

# La Mouline

**Region:** Languedoc | Autignac

**Sleeps:** 4 **Bedrooms:** 2



## Overview

La Mouline is a rustic idyll, nestled in a dell and sheltered from the rest of the world by Mediterranean oaks and vineyards, a stream and natural pools. This converted 150 year old olive mill offers a comfortable, rustic and relaxing traditional gite in tranquil natural surroundings. Off-grid and out of time, this solar-powered, eco-friendly home for 4 people offers a chance to escape to a slow country pace. Set in 2.5 acres of land, bordered by a stream in the heart of the Languedoc countryside, yet only 1km from a thriving village. The self-catering gite occupies the upper floors of this unique, stone-built house. Private pool. Good WiFi. FLEXIBLE CHANGEVER DAYS throughout the season. Not suitable for under 5s or people with reduced mobility.

## Description

A peaceful and rustic 2-bedroom gite in a former stone-built olive mill, sleeps 4. La Mouline, a 150 year old converted olive mill, offers a comfortable and relaxing traditional holiday in tranquil in natural surroundings, ideal for summer living. This solar-powered gite for 4 people offers a chance to escape to a slow country pace. Set in 2.5 acres of land, bordered by a stream and vineyards in the heart of the Languedoc countryside.

The self-catering gite occupies the upper floors of this unique, stone-built house. Rustic charm and seclusion with beautiful views of the Languedoc countryside and hills beyond. The 150-yr-old mill is situated in the countryside with woods, a stream, natural pools and hidden waterfalls. A haven for bird life and the occasional wild boar!

This is a back-to-nature rural retreat, run in an eco-friendly way, so 'green' in both senses of the word! The newly-installed swimming pool with attractive wooden decking, offers a fabulous way to relax to the sounds of birds and cicadas, and is run entirely on sunshine solar panels. The pool is gated and fenced for the safety of your little ones.

La Mouline, a rustic and comfortable accommodation, consists of an outside mature tree shaded area eating and resting area, with an additional balcony around the property for relaxing with a coffee or a glass of wine. There are various hidden areas where you can sit and soak up the sun, from the covered terrace to the swimming pool area which is completely surrounded by trees making it exceptionally private.

The mill is located just outside the village of Autignac, 1km away. This is an easy walk along a quiet lane. Autignac is located about 20 km north of Beziers, nestled in the foothills of the Black Mountains (Montagne Noir) and is surrounded by the famous vineyards of the Hérault. The glorious sandy beaches of the Languedoc Mediterranean are 30 minutes drive away, and just 5 km to the north you enter the Parc Naturel of the Haut Languedoc. The wonderful Gorge d'Heric is a beautiful 25-minute drive to the north-west and is highly recommended.

The village has all the shops for your basic requirements, including a bakery, butchers, chemist, post office, grocery and café bar. Since this lovely gite is on the edge of the village, it is quiet and secluded, just a short walk to the facilities.

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## Layout

Ground Floor :

Kitchen (Gas hob and oven), and living /dining area.

Bathroom with shower cubicle, WC and sink.

Heating radiator for the cooler times.

Fans for the warmer times.

Wifi.

Comfy sofa and coffee table.

Kitchette with oven, sink , fridge/freezer.

Dining table for 4 guests.

Up spiral staircase to:

First Floor :

Master bedroom with double bed. (NB: Slightly sloping ceiling, may not be suitable for taller guests, please enquire). Fan.

Second bedroom has 2 singles (can be pushed together if desired) Fan.

Wardrobes and storage space.

Kitchen:

Oven hob and oven - gas.

Refrigerator with ice box. Ice box and blocks for outdoor picnic use.

Dishes and silverware, plastics for outside use.

Barbecue utensils.

Cooking basics provided such as pots and pans, oil, salt and pepper.

Baking sheets and cooking trays.

Coffee maker (Cafetiere).

Toaster.

Please note as this is an eco-friendly setup and powered by solar panels, there is no microwave, washing machine, TV or hair dryer provided.

Water for drinking is bottled.

## More Info

With a flexible arrival day, this self-catering 2-bedroomed eco-friendly gite is situated in the peaceful countryside in the heart of the celebrated area of Faugères wine. It has a secluded pool (7.5m x 3.75m) with decking and a balustrade for safety and children's play area in a large garden of 2.5 acres. Bed and breakfast option is available; please enquire.

Not suitable for under 5s due to uneven terrain and spiral staircase.

Inside the stone mill are two floors joined by a spiral staircase.

La Mouline is ideal for 4 adults or families with children of over 5 years of age (steps and a balcony areas to be aware of).

Downstairs has a kitchen/dining area/lounge with access to the flowing balcony and windows on all sides. A shower and WC room.

Upstairs has two bedrooms, one with an antique double bed and a twin bedroom. The twin singles can be pushed together if required. Fans are provided in each room. All linen is provided.

Water comes from a borehole 70m deep (perfect for showering, washing or cooking with etc).

Bottled water is provided for drinking.

Shaded parking area for three cars. Two BBQ areas - one portable, and a fire pit. Wood provided.

Owner lives on-site in downstairs apartment but has own entrance, parking and garden. No overlooking towards the pool. She is happy to help and advise but otherwise will be very discreet.

## Features

- Table tennis
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Private pool
- Secure fenced pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Watersports nearby
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- No pets allowed
- Spacious garden
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Outside:

Swimming pool (7m by 4m) with decking area and garden.

Dining area, 2 BBQ's (a portable and fire pit).

Movable table and chairs for relaxing.

Sun loungers by the pool. Parasol.

Pool is secure and fenced. 7.5m x 4m x 1.2m deep with a ladder into the pool to make it easier. Loungers and parasol available on the wooden deck. Area for children to play in the gardens and table tennis available. Pool towels and beach towels are provided.

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## Location



On the outskirts of the village of Autignac (10 mins walk to the village).

Near the lively and popular village of Magalas. (5 minutes drive).

River canoeing available at Roquebrun (15km).

Canal boating on the Canal du Midi (15 minutes).

Lots of cooperatives and domaines to sample and taste the local wines.

Excellent market at St Chinian Sundays and Pézenas Saturdays.

There are lots of walking and cycling trails near the house leading out into vineyards.

Magalas is quite a large village with boulangerie, tabac, bar, pizzeria and cocktail bar within a short drive. There is also a large supermarket and pharmacy.

Nearby Towns:

Pezenas - (20 mins to the East) Pezenas was the home of Moliere and an artists haven, it is a beautiful old town with cobbled streets and great boutiques/craft shops and restaurants. If possible, you should take in the weekly market which takes place every Saturday. The food stalls, in particular, are excellent and you will find it hard to resist the stalls selling olive nuts, cold meats, cheeses and wild honey etc. After the market, you should stop off for lunch in one of the many restaurants nestling in the beautiful ancient streets that run parallel to the main street.

Beziers - (15 mins to the South) This is a historical city which is good for shopping, sightseeing and has many bars, restaurants and pavement cafes. There is a flower market on Fridays.

Roquebrun - (20 mins to the West) This town is approximately 20 minutes away, and well worth seeing for its stunning setting on a hillside, overlooking the winding River Orb. If you approach the town from the south, there are some stunning vantage points for the obligatory photo shoot. At the top of the village, there is a Mediterranean garden.

Magalas - (5 mins to the South) This is one of the nearest villages to Autignac, and whilst it has a pretty square, its main attraction is its lively café-bar (Excalibur). It is never dull here, and despite appearances, is a great

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eatery. This is a good venue for sporting events on the widescreen if you like a bit of atmosphere with your sport. The main charm is the mix of life that you will undoubtedly see, from toddlers to grannies, but all in a convivial and warm atmosphere. For those that wish to imbibe, there is a taxi service from Magalas as well.

## Walking:

Autignac is situated 10 minutes from Haut Languedoc National Park. The whole area is a walking paradise, particularly the Gorge d'Heric or the Gorges de Colombieres.

## Cycling:

The roads around Autignac are relatively traffic-free, encouraging you to explore the countryside.

## Watersports:

30 minutes to the north-east is Lake Salagou, where you can kayak, jet ski, sail or paddle-boat. Also, 15 minutes to the west and just south of Roquebrun, is a canoeing centre with white water facilities.

The Mediterranean sea is under 30 minutes from Autignac. Here you will find Aqualand which is open in the summer months.

## Wine tours:

Autignac is one of the seven communes that make up the Faugeres wine appellation. There are a number of wine-producing chateaux in Autignac where you can purchase wine directly.

## Beaches:

Valras plage provides the continuous length of soft sand, safe for children to play and includes many playground areas. The beachfront has many restaurants providing fresh seafood as well as regional dishes and some children's specials. Cap D'Agde is home to Aqualand.

Serignan is also a beautiful sandy beach and a little quieter than Valras, with only a few places to eat. There are also pony rides/trekking available nearby.

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Autignac makes an excellent base for exploring the region. There are chateaux in abundance throughout the region - some of which have restaurants or wine cellars. The nearest golf courses are at Lamalou-les-Bains and Beziers. There are great courses at Carcassonne and Cap d'Agde too. Less than 10 km to the north there is a superb go-Karting track. Water sports are available at Roquebrun, and Cessenon-sur-L'Orb. Excellent opportunities abound for wine-tasting locally, and there is an array of wonderful restaurants to choose from.

The village itself is a 'circulade'. This refers to the circular street structure at the heart of the village. The village is typically French, consisting of a charming network of narrow streets, with many wonderful old buildings, both small and large. There is even a restored Chateau - Chateau Autignac and a wine-tasting tour here is a 'must' during your trip.

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