. It's a great location on the edge of the village and within striking distance of a lot of things to do, and we particularly liked the way you had made it feel so private. We'd like to come back when the kids are a bit older so we can take

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advantage of some of the walking opportunities in the area, but whilst we were there we filled our time nicely anyway. Albeit it was sometimes difficult to decide to leave the house and pool we did get out and about a bit. We particularly enjoyed Collioure - lots of things to see, history, art and plenty of eating options. We also had fun on the beach at Le Racou a couple of days, which is quieter than the bustle at Argeles. All in all a great region to visit - even the supermarkets in Roussillon seemed much higher quality than we had previously experienced in Perigord and Pitou-Charantes areas!

The weather was superb mostly around 30-33, just one overcast afternoon and even then it was still plenty warm enough to swim.

A very successful trip thanks! (in fact we've only been back 24 hours and my in-laws are already considering booking your place for next year!)

Mr M, Oxfordshire

The Farmhouse was lovely with a fine location and, with the pool, we did not spend a lot of time travelling around so it was a relaxing holiday. The village is typically French and the residents friendly. I even managed some drawing and painting which is a first for me on holiday! The weather was very warm and became quite hot from midweek when the strong wind subsided although we did find out that the winds are a characteristic of the area. We visited Carcassonne and Collioure, (twice), and would recommend these to any of your guests. The younger members of our party made it to Barcelona and also visited Argeles.

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Your welcome pack was very comprehensive and being able to print it out before we left home enabled all to familiarise themselves with the content before arrival. All in all, a very enjoyable holiday and our thanks for your advice and guidance before we travelled.

Mr R, Northampton

Roussillon Farmhouse was great. We loved it as did the kids. It is clear that you must have invested a lot of time and money into the house. We found it to be the best property we have stayed in so far. In all we've done 8 trips to the south of France. We are interested for next year - when do you publish your prices?

Mr R, South Yorks

We had a very enjoyable stay in great weather at your beautiful Farmhouse. We were delighted with the Roussillon Farmhouse and all it offered. We were impressed that it was so well equipped for a large number - down to the plastic plates and glasses for poolside. As you know there were eight of us and a baby and we had everything we needed. The house, grounds and pool are delightful and the scenery is wonderful.

Because the weather was so good we did very little touring except to go to Argeles, Collioure (very beautiful) and the next village Laroque des Alberes. In Laroque we had a superb dinner in a restaurant called La Cueva which we would highly recommend. Fergus in the pub was also very helpful and has a new big screen which will show World Cup matches for those who are looking to follow their



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teams progress in South Africa. We will certainly recommend your house to any friends looking for a rental property in the area and I hope you have a busy season with full occupancy.

Mrs E, Dublin

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## Location

Villelongue dels Monts

Located in a traditional peaceful Catalan village, within walking distance (5mins) of shop / boulangerie, weekly market, selection of 3 restaurants and a café / bar. Views of the Mediterranean and Pyrenees foothills and just 15mins to the beaches at Argeles Sur Mer and the magic of nearby Collioure.

Great for swimming, pedalos, windsurfing, water-skiing, diving, fishing, boat-trips, yachting.

Golf

3 golf courses within 20 minutes and many more over the border in Spain - within 30 minutes. The most notable local course is St Cyprien.

Skiing

100 kms to Pyrennes 2000 / Font Romeu. Fantastic skiing within 90 minutes drive.

Special interest holidays

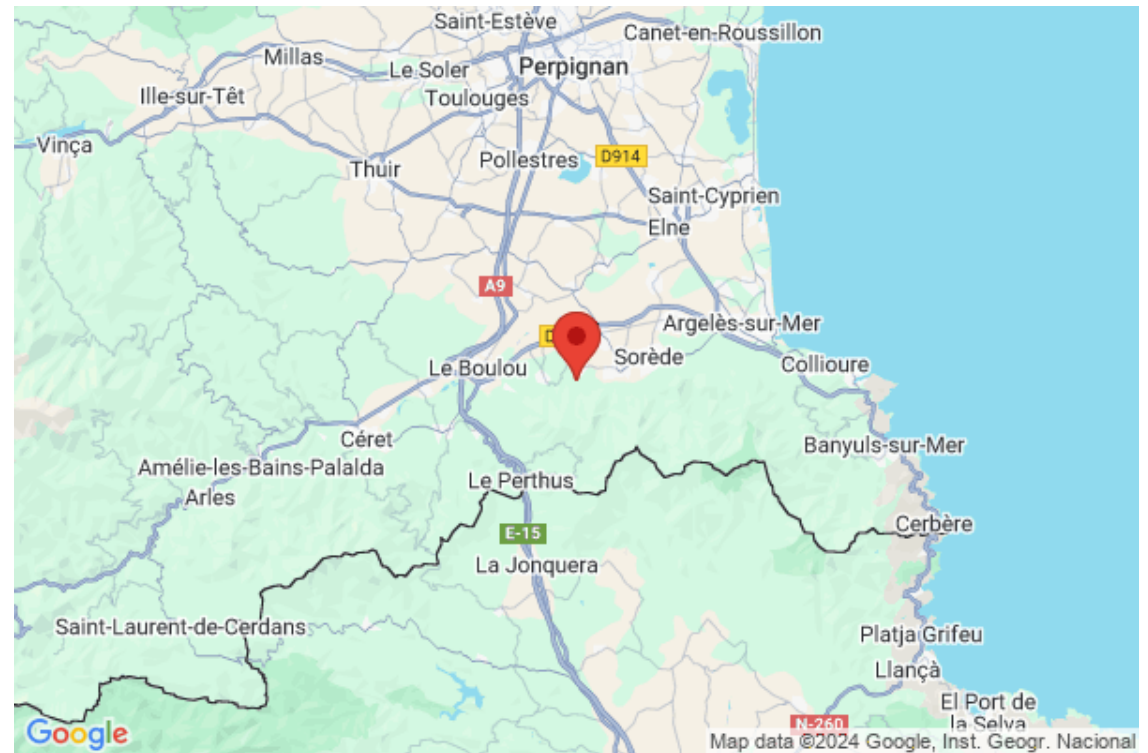
Holiday Boot Camp (including ZUMBA) and singles Boot Camp.

Wedding parties and wedding receptions (catering for up to 40 people) - on request.

Ideal for cycling and / walking, hiking holidays.

Nearest Beach - the family orientated, Blue Flag beach resort of Argeles-Sur-Mer is 15 minutes by car.

- Nearest picturesque fishing village - Collioure is 20 minutes by car.
- Village centre of Villelongue-dels-Monts. 5 minutes walk / 750 metres.
- Nearest shops - 5/6 minutes to boulangerie, supermarket, post office, newsagent, pizza take-away.



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- Nearest market - in Villelongue-dels-Monts, every Wednesday.
- Nearest restaurant / café / bar - 5 minutes walk.
- Nearest evening entertainment - traditional Catalan village evening entertainment at certain times of the year - 5 minutes walk or in the village of Sorede, 5 minutes by car.

Roussillon has some of the finest French beaches, a warm climate and clear waters that are thought to promote health: a perfect combination for family vacations.

A mix of family holiday resorts, health spas and ancient fishing villages cluster along the coast, backed by a hinterland of untouched natural beauty.

Roussillon is a land of coastal plains, mountains, valleys and plateaux. The rich variety of the region's landscapes has strongly influenced the architecture, lifestyle and culture of its people.

Roussillon's countryside is unspoiled and its coastline protected, but its historic and cultural riches are also stunning. The region is littered with historical monuments, abbeys and castles and boasts several UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Pont du Gard, the Canal du Midi, the medieval city of Carcassonne.

## Culture

The Roussillon also known as Catalonia is blessed with 300 days of sunshine per year, this most southerly region of French Catalonia nestling on the Spanish border is one that continues to delight and charm every visitor. 'La Cote Vermeille' in the region of Languedoc-Roussillon offers a great deal for the discerning holidaymaker and or property investor looking for a second-home or permanent home aboard.

You will discover an incomparable variety of scenery and many fascinating towns, mountains, plains ancient cities and modern resorts with a dry climate so characteristic of Mediterranean countries.

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The coast has long, wide, flat sandy beaches with a complete range of water-sports, golf at St Cyprien and marvellous walking country in the Catalan foothills of the Pyrenees. Along the coast at such old ports as Collioure, Port Vendres and Banyuls, the coast eventually becomes high and rocky as the Pyrenees reaches the sea.

It is a land of many influences and a rich heritage, having been colonised by the Phoenician sea traders and later by the Romans who occupied Narbonne and Perpignan. This has been well restored and is beautifully presented, giving an impressive picture of the local history. Perpignan, 10 miles away is the second Catalan city after Barcelona. A lively city built on the banks of the river Tet, the Old Town has the Palace of the Kings of Majorca. Set in the foothills of the Pyrenees, Ceret is a beautiful market town with a modern art museum exhibiting paintings and works by Picasso, Matisse, Chagall and Dali.

The countryside here is a mass of green vineyards, scattered with small sleepy villages with pastel coloured houses of red and orange. This is France's market garden, producing the earliest cherries, peaches and apricots from as early as April, and is now one of the most highly regarded "new" wine regions of France - supplying one in ten bottles of the worlds wine and famous for its Côtes de Roussillon, Banyuls, Byrrh, Muscat, and Rivesaltes.

## Places to Visit

This area of Roussillon has an array of local attractions and sight seeing opportunities, all on its doorstep and easily accessible. A selection of these are detailed below:

Beaches & the Coast Argeles-Sur-Mer, Collioure, La Racou-Plage, St. Cyprien-Plage and Canet-Plage. These beaches are all are favourites for families, providing safe bathing zones, showers, sun beds, parasols and toilets. Most beaches have large free car parking and a selection of cafe bars and restaurants for lunch etc. The beaches at Argeles-sur-Mer are groomed and cleaned each evening to the European Blue Flag standard of quality and have day-time beach patrols.

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From Argeles Port and St Cyprien, yacht and powerboats can be hired or chartered. Scuba diving training and classes sail from Port d'Argeles off the coast to the rocky headlands and inaccessible coves only reached by boat.

There are boat trips and fishing expeditions from Port D' Argeles along the coast and into Spain.

Spain For those who wish to visit Spain, then the nearby Costa Brava is within 60 minutes drive to places such as Rosas, Cadaques, L'Escala and Estartit.

## Sports & Activities

Aqua Land Fun for the family all day. Equipped with the usual range of water slides and tunnels it is located near to St Cyprien.

## Aqualand

Boules You can play any where in France or simply watch the locals.

## Boules

Cycling This is an ideal region to explore around the country lanes on bicycle. We can provide both cycle and Mountain Bike hire – see Mountain Biking below.

Golf There is an 18-hole golf course in St Cyprien. Several others within a range of 30 miles.

Mountain Biking We can provide both cycle and Mountain Bike hire, together with an experienced and qualified Guide. For those who may wish to mountain bike there are various tracks and routes to explore amongst the foothills of the Pyrenees and Forest des Alberes. For those bringing their own bikes and or requiring off-road 4 x 4 transport, this can be arranged as part of the package.

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**Skiing** A 90 minute car drive enables you to access the ski resort of Font Romeu / Pyrenees 2000, which has some excellent pistes for all levels. Show canons provide for an extended season from early December until early April and prices are less expensive than the Alps.

**Swimming Pool** There is an out door swimming pool in Argeles Ville next to the tennis courts.

**Tennis** There are numerous tennis courts in the area, virtually every village, however small, has a tennis club and most are open to non-members.

**Walking** The area is famous for its 'Randonee' walking paths some of which are marked out. For those who are more adventurous, there are various challenging routes amongst the nearby Alberes hills. Qualified guides are available for those wishing to explore the area.

**Wine Tasting** There are numerous caves and vine-yards offering tasting ('degustation'). We can recommend Chateau Valmy on the outskirts of Argeles, near the exit for Racou.

**Chateau Valmy**

**Shopping**

**Supermarkets** There are a range of supermarkets, such as Champion or Intermarche in most of the principal towns, most are ideally located close to the network of express roads stretching from Le Boulou to Argeles and from Argeles to Perpignan.

**Hypermarket** For a more comprehensive shop, including electrical and household goods there is an Auchan in Perpignan.

**Boutiques** There are several boutiques in Argeles-Ville, Port Argeles, Collioure, Port Vendres and St Cyprien.

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**Markets** The region is famous for its local Catalan styled morning markets. These can be visited in Argeles, Sorede, Ceret, Elne, and Le Perthus. Evening markets are staged at Argeles-Plage, St. Cyprien and Collioure.

Interesting Towns / Cities

Amelie-les-Bains - beautiful spa and market town in the Vallespir.

Amelie-les-Bains

Arles sur Tech - the religious centre of the Vallespir with stone coffin oozing mysterious and miraculous powers.

Andorra - Is a three-hour drive along twisting roads, but the reward is shopping at tax-free prices for designer clothes, luxury goods and perfumes.

Banyuls-sur-Mer - An attractive town situated in a small Mediterranean bay, famous for the production of the aperitif wine of the same name, Banyuls.

Barcelona - Just two hours away, Spain's second city vastly improved since the Olympic games in 1992. Breeze down the Ramblas, shop or visit the Picasso museum.

Carcassonne - Europe's largest medieval fortress, one of the best preserved. Take a guided tour or wander freely around La Cité admiring the elaborate fortifications, 54 tower and two gates, craft boutiques and shops.

Carcassonne

Castelnou - One of the most photographed villages in SW France, a wonderful example of a medieval fortified village

Ceret - Old walled market town famous for its art, culture and bullfighting (July), live music, street bars and sardana dancing. Lively local produce market each Saturday.

Collioure - Picturesque fishing village was the favourite town for artists such

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as Picasso. Well worth a stroll around the bars, restaurants, street stalls, fortified castle and quayside.

Elne - 11th century cathedral set in typical Catalan town.

Figueres - A short drive from the Spanish border, the cultural art town hosting the Salvador Dali Museum.

Le Perthus - Duty free shopping at the French / Spanish border town, full of supermarkets and bazaars.

Perpignan - Once the capital of Catalonia where the Palace of the Kings of Mallorca stands. Today, there are many cafes and boutiques located behind the Castillet.

Port Vendres - Fishing harbour and yachting centre overlooked by bars, restaurants and shops.

Prades - Known for its summer music festival, founded by Pablo Casals, it has one of the largest street markets in the area, every Tuesday morning.

Saint Genis-des-Fontaines - famous for the most ancient Roman sculpture, the lintel above the door of the church of St Michel dating 1020. Market every Tuesday and Friday.

Villefranche-de-Conflent - The Yellow Train runs from this 11th century fortified town up and over the mountain to Mont Louis at 1600m.

## Evening Entertainment

In addition to the many restaurants and bars, there is evening entertainment in many of the villages and coastal resorts during the evening.

Argeles - Street markets, Street shows, circus etc. Whilst there look out for the adverts for other traditional events, such as open air 'Bals' - dancing and fetes ie. 14 July and 15 August.



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Collioure - Artists, Catalan Dancing in the square, Street shows, markets etc.

Sorede - Every summer Thursday evening traditional Catalan sardana dancing in the centre ville.

St Cyprien - Restaurants, late night shopping or a stroll around the marina.

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## Photos



Canigou swimming pool

Canigou kitchen and dining area

Canigou dining room



Canigou lounge kitchen

Canigou new fitted kitchen

Canigou master bedroom

Canigou bathroom



Canigou wetroom

Canigou separate lounge