

CHÂTEAU CONSTANTIN-CHEVALIER

84160 LOURMARIN, FRANCE

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Lourmarin is a listed village and one of the many picturesque villages in the Luberon. The centre has a delightful cobbled square with several cafés within close proximity, a few rather chic gift shops and art galleries, together with the usual essential food shops and hairdressers. The Château/castle on the edge of the village is well worth a visit; alternatively a meander around the narrow streets will certainly tempt your camera. There are several good restaurants in the town centre and the Hotels on the outskirts of Lourmarin have excellent dining rooms and welcome visitors for an evening meal.

When visiting the area it is essential to contact Allen & Marie-Laure to arrange your tour of the vineyard. Where possible, please provide a telephone number where they can reach you.

The telephone and fax numbers given here should be prefixed with 0033 when calling from England, or just 0 whilst in France.

Further information is available from the Tourist Offices in the area.

Email: provence.luberon@wanadoo.fr or website: www.lourmarin.com Tel: 4 90 68 10 77.

An excellent site for all types of accommodation is: www.provence-luberon.net Tel: 4 90 07 30 00.

~ Accommodation in Lourmarin ~

Hotels

Le Moulin **** Tel: 4 90 68 06 69. Fax: 4 90 68 31 76.

In the centre of town, Le Moulin was once an ancient XVIII century oil mill. Now it is a 20-roomed hotel with an excellent dining room, a lift, swimming pool, tennis courts and safe parking. The rooms have air conditioning, T.V. and a telephone. (Very good but expensive we have been told)

www.moulinde Lourmarin.com e-mail: infos@moulinde Lourmarin.com

Le Mas de Guilles *** Tel: 4 90 68 30 55. Fax: 4 90 68 37 41

Highly recommended by several members. The 28-roomed Hotel just outside Lourmarin on the road to Vaugine and is reached via a lane, which twists and turns through meadows and olive trees. Three grades of rooms (all kept scrupulously clean) with T.V. and mini bar. The vaulted dining room or al fresco dining area are superbly furnished in cream with touches of blue. The food is excellent, a 5-course meal is beautifully presented; a visit here, just for a meal is highly recommended even if you are not staying. A word of warning, do book your evening meal when you book your room as space in the restaurant is tight. Swimming pool, tennis courts, well kept gardens and grounds, safe parking. www.guilles.com e-mail: hotel@guilles.com (a warm welcome for Wineshare members is guaranteed here)

Hostellerie Le Paradou - La Cascade ** Tel: 4 90 68 04 05. Fax: 4 90 08 54 94.

Situated at the foot of a cliff in it's own grounds just outside Lourmarin on the road to Apt. This small and friendly hotel has 9 rooms and welcomes visitors to their restaurant. You may eat inside, in the conservatory or outside on the terrace. The stream that runs through their woods and grassy areas makes a leisurely stroll after lunch or dinner worthwhile. The food is good with several price ranges and choices. www.provence-luberon.net e-mail: paradou@provence-luberon.net

Restaurants

(All accessible through the website: www.provence-luberon.net)

La Récré Email: larecre@provence-luberon.net. Tel: 4 90 68 23 73.

The food is based on organic and local produce in typical Provence style, dining room and patio.

L' Oustalet Email: loustalet@provence-luberon.net Tel: 4 90 68 07 33.

17th century post-inn facing the castle, Provencal style cooking and fish specialities, shaded patio.

Le Michel Ange Maison Ollier. Tel: 4 90 68 02 03. Email: michelange@provence-luberon.net
Mediterranean specialities, fish dishes and bouillabaisse (when ordered in advance).

There are also several pavement cafes and other small restaurants in the centre of Lourmarin - very convenient for a coffee, beer, lunch or a snack and to sit and watch the world go by.

Chambre d'hôtes

Villa St Louis – 35 Rue de Saviourin – Tel: 4 90 68 39 18 Fax: 4 90 68 10 07
(min 3 night stay) Email: villasaintlouis@wanadoo.fr

La Cordiere – Rue Albert Camus – Tel: 4 90 68 03 32

Mme Streiff – Impasse des Alpillse – Tel: 4 90 08 54 67

Image Inn – Mr & Mme Ducos – Tel: 4 90 08 27 86 Email: jesscig@aol.com (4km from Lourmarin)

La Cippionne, Mr Quentin - Puyvert Tel: 490 08 40 58. Basic, with good breakfast and well priced. Within walking distance of Château Constantin-Chevalier. Recommended by members the Milnes.

Accommodation in the surrounding villages & towns of:

Vaugines, Cucuron, Bonnieux, Cadanet and Puyvert – all close to Lourmarin

Hotel - **Hostellerie du Luberon** ** Tel: 4 90 77 27 19 Fax: 4 90 77 13 08

Cours Saint-Louis 84160 Vaugines

A more modern Provencal style hotel offering 20 rooms. Other facilities include; a restaurant, swimming pool with a terrace for al fresco dining, and a play area for children. Parking available. www.hostellerieduluberon.com Email: hostelluberon@provence-luberon.net

Mme Krumenacher – Place de Mairie – Vaugines - Tel: 4 90 77 17 90 (min 3 nights)

Hotel - Restaurant de l'Étang Tel: 4 90 77 21 25 Fax: 4 90 77 10 98

Place de l'étang – Cucuron (yes, the 'pond' is right in front with the Pompier wagons at the far end!) Also an exclusive restaurant where you may choose to dine outside under the plane trees which surround the 'pond' - more like a small lake! All 8 rooms have air conditioning a mini bar, radio, T.V telephone, and safe parking. www.provence-luberon.net Email

étang@provence-luberon.net

La Bastide de Capelongue ****

Tel: 4 90 75 89 78 Fax: 4 90 75 93 03

Hotel - Bonnieux www.francemarket.com/bastide Email bastide@francemarket.com

A typical Provencal stone built country house surrounded by vineyards and a pinewood with superb southerly views. There are 17 rooms all with T.V. air conditioning a mini bar and telephone. There is a swimming pool for guests and safe parking.

Hotel - Le Mas du Colombier ** Rte de Pertuis – 84160 Cadenet Tel: 4 90 68 29 00

Fax: 4 90 68 36 77 www.hotelmasducolombier@minitel.net Email: colombier@provence-luberon.net

Originally a family vineyard house it is now a hotel with 18 rooms, some traditional bedrooms, studio apartments with a kitchen, or 2 roomed holiday flats ideal for families. Swimming pool, play area, gardens and an outside terrace next to the dining room.

Domaine de Château Double - Cadenet- Mr & Mme Granier Tel: 4 90 68 28 17.

Bed and Breakfast only (min 3 night stay). Swimming pool. Covered parking.

La Tuilere - Cadenet (min 3 night stay) Tel: 4 90 68 24 45.

La Madeline – Cadenet (min 3 night stay) Tel: 4 90 68 12 95.

Le Mas de Foncaudette

Tel & Fax: 4 90 08 42 51

La Lombarde, Puyvert. A former residence of a knight templars's commander, here Anny, Amandine and Loïc Jeanpierre, have B&B rooms and self-catering flats. There is minimal equipment in the self-catering flats, enough for two; you may need more cutlery for more people.

One visitor staying for B&B says 'it's quite an eclectic mix which seems to work very well and that Anny is a character, full of heart. The breakfasts were excellent in quality and quantity. Look out for the SUPER U supermarket to help you find this little gem, well worth the search.

Camping in the Luberon

There is information on 14 campsites in the area at www.provence-luberon.net, an excellent site to view for alternative accommodation. A camp site recommended by several members is:

Les Hautes Prairies – Lourmarin

Tel: 4 90 68 02 89 Fax: 4 90 68 23 83

One member describes this site to be within strolling/stumbling distance of the vineyard.

On the Route de Vaugines, 600m from Lourmarin.

Email: Camping.les.hautes.prairies@wanadoo.fr

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Car hire is available at most airports - A good map is essential before you start your journey, as these directions have been known to confuse!

Directions

When visiting, do contact Allen direct, in advance, to ensure there will be someone there to show you around the vineyard. When you have booked your accommodation please call the Chevalier's and give them your contact telephone number as they may need to contact you. Have a very pleasant trip!

Allen directs people from the only petrol station in Lourmarin – his directions are:
Turn at the only petrol station (Shell), take the road towards Lauris for 500 yards and then turn left on the lane towards 'Jas de Puyvert'...Constantin is 300 yards on the left.

From Cadenet, take the D973 signposted Lauris / Puget. Next take a turning on the right onto the D139 direction Puyvert / Lourmarin.

Getting there by plane:

It takes approximately 50 minutes to drive from Marseilles International Airport to Château Constantin Chevalier. Do drive via Aix-en-Provence (avoiding the centre) onto Cadenet for the simplest route.

British Airways Tel: 0845 7733377. www.britishairways.com flies from London to Marseilles.

Ryanair Tel: 0870 1569 569. www.ryanair.com

Easy-Jet Tel: 0870 600 000. www.easyjet.com

BMI Tel: 0870 607 0555. www.flybmi.com

Getting there By Rail:

Take the train from London Waterloo to Marseilles in under 7 Hours (!)

Rail Europe, 08705 848 848, www.raileurope.com

Motorail Tel: 0870 241 5415.

Wherever you stay, or dine; please tell us about it and any information you think we could pass on to other members.