

Cottage des Alberes

Region: Languedoc

Sleeps: 6 **Bedrooms:** 3



Overview

Ideal for small family requiring swimming pool and garden. Can be rented with cottage Canigou ref ARG105 to be ideal for two families or larger holiday group to accommodate up to 12 people, enjoying exclusive swimming pool and private garden. Ideal for family special occasions, reunions and anniversaries. 3 Bedrooms / 3 Bathrooms. Sleeps 6.

Can accommodate up to 22 or 32 with ARG105 (Cottage Canigou), ARG107 (Catalan Farmhouse) and ARG108 (Mas D'en Porte). Tennis available in the village

Description

The cottage is a recently renovated and thoroughly modernised stone Roussillon Cottage comprising 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to sleep 6 + cot, and benefits from a shared garden and swimming pool (9m x 6m).

Ground Floor

Comprising 2 master double bedrooms, complete with en-suite showers & WC's. French windows from rear bedroom provide access to Cottage garden. Hall and staircase leading to first floor living room.

First Floor

Bedroom No. 3 - twin, with adjacent bathroom & WC. Fully fitted cottage style, designer-kitchen, with Island. Modern oven & hob and matching appliances: dishwasher, washing machine and refrigerator. Living room with dining area and lounge with flat-screen SAT TV. South facing views over the court-yard.

Child-friendly equipment supplied at no extra cost - Baby cots, high chairs and Stair-gates. Prices also include WIFI / Broadband Internet and FREE telephone calls to landlines in France and some 60 international destinations. Linen & Towels, Welcome Pack, Maid & Chef service provided on request.

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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Linen and Towels

Maid Service

Welcome Pack

Chef service

Bikes

Tennis Rackets

Concierge

Outdoor Terrace enjoying all-day and evening sunshine, complete with garden furniture, sun-beds and BBQ. Shared swimming pool set in secluded garden.

Private driveway provides car parking for one vehicle. Additional parking available on quiet road side.

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

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Swimming Pool (9m x 6m)

Pool Security Alarm

Garden & Patio Furniture - Tables & Chairs

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Sun Terrace / Patio

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Layout

Bedrooms:

Bedrooms 1 and 2 with double bed and en-suite.

Bedroom 3 with twin beds.

Kitchen: Separate cottage-style kitchen with oven, hob, dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, refrigerator with freezer compartment, kettle, toaster, iron and ironing board.

Living Rooms: lounge with SAT TV (BBC etc) and separate dining room.

Other:

SAT TV (BBC, ITV etc)

WIFI / Broadband

Telephone (FREE calls to landlines)

CD/Radio

Electric Radiators / Heated Towel Rails

Hair-dryer

Pillows (English Style) / Duvet Quilts

High Chairs, Cots & Stair-gate

More Info

Visited by one of our team.

We had a fantastic time and the house exceeded our expectations. The area was brilliant .We particularly enjoyed walking up to the monastery and also meeting with the local bee keeper. Racou beach was excellent for swimming. We would love to return one day.

Mrs D, Dorset

We had a lovely week in Villelongue - thank you! The house was great - well equipped, comfortable, with lots of atmosphere and in a wonderful location. The 3 bathrooms were particularly useful so we weren't on top of each other and I don't think there was anything we needed and couldn't find in the kitchen. The pool area was lovely too and we loved our table and chairs under the beautiful tree (which provided useful shade for a toddler too).

Mrs Mc, London

We had a lovely time thank you. The weather was the best we've had 40 degrees all day -30 in the pool! Needless to say with 6 children between us we didn't venture far as the pool and villa were so tempting! Fantastic fireworks at Banyuls and a couple of lovely evenings again at Collioure.

Mrs L, Glamorgan

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
- Spacious garden

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Mrs C, Cheshire

We've had a lovely time thank you. Cottage Des Alberes was great, the area couldn't have been better and the location of the cottage was perfect. We spent almost every day at the beach in the morning and by the pool in the afternoon. Loved Collioure a lot! Had coffee overlooking the beautiful sea there almost every morning, followed by swimming, ice creams and shopping. Our holiday was a great success really and we had been a bit worried that it would be quite stressful with 2 small children to entertain. Thank you for the cot/highchair too. My daughter was very happy to find that there were 3 girls in the house next door and we all enjoyed their company very much. They were a lovely family. Thanks again for making everything go smoothly and we hope to return there again soon.

Mrs H, Cheshire

Not all Gite owners have caught up to your standards it seems. Cottage des Alberes was fantastic. It scores a 9, which is pretty damn good in my book. We have recommended your cottage to many people since leaving. Hope to visit again.

Mr S, Glamorgan

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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.

Interior

Oven & Hob
Island kitchen
Dishwasher
Washing Machine
Refrigerator with Freezer compartment
SAT TV (BBC, ITV etc)
WIFI / Broadband
Telephone (FREE calls to landlines)
CD/Radio
Iron & Ironing Board
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Location

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.

Coast/Beach

15 minutes by car to the family rated Blue Flag beaches of Argeles-Sur-Mer. Others within a short distance - St Cyprien, Collioure and Canet Plage.

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

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.



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- Nearest shops - 5/6 minutes to boulangerie, supermarket, post office, newsagent, pizza take-away.
- 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.

Introduction

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.

Collioure

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

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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.

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.

Banyuls

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.

Canet-Plage

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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.

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

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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.

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. Snow 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.

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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.

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.

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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

Castelhou - 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 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

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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.

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



Cottage Swimming Pool
swimming pool



Master Bedr
Canigou master bedroom



Modern, Well Equipped Kitchen

Canigou new fitted kitchen



Seperate Lounge

Canigou separate lounge



Bathroom

Canigou bathroom



Cottage Des Alberes - Master Bedroom 1



Cottage Des Alberes - Well Equipped Kitchen



Cottage Des Alberes - Family Bathroom



Cottage Des Alberes - TV Lounge