

# Lourmarin

## in the Luberon, Provence, France



### HOW TO GET THERE

The nearest major airport is Marseilles (MRS) 60km, where there are numerous international connections into Paris, London, Frankfurt, Munich and many other major European cities. If driving, Lourmarin is about 20km from the A7 autoroute traveling north & the A51 to the A8 is 20km to the south.

### WHY GO THERE

Lourmarin, is a tiny, medieval village huddled under the southern Luberon's gently folded landscape. The region is resplendent with vineyards, olive groves, abundant fruit trees, timeless perched villages and in the summer, endless fields of fragrant lavender. A magical place of meandering, cobbled streets lined with crumbling clay tiled, golden stone buildings. Lourmarin is full of vibrant cafes and restaurants, a handful of chic shops and every Friday host to a bustling market, colourful stores packed with locally grown produce, table cloths, baskets and all the treasures of a Provencal marché! A tour round Lourmarin's mystical 15th century chateau should not be missed nor an evening at one of its' lavish music concerts. The nearby enchanting perched villages are well worth exploring, especially Bonnieux, Roussillon and Gordes & despite Lourmarin itself not being 'perched' its' mesmerizing beauty has won it the honor of being one of '*des plus beaux villages de France.*' Just 68km to the north lies the stunning wall city of Avignon, 37km south is the vibrant university town, Aix-en-Provence and a short drive further the coastal towns of Bandol and Cassis and the sparkling Cote d'Azur. It is no surprise that Lourmarin is where Peter Mayle was inspired to write; 'A Year in Provence', 'A Good Year' for Lourmarin exudes charm and ambience, it is utterly captivating.





## WHAT TO DO IN LOURMARIN

Lourmarin is in the Luberon Valley in the Vaucluse department of Provence, in south eastern France. Stunningly beautiful, people come to stay in Lourmarin to just 'be'; to spend long, lazy days under cornflower blue skies, lavender perfuming the air and crickets chattering through the night. It's intoxicating, a place of artists and authors, a place to dream about and yearn for when you are far away.

**THE LOURMARIN CHATEAU** ~ A part of Lourmarin since the 12th century. It now hosts performances and exhibitions of artists, writers and musicians

**LOURMARIN MARKET** ~ Friday 8.30am -1.00pm the streets of Lourmarin bursts with a vibrant collection of local produce & all things Provencal!

**LOCAL WINERIES** ~ a few of our favourites

**Domaine de Fontenille** Route de Roquefraiche, 84360 Lauris, +33 04 13 98 00 00

**Château Constantin** D139 Route du Jas de Puyvert 84160 Lourmarin Tel: 04 90 68 38 99

**La Cavale** 3017 Route de Lourmarin, 84160 Cucuron, Tel: +33 4 90 08 31 92

**Château La Coste** 2750 Route De La Cride, 13610 Le Puy-Sainte-Réparate, +33 4 42 61 92 92

**Château Canorgue** Route du Pont Julien 84480 Bonnieux Tel: 04 90 75 81 01 (Famous for being Chateau La Siroque in 'A Good Year')

**Château Fontvert** Path Pierrouret 84160 Lourmarin Tel: 04 90 68 35 83

**Château la Verrerie** 84360 Puget-sur-Durance Tel: 04 90 08 32 98

**Domaine de La Citadelle** Cavaillon Road, 84560 Ménerbes, Tel: 04 90 72 41 58

**Domaine de Marie** 400 chemin des Peirelles, 84560 Ménerbes Tel : +33 (0)4 90 72 54 23







## WHAT TO DO NEAR LOURMARIN

**THE LUBERON VALLEY** ~ resplendent with orchards, vineyards & olive groves where the scent of lavender fills the air and enchantment fills your soul.

**BONNIEUX** (13km north) the closest perched village to Lourmarin, visit the Bread museum and Chateau Canorgue (Chateau Sirroque in the movie 'A Good Year').

**GORDES** (31km north) the most well known of the Luberon's perched villages, stop for a photo shoot as you approach and don't miss a visit to **Abbaye de Sénanque**.

**ROUSILLION** (26km north) famous for its incredible red ochre earth which for centuries was mined for its rich pigments and still defines this little town.

**OPPEDE** (28km north) known for Oppède-le-Vieux, the ancient abandoned village on the hill with the 'newer' Oppède lying on the valley floor.

**FACTORY OCCITAINE** (60km north west) learn the fascinating story of this now world famous company & their impressive commitment to sustainability & 'giving'.

**MARSEILLES** (59km south) France's largest city after Paris. Rich in history dating back to the Greeks who bought the first vines to Provence.

**AIX EN PROVENCE** (35km south) Provence's sun-drenched university city, serenely beautiful, a favourite of the artists; Cezanne, Gauguin & Van Gogh,

**BANDOL** (109km south) famed for its vines, a quaint little fishing town on the Med.

**CASSIS** (89km south) take a boat tour & discover its renowned finger like coastal inlets, Les Claques, then dine on its picturesque quayside.

**ST REMY DE PROVENCE** (50km south east) A charming very Provencal town, packed with shops and restaurants, with fantastic Wednesday & Saturday markets, Combine a visit here with Les Baux de Provence

**LES BAUX DE PROVENCE** (58km south east) An ancient perched village, the tour of the chateau ruins is well worthwhile. Do NOT miss the Carrières de Lumières (5 minute walk away) a laser video art show projected onto the walls of 100 foot tall bauxite caves showing the art of the masters; Van Gogh, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Gauguin, Chagall, each year someone different, utterly breathtaking!

**AVIGNON** (68 km north) A stunning medieval, walled city most famous for Les Palais des Papes - the home of the Popes for 100 years and the Pont D'Avignon, the tour of both is fascinating!

**CHATEAUNEUF DE PAPE** (80km north) France's first wine appellation where the wines of the Popes were grown and made!

**FURTHER AWAY ~ NIMES, ARLES, AIGES MORTES & COTE D'AZUR**, for more information download the Uzès PDF.





## WHERE TO STAY

**Renting a property** Our house, **Maison des Cerises**, in the middle village is available for rent. Completely renovated, two double, en-suite bedrooms, a terrace, separate laundry (washer & drier) air-conditioning, wifi, Smart TV, American style fridge freezer & adjacent parking. A five minute stroll from the village center, away from the night-time bustle but possible to walk to dinner and not have to worry about parking on busy market days. If this does not suit or is unavailable contact Nikki at Rent Our Home who offers a charming selection of properties. Or stay at one of the lovely nearby hotels and Bed & Breakfasts:

**LE MOULIN** ~Rue du Temple, 84160 Lourmarin **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 06 69** Price: €110 -€186 per night (breakfast buffet €18.00 per person) Closed: mid Jan - Feb. This delightful boutique hotel set within an old olive mill oozes ambience and charm. 17 rooms and 2 suites and a fabulous restaurant, serving beautifully presented regional food with excellent service.

**MAISON COLLONGUE** ~ 44 Chemin de Collongue 84160 Lourmarin **Tel: + 33 (0)4 90 77 44 69** Price: From €150 per room include breakfast. Lovely gardens & pool Closed beginning of the year

**COTE LOURMARIN** ~Impasse du Pont du Temple, 84420 Lourmarin **Tel: +33 (0)6 09 16 9180** Price: €170- 250 A beautiful, historic mansion offering accommodation in 2 elegant rooms. Decorated with exquisite taste by your charming hostess, for whom nothing is too much trouble. Breakfast included, brunch available on request €18.

**MAS DE LOMBARDE** ~Puyvert BP 32 84160 Lourmarin **Tel:+ 33 (0)4 90 09 97 40** Price: from €160 Closed November – March. An exceptional place offering varied options; stay within an old Mas, at the neighbouring domaine or rent the newly renovated chic, apartment in the village. Enjoy the pool and the gardens from the shade of the old truffle oaks...

**HOTEL AUBERGE DE LA FENIERE** Route de Lourmarin [ D943 ] 84160 Cadanet **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 11 79** Price: €110 -€186 (breakfast buffet €18.00 per person) Closed: January - February A 4 star boutique hotel with 16 rooms and 2 suites. One exceptional, gourmet restaurant (closed Mondays and Tuesdays) with renowned chef Reine Sammut and equally delicious but more casual Bistro. (closed Wednesday and Thursday)

**DOMAINE DE FONTENILLE** ~Route de Roquefraiche, 84360 Lauris, **Tel:+33 4 13 98 00 00** A luxury spa retreat retreat with pool just 10 minutes from Lourmarin set within beautiful grounds adjacent to its wine domaine, with two excellent restaurants: Le Champ des Lunes, & La Cuisine d'Amélie

### BONNIEUX

A pretty perched village, seemingly hanging on the hillside Lourmarin 15 minutes

**DOMAINE DE CAPELONGUE** ~1km from Bonnieux, Chemin des Cabanes, Les Claparèdes, 84480 Bonnieux **Tel: + 33 (0)4 90 75 89 78** Price: From €140 check website (breakfast buffet €18.00 per person) A luxurious 'Relais & Château Hotel' and gastronomic, michelin star restaurant Edouard Loubet, a real treat. Do not miss La Ferme de Capelongue the delightful bistro in a former sheep bergerie possible to stay & dine



**LES TROIS SOUCRES** ~1km from Bonnieux, Chemin de la Chaîne - 84480 Bonnieux **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 75 95 58** Price: 3 charming spacious rooms from €80-140 1 enuite for 4 people €140-200; all with en-suites and internet access, breakfast included. Great location for exploring the Luberon Valley

### LE PUY-SAINTE REPARADE

**THE VILLA AT CHATEAU LA COSTE** ~2750 Route De La Cride, 13610 Le Puy-Sainte-Réparate **Tel +33 (0)4 42 61 92 92** A luxury boutique hotel on an incredible 800 hectare wineestate featuring an amazing outdoor art collection. Leave time to take the 2 hour walking tour and dine in at least one of the domain's restaurants.

**CHATEAU DE FONSCOLOMBE** ~Route de Saint-Canadet. 13610 Le Puy-Sainte-Réparate **Tel: +33(0) 442 211 313** Gorgeous 5 star luxury Relais Château hotel and wine estate with pool, spa and wonderful dining, set on a stunning 18th century estate, a real treat!



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## WHERE TO EAT IN LOURMARIN AND NEARBY

**LE MOULIN** ~ Rue du Temple, 84160 Lourmarin **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 06 69** From €35.00 per person. Set within a former olive mill, oozing ambience, beautifully presented regional food, excellent service  
**No 9 LOURMARIN** ~ Rue du Temple, 84160 Lourmarin, **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 79 00 46** From €35.00, You will almost certainly be introduced to some new flavours here! No 9 consistently serves some of the best food in Lourmarin.



**LA LOUCHE A BEURRE** ~ Route Apt, 84160 Lourmarin, **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 00 33**

From: € 12.00 - €30.00 Delicious, steak 'frites' a crisp salad. Also does terrific crêpes

**PIZZERIA NONI** ~ 2 Rue Albert Camus 84160 Lourmarin **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 23 33** From €12.00 Best pizzas in Lourmarin, cooked to perfection in the 'feu de bois', do book!

**L'INSOLITE** ~ Place de la Fontaine, 84160 Lourmarin **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 02 03** From €17.00 open all year 7 days a week, we love dining on the pretty rear terrace or on the street at the front!



**BOUCHON** 9 Rue du Grand Pré, 84160 Lourmarin **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 17 29** From €17.00

**AUBERGE DE LA FENIERE** ~ Route de Lourmarin 84160 Cadanet, **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 11 79**

From: €80.00 Chef Reine Sammut's exceptional restaurant & casual Bistro, from €30.00: shown here

**CUCURON ~ PETITE MAISON CUCURON** Place de l'Étang, 84160 Cucuron

**Tel: +33 (0)4 90 68 21 99** From €40 One Michelin star Closed: Mon and Tues



**VAUGINES ~ LE RESTO VAUGINES** 32 Place de la Mairie 84160 Vaugines **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 77 11 08** From €32 set menu Closed: Sunday and Mon & Tues lunchtime A warm welcome awaits at this charming, delicious bistro, booking essential

**LAURIS ~ DOMAINE DE FONTINELLE** Route de Roquefraise, 84360 Lauris **Tel: +33 (0)4 13 98 00 00** Dine in the wonderful Michelin-star Le Champ des Lunes (from 58 euros), or La Cuisine d'Amélie creative small plates, (14-20 euros) on the terrace

**ANSOIS ~ LA CLOSERIE** Boulevard des Platanes, 84240 Ansois, **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 09 90 54**

Set menus from €28.00 - €65.00 an elegant, restaurant, contemporary decor and pretty terrace, must book!

**LE PUY-SAINTE-REPARADE ~ CHATEAU LA COSTE** 2750 Route De La Cride, 13610

Le Puy-Sainte-Réparade **Tel +33 (0)4 42 61 92 92** 4 incredible choices, we especially love La Terrasse for lunch outside, booking advisable



**GRAMBOIS ~ L'AUBERGE DES TILLEULS** Moulin du Pas, 84240 Grambois **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 77 93 11** **Price:** Set menus from €34.00 - €58.00, lunch €26.00 enjoy a long, lazy lunch in the garden!

**MENERBES ~ BISTRO LE 5** 5 Place Albert Roure 84560 Menerbes **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 72 31 84**

Open year round and one of our favourites! Everything is delicious and the view breathtaking!

**MERINDOL: ~ LE BASTIDE DU GRAND TILLEUL** ~ 1 Avenue des Bruillères, 84360 Mérindol,

**Tel: +33 (0)4 32 50 20 82** Closed Mon and Tues lunch Booking advisable



**BONNIEUX ~ DOMAINE DE CAPELONGUE** Chemin des Cabanes, Les Claparèdes,

84480 Bonnieux **Tel: + 33 (0)4 90 75 89 78** **Price:** from €42.00 for mains; 7 course menu €140.00, 11 course menu €190.00 A gastronomic Michelin star restaurant from renowned chef Edouard Loubet. Dine more casually in **LA BERGERIE**, within the gardens & orchards & spectacular views of the Luberon.

**BONNIEUX ~ LE FOURNIL** ~ 5 Place Carnot, 84480 Bonnieux, **Tel: + 33 (0)4 90 75 83 62** From €42.00 Wonderful, Mediterranean cuisine oozing character uniquely situated in a natural troglodytic cave, formerly the village bakery its modern décor contrasting brilliantly with ancient rock walls. Now One Michelin star, booking essential

**BONNIEUX ~ L' AROME BONNIEUX** 2 Rue Lucien Blanc, 84480 Bonnieux **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 75 88 62** Closed Wed, Thurs & Mon and Tues lunch 1 Michelin star combining flavours from across the globe with freshest of local ingredients Booking advisable

**GOULT: ~ LA TERRASSE** (no website) Rue de la République, 84220 Goult **Tel: +33 (0)4 90 72 20 20** From €24.00 for 3 courses A 30 minutes from Lourmarin Each course here is more scrumptious than the last, home cooked food at its best with delightful service! Great place to plan to eat whilst touring the beautiful villages of the Luberon.