

Le Calavon, Apt, PROVENCE

- County house – sleeps maximum 10+1 people.
- Pool
- Bedrooms - 3 x queen; 2 x twin plus extra single bed in the library
- 4 x bath/shower rooms
- 3 x toilets

Le Calavon sits on a gentle slope, high above the market town of Apt in the heart of the Vaucluse region of Provence. Renowned for its weekly Saturday market where artists, farmers, wine producers, cheese makers, fabric sellers and musicians ply their wares, Apt offers an eclectic array of cafes, galleries, restaurants, shops, architecture and people! Le Calavon was a tumble-down ruin of a farmhouse: the renovation is quite remarkable. Two-and-a-half storey's high, finished in a pale ochre render, with blue shutters and terracotta roof tiles, the house is surrounded on three sides by wide, stone paved terraces and a large swimming pool all set amongst landscaped gardens. Lavender fields and fruit orchards surround. The extensive views encompass villages and valleys, hills and forests, blue skies and pink sunsets.

Entering the house you are immediately overwhelmed by the sheer size of the open plan living/dining/kitchen area. With an enormous fireplace at one end surrounded by aged leather armchairs and sofas, the room extends past large armoires housing linen and glassware, crockery and cooking utensils, to the kitchen which houses an American refrigerator, enormous double-oven, Boscuse professional cooker, microwave convection/grill, dishwasher, double sinks, coffee maker, granite topped island bench, dressers with more crockery and utensils - seemingly endless! The dining table seats 12. This floor extends still further. Past a w.c. housed under the winding staircase, is a sitting room with television, VCR, fireplace and bulging bookcases. Down three stairs at one end you will find a delightful single/twin bedroom/library. Ideal for an afternoon's reading.

At each end of this floor, there are staircases. One leads to a mezzanine level bathroom housing bath/shower, hand basin and separate w.c. The entire floor has French windows and doors leading out onto the terraces and views. The top floor of the house has the bedrooms and bathrooms, all with extensive views.

There is another bath/shower room on this level and separate w.c. The ground floor of the house houses a utility room with two washing machines and a clothes dryer and plenty of storage space. The house is centrally heated for the cooler months.

The pool - 10m x 6m and depth 1.5m - 3m, has stone paving surround, is fully fenced & comfortable sun loungers. There are three undercover car parks.

Available all year, Saturday 4pm to Saturday 10am. Rates include linen, electricity, 4 hrs cleaning/week, pool (open mid April through October weather permitting) and garden maintenance. Telephone/fax usage additional. Additional cleaning and laundry service available upon request. Catering service also available on request. The house must be left clean and in good order or the right is reserved to charge for a minimum of 6 hours cleaning at € 12/hour.

