

Le Moulin à Huile Apartment

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The Moulin is in the small hamlet of Les Vieux Samats which is in the hills about four kilometres from the beautiful Provençal village of La Cadière d'Azur. We are situated between Marseille and Toulon in a perfect situation for visits to delightful hilltop villages or pretty seaside towns. If you prefer St.Tropez, Nice, and Monte Carlo make an enjoyable day out. We are also in easy reach of the Camargue and Aix-en-Provence, (a must to visit).



The area whilst easily accessible by car, train or plane is unspoilt, being mainly individual houses in the hills, but as with everywhere on the Mediterranean coast it does get busy during the French holiday time. However, Les Vieux Samats, despite being only a few kilometres from the sea is still secluded and tranquil all year round.

Our house is an old olive oil mill that still has the broyeur, or crusher, this being the first part of the oil extraction process. Unfortunately the press is not there, having disappeared during the 1950's after the mill closed down. This was due to an exceptional winter frost that killed all the branches of the olive trees. If you look at the 300-year-old trees you will see how they have regrown from the old trunks, and they are now producing olives again from which we have our own oil made, which you can sample and buy.

We have created the completely self contained apartment in the rooms originally used for storing the olives in the old Moulin, with the traditional beamed and tiled ceilings. Although retaining the old Moulin we have furnished the apartment as a family home with a comfortable lounge suite and the little luxuries you would expect to find.



The accommodation for 4 to 6 people comprises :-



Dining lounge. This was one of the old storerooms with a high ceiling which has made a spacious room with a window overlooking the olive grove and the sea in the distance. As well as the lounge suite there is a double sofa bed. There is a television with satellite and video with some tapes and a selection of books and games. We think you will find this room very comfortable.

The Kitchen has modern units, gas cooker, microwave, fridge, dishwasher and washing machine; also an ironing board and iron. It's an attractive room with French doors opening on to the apartment's own private garden area amongst the olive trees. There is space in the garden for sunbathing and dining outdoors and there is also a barbecue.

The apartment has two bedrooms, and pillows, quilts and linen (but not towels) are provided. The first bedroom has twin beds (which can be made up as a king-size double if preferred), ample storage space and lovely views of the olive grove. The bedroom has an ensuite shower room with a vanity unit and a w.c.

The second bedroom has a double bed, wardrobe and drawers. Its adjoining shower room has a large shower, a vanity unit and a w.c. This bedroom looks out onto the garden.

A cot and high chair can be provided as necessary and all the rooms have heaters for cooler times of the year.

A third bedroom with twin beds and ensuite shower room can be made available at additional cost - please ask us for details.

There are several beaches within easy reach, the nearest being only 10 minutes drive away. Alternatively there is the Aqualand water theme park at St. Cyr. There are boat trips to offshore islands and to the calanques at Cassis. The superb Fregate golf, tennis and horse-riding

centre is only 15 minutes and there are several other golf courses within an hour's drive.

La Cadière d'Azur is the centre of the Bandol wine appellation and you will be welcome to taste (and buy!) these excellent wines at the local domaines. The renowned Provençal village markets are also a must. You can walk in superb countryside from your front door and the area is a nature lover's paradise particularly in the Spring when wild flowers and birdlife abound, and the nightingales will serenade your evenings.

With 300 days of sunshine a year you are virtually guaranteed to have fine days to enjoy yourself in beautiful Provence, whether you want to be active or just sit under the olive trees with a good book and a glass of wine.

The apartment is furnished and equipped as part of our family home, and due to the high standard we have to ask for a security deposit of £200. Finally we ask you not to smoke in the apartment and to take great care if you smoke outside due to the ever present fire risk.

If you would like to book please phone to confirm availability and make a provisional booking, then complete the booking form and return with the deposit. Please call Gail McCarthy on 020 8947 7747 (fixed) or 0776 468 3248 (mobile). (E-mail: info@moulin-a-huile.com). We do hope you decide to choose the Moulin à Huile for your holiday and look forward to meeting you.