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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 17th 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!

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## PROVENCE



# LA BASTIDE de Marie

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## 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 380 to 650 €, suites from 620 to 830 € and Roulotte from 330 to 540 € (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

### COMING 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 800m<sup>2</sup> 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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