

Mas D'en Porte

Region: Languedoc

Sleeps: 10 **Bedrooms:** 4



Overview

Stunning 15th Century stone built Catalan/French Mas, with unique original character including oak beams. Set in one-acre private and exclusive gardens, with private 8m x 4m swimming pool / Roman steps. Completely refurbished in 2012 – Designer Kitchen, AC in Bedrooms. Self-contained studio with double bedroom & kitchen. Glorious east and south-facing sun terraces. Breathtaking views of the Mediterranean and Pyrenees. 4 Bedrooms / 3 Bathrooms.

Beach 15 minutes. Village 5 minutes walk.

Can be rented with ARG105, ARG106 (Cottages Canigou and Albères) and ARG107 (Catalan Farmhouse) to offer accommodation for a maximum of 36 people. Tennis available in the village.

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Set in one acre of private gardens, with individual 8m x 4m swimming pool with Roman steps.

The gite was completely refurbished in 2012 with designer kitchen and air-conditioning in the bedrooms.

Ground Level (exterior) - South facing terrace with shaded area – ideal for eating al fresco and great as a shaded retreat in summer, adjacent to first floor kitchen.

First floor - Farmhouse styled kitchen-dining room with Mediterranean and mountain views. Fully equipped designer-kitchen with double Range Master oven, dishwasher, washing machine, American styled fridge/freezer/water dispenser, wine cooler and microwave.

Double (King size) bedroom ensuite (shower & WC), AC with fantastic Mediterranean views. Separate WC.

Half Level - Very spacious 40m2 lounge with log fire and double sofa bed leading to south facing terrace overlooking private gardens with stunning views to Pyrenees.

Second Floor – Comprising two separate bedrooms both with AC and awesome Mediterranean views. One large twin Bedroom with space for cot. Separate Double bedroom. Adjacent family bathroom & WC.

Ground Floor - quaint, spacious self-contained studio suitable for family of 3/4. Air conditioning. Double bedroom with ensuite shower and WC. Kitchen / living room, with queen-size divan and space for cot. East and south facing private terraces.

Glorious east and south-facing sun terraces. Located 150m above sea level, offering breathtaking views of the Mediterranean coastline and Pyrenees Mountains.

Outside:

A majestic south facing sun terrace, leading from the very spacious 40m2 lounge –with uninterrupted Mountain views, ideal for star-gazing on balmy nights with a glass of wine! Plus a separate east / Mediterranean facing terrace adjacent to the self-contained studio, great for sunny morning, lazy breakfasts.

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Swimming Pool / Roman Steps (8m x 4m)
Pool Cover (Conforms to NF P 90 – 308)
Covered exterior dining table & chairs
Garden & Terrace Furniture – Tables & Chairs
Sun Beds & Parasols
BBQ
Sun Terrace / Balcony
Separate studio patio
One-acre private Garden
Washing lines
Private off-road Car Parking
Optional (enquire for further information)

Linen and Towels
Maid Service
Welcome Pack
Chef service
Bikes
Tennis Rackets
Table Tennis Table
Concierge

Private driveway off a quiet road provides car parking for 2 / 3 cars.

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Mas D'en Porte enjoys the benefit of its own private swimming pool, dimensions 8m x 4m. Entry is via Roman steps in the shallow end of approx 1.2m and with a deep-end of approximately 1.85m. The pool is available from late-April 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 terraces. The swimming pool is equipped with an electronic pool cover, conforming to NF P 90 – 308 to provide added safety protection.

A Table Tennis Table, Tennis Rackets and Bikes are available for a small charge.

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Visited by one of our team.

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Available for rental separately or can be rented in combination with ARG107 which sleeps 10 or either ARG105 or ARG106, both of which sleep 6, therefore with all 4 cottages you can accommodate up to 32 / 36 people. Each property having their own privacy and facilities, 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 the cottage is well insulated and equipped with a combination of AC reverse heating, electric heaters and a log fire. A local English housekeeper is available to provide assistance, if required.

"We had a really good holiday, thank you & found your properties ideal for our family gathering. We visited Collioure, Carcassonne & Ceret as well as Figueres. We ate twice in the village restaurant and really enjoyed our meals. We swam in the pools & sat in the sun & generally relaxed. Thanks very much - everyone really enjoyed the week & would recommend."

Mrs G, Worcs

"We had a good holiday thank you. We thought the house was fantastic and situated in beautiful countryside. Because of the age of our grandson, we ate in all the time and found the kitchen to be very well equipped. Wonderful

Features

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

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Range Master Oven & Hob
Granite worktops
Dishwasher
Washing Machine
Fridge/Freezer water dispenser
Wine cooler
Microwave
AC to bedrooms
SAT TV (BBC, ITV etc)
WIFI / Broadband
Telephone (FREE calls to EU landlines)
iPod Docking Station
Iron & Ironing Board
Log Fire
Electric Radiators / Heated Towel Rails
Kettle
Toaster
Hair-dryer
Pillows (English Style) / Duvet Quilts
High Chairs, Cots & Stair-gate

fridge freezer with ice maker. The Rangemaster was terrific and made me very nostalgic for the one I left behind in our last house!"
Mrs W, Derbyshire

"The holiday was a success and we all enjoyed the farmhouse away from the more commercialised seaside resorts & ports. The hillside location although tough on the cycle legs provided a welcome afternoon breeze during the hotter parts of the day. We probably stayed around the pool & farmhouse house half the total days we were away, swimming, reading, playing games, BBQing and eating lunches in "the cave"; very relaxing".
Mr B, Kent

"It was a really lovely villa, well equipped in a lovely area of France. As a family we usually go somewhere different each year, but all seemed keen to return to your villa. The WiFi, iced water on tap and the range oven in the kitchen were particularly welcome".
Mr M, Borders

"Our party was three couples with offspring in their late teens and early twenties - 10 in total. We thoroughly enjoyed our week. The Mas has been renovated to a very high standard and is extremely well equipped. The pool and surrounding area is excellent, with lots of interest for a week or fortnight. I would have no hesitation in recommending the Mas".
Mr A, Belfast

"We all very much enjoyed our stay at Mas D'en Porte which is a lovely house and very well laid out and equipped. We had never been to this region of France before, but I'm sure we will return one day. We visited Argeles-Sur-Mer, St Cyprien, Collioure, Ceret and Perpignan over the two weeks and liked all of them. We

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ate in several of the restaurants on your list including Pierranne, which was very good, and La Salamandre, which was excellent".
Mrs D, Lothian

"Thank you so much for an absolutely fabulous stay at your Mas in Villelongue. Everyone in the party is extremely pleased with this year's vacation and it definitely rates as the best we have had since we started doing this "la grande famille" holidaying".
The house with its facilities and the pool and the surrounding patios with the wonderful atmosphere really met all our expectations. The area in itself was superb and there is no doubt we will visit that part of France again. Most probably next year - as I said - best ever! With the service, hospitality and not to forget the warm friendliness you and your "staff" have met us with, I sincerely hope we can come and stay at the Mas again. All the things we were hoping for met our expectations, and one cannot really hope for more than that! :-))"
Mr K, Norway

"What can we say.....!!! We have had the most fabulous week at Mas D'en Porte, we loved every minute. We were chilled, relaxed and thoroughly enjoyed the fabulous French food and sunshine. Your housekeeper made us very welcome when we arrived on Saturday and then came and checked all was ok during the week - you must be pleased to have someone who is so helpful for your guests. What a beautiful part of the world and what lovely properties you have! Glad to say we met everyone who was staying in the cottage/farmhouse and we all had a look round each others places :) They are all so individual and charming, and the views are amazing from Mas D'en Porte and the Farmhouse".
Mrs F, Worcestershire

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"From the moment we arrived at this beautiful location we were sure this would be a holiday to remember. The views from the patio to both the back and the front of the property are outstanding. The Mas itself is very spacious and well appointed with all the necessary equipment for easy living. The kitchen is excellent and again has an abundance of cutlery, crockery etc. The pool area is delightful and the electric pool cover is easy to use and is a very sensible safety feature for families with young children who can't swim. The extensive well cared for gardens give a great feeling of real rural living. Lots of very comfortable beds for a good night's sleep. The Mas is within easy walking distance of the local shops, post office, bar and eating places in this charming, traditional little French village. These are limited in number but offer all the necessities. Lots of places to visit nearby and near enough to the seaside to be convenient but far enough away to be away from the crowds. The owner's description is accurate and, if anything, a bit understated. An outstanding place to stay in a wonderful part of France".
Garry & Julia

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Location

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.

Nearest market - in Villelongue-dels-Monts, every Wednesday.

Nearest restaurant / café / bar - 5 minutes walk.

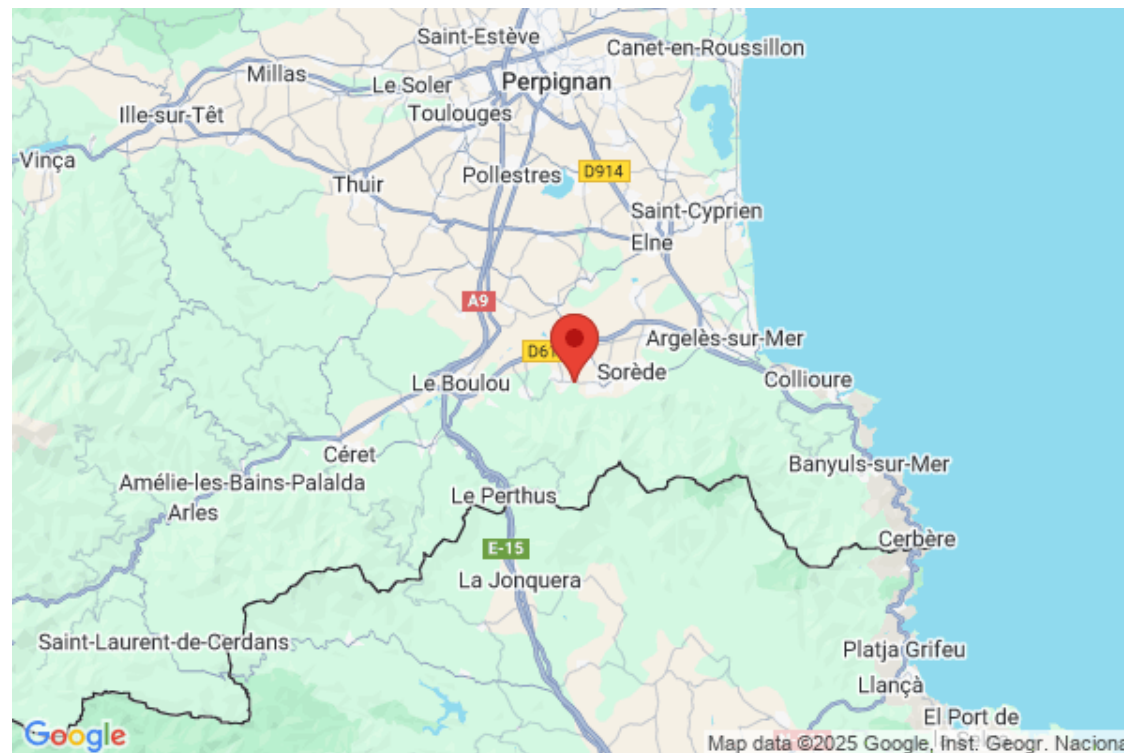
Nearest evening entertainment - traditional Catalan village evening entertainment at certain times of the year - 5 minutes walk or in the village of Sorede, 5 minutes by car.

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.



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Collioure

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 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 the Mediterranean coast.

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 reach 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 world's wine and famous for its Côtes de Roussillon, Banyuls, Byrrh, Muscat, and

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Canet-Plage

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 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 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

Aqualand Fun for the family all day. Equipped with the usual range of water slides and tunnels, located near to St Cyprien.

Boules: You can play anywhere in France or simply watch the locals.

Cycling: This is an ideal region to explore around the country lanes on

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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 in the foothills of the Pyrenees and Forest des Albères. 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 in the nearby Albères hills. Qualified guides are available for those wishing to explore the area.

Wine Tasting: There are numerous caves and vineyards offering tasting ('degustations'). We can recommend Chateau Valmy on the outskirts of Argeles, near the exit for Racou.

Shopping: Supermarkets - There are a range of supermarkets, such as Champion or Intermarché 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.

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Hypermarket - For a more comprehensive shop, including electrical and house-hold 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.

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

Andorra - 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.

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.

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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 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



Mas D'en Porte-Pool-facing-South



Mas D'en Porte-Exterior



Mas D'en Porte-kitchen



Mas D'en Porte-lounge



Mas D'en Porte-Exterior-Dining



Mas D'en Porte-Studio terrace



Mas D'en Porte-feature entrance



Mas D'en Porte-twin bedroom



Mas D'en Porte-double bedroom 1