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énerbes floats over the Luberon and its stunning scenery, having already been described as a boat by Nostradamus because of the rocky spur in the shape of a ship on which it sits. Ménerbes is one of the most beautiful villages in France and provides all the charm of a traditional Provençal village that has retained many signs of its historic past.

Narrow intertwined streets, the town hall square belfry adorned with a cast-iron bell, old houses that have been traditionally restored offering visitors a trip back in time. It is hard not to think of the bestseller, *A Year in Provence*, by British author Peter Mayle, which is set against the backdrop of Ménerbes and the picturesque surrounding areas.

The Truffle and Wine Centre, housed in a beautifully renovated 17<sup>th</sup> century building, provides proof, if it was necessary, that Provence is a land of vineyards and Ménerbes is no exception with 3 wine-growing domains spreading across many acres, including one that is home to the famous corkscrew museum. It also reminds us that the Vaucluse is the largest producer of truffles in France and the market on the last Sunday of the year in Ménerbes is famous throughout the region!

Make the most of this freedom to marvel at the magnificent local buildings and castles steeped in history, explore the Sentier des Ocres (Ochre Pathway) in Roussillon and come away from the fabulous shows at Avignon festival with stars in your eyes.

In winter, let yourself be guided through the paths of the Luberon, to the picturesque santons fairs, the small Christmas markets and their mulled wine smells, in search of the most unusual and most valuable santon, or a gift to leave under the tree. A getaway full of emotions as tradition is so rooted in the heart of Provence!

# MÉNERBES

## PROVENCE



# LA BASTIDE de Marie

## MÉNERBES



## Elegant Provence...

A bastion nestling among the estate, 57 acres of vines, in the heart of Luberon's Natural Park, the mansion forms a natural yet stylish part of the Provencal landscape.

La Bastide de Marie welcomes those who come as friends or neighbours to spend a few hours or days, to idle the time away, or taste a quality wine produced on site, all year long.

### THE HOTEL

14 rooms including 6 suites • A roulotte • A dining room (Michelin Guide recommended with 2 "Fourchettes rouges") • Terraces • Lounge with chimney • Library • Wine tasting cellar • Cookery classes

### PURE ALTITUDE SPA

2 treatment rooms • 2 outdoor swimming pools, including one heated • Outdoor massage area in the middle of the vineyard • Outdoor relaxation area

### SERVICES

Concierge service • Porter • Room service • Wi-Fi • Private outdoor parking

### RATES

Rooms from 280 to 710 €  
Suites from 440 to 890 €  
Roulotte from 230 to 600 €  
(Rate for 2 guests including breakfast, tea-time, aperitif, lunch or dinner with wines, mineral waters and coffee)  
Open from April to November and for Christmas holidays

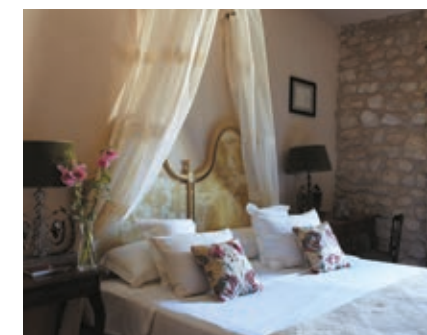
### HOW TO GET TO MÉNERBES?

• **Airports:** Avignon (40 min),  
Marseille-Provence (1h15)  
• **TGV train stations:** Avignon (40 min),  
Marseille Saint-Charles (1h)

Just as in a family house, the 14 rooms spread over several levels all have a unique character, in perfect harmony with the spirit of the place. Here, no number on the doors, but for each, a chromatic universe - Blanche,

Gris de Sauge, Mauve d'Aster, Bleu de Nîmes or Vert Anis - which extends along the floors, walls, fabrics and bathroom. The Roulotte, the gypsy chic caravan, invites to travel...

The Sibuet family has deciphered the hidden design of this farmhouse dating from the 18th century, and subtly tamed the 800m² building. The principal space lies in the imposing volume of the barn around a monumental fireplace, while the upper floor houses a huge library, inviting guests to stop for a snack, to read or play. On the terrace, in the shade of a big lime tree, you can listen to the rich and gentle murmur of Provence, and breathe in its scents, enhanced by the sun and stirred up by the mistral... A lifestyle nourished by tradition, which forms the main appeal of the whole thing.



A little further off, an ancient pond has been converted into a two-level swimming pool. On one side of the small terrace bordering it you can see the vines: on the other, an alley of lavender, with olive and cypress trees, leading to the kitchens.

If the Bastide is more than easy on the eye, it is also a delight for the tastebuds. The lavish and inventive menu is full of sunny local flavours, and invites you to drink a wine produced on site. Every dish concocted by Laurent Houdart and his team in the old-fashioned style kitchen,



in a house within the vineyard, is a real journey through a land of tastes and colours.

The Pure Altitude Spa has two treatment rooms and offers a unique programme, composed of tonic and energising face and body treatments, based on the benefits of aromatherapy.

One could talk for hours about the lifestyle of Provence... La Bastide de Marie is the faithful reflection of this tradition. It opens the doors to a world where it is truly heavenly to stop and rest for a moment.



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# Villa Grenache MÉNERBES



## A retreat in the heart of the vineyards...

It is during the first days of spring that the region of Ménerbes takes on the pastel hues of Luberon and its perfume of Provençal scents. This is also the time when the idea for long weekends and little holidays begins to blossom.

A few steps away from La Bastide de Marie and along a path through the vineyards, you will discover a property available for rental, with hotel services: "Villa Grenache", named with a nod to the vines from the Domaine de Marie spreading for 57 acres all around.

Born after the renovation of an old 18th century farmhouse set in the heart of the vineyards, this residence with private pool and garden, a haven of charm, where the art of hospitality blends with total respect for privacy, can accommodate up to ten people.

### VILLA

5 rooms with 5 bathrooms, including a Master bedroom • Lounge with chimney • Fully-equipped kitchen • Dining room • Private terrace • Private heated outdoor swimming pool • Private parking

### THE INCLUDED SERVICES

Concierge service • Porter • Wi-Fi • La Bastide de Marie hotel services • Access to La Bastide de Marie's Pure Altitude Spa • Dedicated governess: cleaning, newspapers, light meals... • Private parking

### THE OPTIONAL "AT HOME" SERVICES

Chef "at home" • Private lunch and dinner • Spa treatments and massage

### RATES

Villa Grenache from 4900 to 10 500 €  
(Rates per week, hotel services included)  
Open from April to November

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The decorative objects and furniture painted, mottled in the region, the shades of colors, generous size, shadows and lights through the blinds, paint a scene for a **friendly atmosphere rooted in the purest tradition of Provence.**

The dining room meets your eyes upon entering the house, with arched openings, traditional-style ceiling, exposed beams... In the five rooms, all with their own bathroom, we find, as in La Bastide de Marie, **the dominant colors associated with those of Provençal nature:** lavender purples, Roussillon Ochres, almond

greens, white lilies and sunflower yellows. Nestled at the bottom of the stairs, a warm and intimate lounge bets on comfort. Behind the walls of terrace's dry stone, the paved court with cobblestones opens onto the pool-like basin.

The service is the same as in La Bastide de Marie: attentive but not obsequious. Guests just have to choose between lounging on the private terrace and discovering the riches of the hinterland, or even between a stroll at Coustellet farmers' market and the exclusivity

to have a delicious meal prepared by the Chef ans delivered directly to Villa Grenache. What a delight, when holidays come, to close the door of the property on an **authentic luxurious intimacy**, timeless.



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