

Domaine De Favaze

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 14

Overview

Built in 1308, Domaine De Favaze is one of the oldest properties on our portfolio and certainly one with the richest past! Dating back to the time of the Knights Templar, this stunningly characterful property was originally built as a bergerie (essentially a sheep pen!) and over the years, the rest of the house was built around it. It gives the chateau's floor plan a really organic, homely feel – it's obvious that this is one house that grew as much as it was built.

Domaine De Favaze was renovated around 25 years ago, and the owner (who lives here when it isn't booked up) really stamped their own personal style on the property. The natural stone walls have been turned into a feature, and while they're plastered and painted in a couple of areas the majority of the interior shows off the true charm of the bare walls – where they haven't been covered in beautiful fabrics! The ancient structure also provided a few challenges during the renovation, especially when it came to plumbing. In the end though, this just meant that the owner and his team of builders had to use their imaginations a little – don't be surprised to open what you think is a cupboard and finding a shower instead, which only adds to the magic of the place.

Domaine De Favaze's decoration and interior has been inspired by the owner's experience of a journey on the Orient Express, and as such has a beautiful Art Deco look. The property boasts six bedrooms, with two rooms that are ideal for kids. The living room has an extraordinary 14th century ceiling and contains many beautiful paintings, ornaments and object d'art, as well as a dining table overlooking the pool that easily seats 12 guests! There is an indoor winter garden salon with exotic flowers and a superb outdoor swimming pool and terrace area. There is also an indoor sauna in the annex and, amazingly, the water in the taps is all-natural spring water taken from a nearby source!

Kola the housekeeper lives next door and is there to help you to enjoy what will be a unique holiday experience. The Domaine De Favaze is great if you like the beach too, as it's just a 20 minute drive from Montpellier and the coast.

This is a stunning property with tons to discover (you'll have as much fun exploring it as you will in the beautiful surrounding countryside) and the pool, sauna and sun-soaked terraces make relaxing in this gem an absolute treat.





Facilities



Interior & Grounds

The property has six bedrooms (two are mini suites ideal for kids and one is on the ground floor, which is great for older guests who might find stairs a challenge), all of which have either a shower or bath.

The chateau has an old-world kitchen (all of the units are hand-built by a local artisan) and a dining room with views over the pool – as well as that, the owner is more than happy to let you use his crystal and silver for your dinners! There are three downstairs salons, each with its own distinctive charm. One of the salons has large stone thick walls, keeping it cool year round, making it the perfect spot to relax, play the piano, or simply watch TV. Another is complete with Moroccan style horseshoe arches and cushioned seating area.

In the annexe there is a sauna for exclusive use of the guests. There is also a Spa Leisure garden, a large ground floor bedroom with bathroom suite that leads out to the outdoor terrace. There are two WCs downstairs and Wifi internet access available at the house.

On the first floor there are 4 double bedrooms, each with an en-suite bathroom.

The tranquil winter garden is found at the top of the main staircase, with art deco mirrors and posters, an exquisite blue and white tiled floor, and a skylight to illuminate the many precious ornaments.

Leading off from the winter garden is the largest room in the house, a grand bedroom entered from a mini imperial staircase, with a double bed and a single, perfect for families. There is a spiral staircase that leads down to an awesome bathroom with his and hers sinks, jacuzzi with tiled mural, sauna, shower, curtained dressing room and fogged glass door leading out to the courtyard.

A staircase next to the front door provides separate access to one of the many wings of this fascinating house. At the top of the stairs you find a poppy flower themed dining room with a piano and outdoor terrace.

Leading off from this dining room are two double bedrooms, one of which connects to the rest of the house through a secret door from one of the bathrooms. This room is decorated with yellow and green striped wallpaper, and has a spiral staircase with beautiful floral metal work that leads to a study and library built into the newly-constructed tower. The study has glorious views of the countryside through large windows, and there's a corner sofa surrounded by books, great for relaxing or indulging in some artistic pursuits if you feel so inclined!



In addition there is an Art Nouveau bedroom and romantic bedroom filled with velvet that offers a private shower and toilet.

Relax in the stunning fully independent 1930's style bedroom room adorned with rosewood walls, tiles and mirrors. The room also has a private shower and toilet.

Outside there is a private courtyard with lemon and orange trees, two dining terraces with leather armchairs and the swimming pool with patterned tiling. To the front of the house there is a vast expanse of land where it is safe for the children to play, and though this is over a road the lack of houses in the cul-de-sac means there's very little traffic.

Location & Local Information

The house is 25km from Nimes and Montpellier, both with a large international airport and TGV train stations (with direct links to Paris Gare Du Nord). There are beautiful towns to visit, shops are within a 10 minute walk and restaurants a 20 minute stroll.

Head to the coast! The Mediterranean is only a short drive away.

Places of interest near Domaine De Favaze

- Sommières - picturesque city 10 mins away
- Aigues-Mortes - beautifully kept ramparts - Departure point of the Crusades for Templar Knights 3/4 h away
- Nîmes – Roman town 3/4 h away
- Arles – Roman town 1h away
- Les Matelles - Dinky Languedoc – middle age village 1/2 h away
- Grotte des Demoiselles - Geological Phenomenon 1h away
- Grotte de Clamousse - Geological Phenomenon 1h away
- St Guilhem le Désert - very typical village - famous Abbey on the Camino de Santiago 1h away
- Uzès - 1st Duchy of France – nice from C18th 1h away
- Les Baux de Provence – Pretty walking around here 1 1/2 hours away
- Anduze – Famous for its Provençal pottery and bamboo forest 1h away
- Baillargues - Golf de Massane – Golf 20 minutes away

Sea and Beaches

- La Grande Motte, Le Grau du Roi, Port Camargue 3/4 h away
- Les Stes Marie de la Mer and Camargue 1h away

Restaurants

In Sommières : Auberge du Pont Romain

In Aigues-Morte : Le Divin

In Montpellier : Le Jardin des Sens

For local wines

(Red, white rosé) caveau du Val des Pins à Sussargues 1/4 h away



Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500. The security deposit is paid on arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: 16.00
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price. There may be a charge for the low seasons.
- Linen & towels included?: All linen and towels are included in the rental price.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included in the rental price.
- Changeover day: Wednesday or Saturday.
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking in the property.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Internet access?: Yes (no Wi-Fi access available)