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We are pleased to present our latest collection of self-catering accommodation in France and Italy. As the collection has expanded, we are happy to say that the quality of the properties has risen also. For any further details regarding any of these properties please contact us, and we would be pleased to help you with any queries. Many of these properties have been written up in our newsletters; see our website or enquire. Rental prices are in Australian dollars, and are subject to change.

Best wishes,
Harry, Peter & Jo Monie

Italy



Tuscany – Il Meleto, spacious farmhouse, sleeps 8 + child

ILM01

*Traditional Tuscan villa in extensive private grounds with pool
Price \$4000–5000 per week, including central heating*

Renovated to a high standard, this property offers well-furnished accommodation on two levels. Ground floor: dining room with refectory table adjoins well-equipped kitchen with fan forced oven, dishwasher, and freezer. Sitting/dining room with fireplace (wood supplied); two smaller sitting areas; bathroom/wc; laundry with washing machine and dryer. 1st floor: 3 double bedrooms, one twin bedroom, and 2 bathrooms. The farmhouse is set in 5 hectares of gardens, olive and fruit groves, and woodlands perfect for walks. Swimming pool (16m x 2.5m), sun terrace with outdoor furniture. Occasional meals can be cooked at extra cost. Sinalunga 5km, Siena 30km, Montepulciano 20km.

Il Meleto is an ideal starting point for excursions to the historic cities of Tuscany and Umbria: Siena, Florence, San Gimignano, Montepulciano and Perugia. The heart of the Chianti region is within 25–30 kilometres. The ancient, fully restored spa town of Rapolano Terme is just down the road. Good shopping can be found 5km away at Sinalunga and basic shopping even closer in the quaint, ancient hamlet of Farnatella.



“Il Meleto was marvellous. It was one of those occasions when the expectations were not only met but surpassed.”

France

Provence & Côte d'Azur

Provence – Eygalieres, sleeps 8+2

PROV03

Superb village mas in the heart of Provence. Price \$3200–\$5750 per week

The fully renovated mas, built from old local stone, is a short stroll from the village of Eygalieres. This beautiful small village boasts 5 or 6 very good restaurants, and is well-known to Parisian actors, writers and artists. St Remy de Provence is a 5min drive, but Eygalieres is much less frequented by tourists. The house is set in a lovely garden, with pool and pool house, and has sweeping views over the Alpilles. Within the property there are 2 double bedrooms downstairs, both with ensuites, 2 further bedrooms upstairs, one double and one twin, and a large shared third bathroom. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry, rumpus/TV room with spare beds for overnight guests, a study and a very large open sitting room and dining room.



Côte d'Azur – Roquebrune, sleeps 5–6

COT03

Explore the lovely harbours and villages of the Côte d'Azur, 10min from the Italian border. Price \$2600 low, \$3200 mid, \$4000 high



Stylishly furnished three bedroom villa, situated on a hillside with a good view of the Mediterranean from the terrace. The house is at the foot of the 10th century village of Roquebrune, with 7 good restaurants, a beautiful church and remains of a chateau. Large sitting room with double French windows opening to the terrace and dining area. The kitchen is fully equipped with electric oven and gas hob, fridge, dishwasher and washing machine. Bathroom with shower over. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms: 2 large doubles, 1 with sofa bed, suitable for 1 adult or 2 children; bathroom with shower over. Additional folding beds available for small children. Price includes electricity, heating, linen and weekly cleaning. Not suitable for the elderly, because of steps down to the villa from the road, and up to the village. Roquebrune is centrally located between Monaco and Menton, and about 30min to Nice.

Côte d'Azur – Mandelieu, sleeps 8

COT04

Refurbished villa above Cannes with wonderful sea views. Price \$3105 low, \$5175 mid, \$6900 high

This south-facing villa is built over 3 levels to take advantage of the magnificent sea views, set in a well-maintained terraced garden. The interior is light and airy, furnished and equipped to a very high standard. 3 double and 1 twin bedroom, 3 bathrooms and extra wc, full fitted kitchen, spacious sitting/dining room, washing machine, dryer, dishwasher, satellite TV, video, CD & DVD player, central heating. Pool with poolside shower, summer kitchen with shower/wc. The villa is located on a residential hillside on the outskirts of Mandelieu-la-Napoule (all facilities), 5km west of Cannes and 2km north of the Mediterranean coast.



France

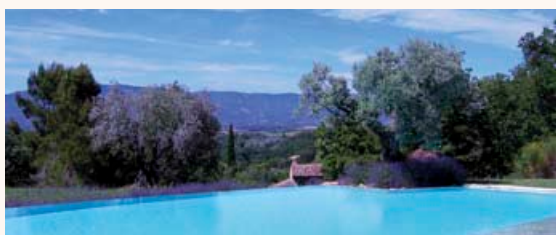
Provence & Côte d'Azur

Near Provence (Rhône Valley/Ardeche) – Mas Goudard, MAS01
18th century farmhouse, sleeps 7

Surrounded by vineyards and forests in southern France near Provence, 30 minutes north of Avignon. Price on application, about \$1630 in May, June and September.

The Mas retains its traditional exterior of blue shutters and exposed stonework, but has been fully renovated internally to a high degree of comfort. Large farmhouse kitchen/living area with dishwasher and open fireplace, overlooking the courtyard and opening to south-facing terrace and cherry orchard. Three bedrooms on two levels: one double with en suite shower and wc; one with twin beds; and one with three single beds and French windows to the courtyard. Bathroom, separate shower and toilet on mezzanine level. Exterior access to laundry. Linen hire \$28/person. Bond \$450

“Our most enduring memory of Mas Goudard will be observing the changing light... soft lemony sunshine through the day deepening into evening and stars; a painting, really. Simply beautiful.”



Provence – Ansois, 20 mins north of Aix en Provence, sleeps 6 PROV02

18th century farmhouse set in 17 acres of olives, woods and vineyards
Price \$2750–\$5000, depending on season

Spectacular horizon pool set above the lavender garden, with sweeping views to the Luberon Mountains. The spacious, rather rambling interior is comfortably furnished and full of character. There is a large living room with an open fireplace and high-beamed ceilings. The vine-covered house is built around a beautiful sandstone courtyard, which is perfect for breakfast and long Sunday lunches. Ansois, which is a ten-minute walk and has a Sunday market, is listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France. 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and well-equipped kitchen.

Côte d'Azur – Chateaufort de Grasse, Provencal villa, sleeps 8 COT01

Spacious and very well equipped, four double or twin bedrooms each with own bathroom, panoramic views of Mediterranean, large pool and pool house
Price on application, \$4000–\$8000 per week. Minimum 2 week bookings June–September

This recently built large Provencal villa, situated at 400m altitude near Chateaufort de Grasse, commands a stunning view of the Mediterranean. The villa is set in an acre of gardens and terraces with olive and fruit trees. The 12 x 5m heated pool has its own facilities. All four bedrooms face south to the coast. Terraces, balconies and lawns provide panoramic views of the Esterel, olive-covered valleys and hillsides to the sea. Ground floor: large sitting room with stone fireplace, opening to pergola-covered terrace. Spacious dining room and kitchen, surrounded by a covered terrace for indoor/outdoor dining. Kitchen includes large gas hob, double oven, dishwasher, fridge/freezer/icemaker. Laundry room with washing machine and dryer. First floor: 4 bedrooms: 1 double, 3 twin (can be made as doubles); en suite tiled bathrooms and wcs, 3 with bath/shower and one with shower. All with ceiling fans. Gas underfloor heating. Satellite TV/video/DVD. Telephone, including fax and Internet plug. Barbeque. Double garage. 6 hours weekly cleaning included.



France

✧ Burgundy & Normandy

Southern Burgundy – Ruere, sleeps 4 + baby or young child

20VF01

*Lovely, well-equipped cottage in a tranquil hamlet between Cluny and Charolles
Price \$1300 per week for 2 people; \$1600 for 3 or more people, May–October*

Surrounded by a pleasant private garden with views of unspoilt countryside, this charming cottage overlooks the valley. Upstairs: mezzanine with large landing, large double bedroom, and en suite bathroom. Ground floor: living room with fireplace and electric wall heating, fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, microwave, electric convection stove, oven, dining table seating six, French windows, separate bathroom and washing machine. Telephone. Separate building with double bedroom with en suite shower room and wc, and own patio, reached across courtyard. Gas-fired barbeque with outdoor furniture. Available from May to October, for weekly or short breaks, minimum 3 days. No pets. Not suitable for toddlers due to steep drops. Close to many historical attractions, Michelin star restaurants, short drive to the Maconnais and Pouilly Fuisse vineyards; 40min to Beaune, 1 hour to Lyon. (NB La Guiche is about 10min away)

“The owners made us feel totally welcome”

“We had a wonderful week, the house exceeded our expectations”



Southern Burgundy – La Guiche, sleeps 4–5

20PK01

Attractive village house near Charolles

Prices (which include heating) \$1400 per week for 2 people; \$1800 for 3 or more people

Nestled in the hillside village of La Guiche in the centre of southern Burgundy, offering the best of the French countryside: chateaux and mediaeval buildings, towns and ruins; vineyards, restaurants and farm produce. Ground floor: wc off entrance hall, fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, combined gas/electric stove, and a large open plan dining and sitting room with French doors to a terrace which has table and chairs for outdoor dining and looks out over the pleasant garden with frog pond. Telephone and free-to-air satellite tv. First floor: two double bedrooms, each with en suite bathroom (toilet, shower and wash basins), French windows and a small balcony. Laundry with washing machine and dryer. (NB Ruere is about 10min away)

*“The property was excellent, village lovely,
and the locals friendly. Very happy!”*

Normandy – La Louverie, NOR01: sleeps 6 + 2 + child; NOR02 sleeps 8

NOR01

NOR02

Spacious and airy 18th century stone farmhouse

Prices NOR01 and NOR02 \$1220 low, \$1830 mid, \$2440 high

Restored to a very high level of comfort, this lovely property is divided into 2 separate apartments. NOR01 on the ground floor has lovely quarry tiled living areas, master bedroom with ensuite and separate wc, two twin bedrooms, well-equipped kitchen with dishwasher, laundry with washing machine, shower room with wc, second shower room off kitchen. NOR02 has a spacious entrance with stairs to the first floor. Enormous open-plan kitchen/salon/dining area with 6 metre high cathedral ceiling and lovely views. Well equipped kitchen including dishwasher, smaller sitting area, large bathroom with washing machine, double bedroom, twin bedroom, third large bedroom with queen-size bed and 2 singles, ensuite shower/wc. Central heating included. Set in private grounds of over a hectare, shared above-ground pool. Rural tranquillity is combined with proximity (3.5km) to the beautiful medieval market town of Mortagne au Perche. 1.5 hours from Paris and a similar distance from many other attractions including the Loire Valley and Mont St Michel.



France

❧ *Midi-Pyrénées & Languedoc*

Aquitaine, Midi-Pyrénées – Château Cestayrols, sleeps 10

TARN01

15th century château in an unspoilt village, surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards

Price May–June, Sept–Oct \$3400 per week;

July–August \$4000 per week. Available May–September

In the village of Cestayrols, which has a very good restaurant offering French country cuisine and local wines, we offer this 15th century château. The property has been restored throughout with modern comforts and quality. Over three levels reached via a magnificent staircase, there are 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, dishwasher, washing machine, dryer, TV (including English channels), DVD, garden, gas barbeque and swimming pool. Attractions within 20 minutes drive include Albi with its historic quarter, magnificent cathedral and adjacent palace; the hilltop villages of Cordes-sur-ciel, Castelneau de Montmiral and Putcelsi; the forest of Gresgigny; and scores of chateaux and wineries open to the public for tours and tasting. Cestayrols is 50 minutes from Toulouse airport and TGV station.



Aquitaine, Midi-Pyrénées – Puivert, sleeps 8

MIDI02

16th century village house in the foothills of the Pyrenees

Price Jan–March and Dec \$875 per week,

April, May, Oct and Nov \$1100, June–August \$1400 per week

This pretty 16th century house is in the historic village of Puivert in the foothills of the Pyrénées, in the heart of Cathar country. While retaining its exposed oak beams and stone walls, the renovated property offers spacious accommodation, including ground floor living and dining area, TV/DVD, stereo and open fire place; kitchen with oven, stove, dishwasher, fridge/freezer and microwave; bathroom/laundry. Double french doors lead to a large south facing paved terrace with outdoor table setting, garden and rural views. The open timber staircase leads to the upper floor with 3 double bedrooms, a twin bedroom and a second bathroom.



Languedoc - Rue de Château, sleeps 4

LANG01

Looking out on the château garden. Price \$ Jan–March, Nov–Dec \$600 per week,

April, May, Oct \$740, June, Sept \$860, July, Aug \$1000 per week

Built in 1682 this recently renovated village house nestles beneath a 13th century château in the hamlet of Margon. Ground floor kitchen with gas stove, dining area; twin bedroom (can be converted to king size bed). Stairs to the upper floor: sitting room with sunny aspect looking along the village street (local traffic only); double bedroom, with view of the turrets and château garden; bathroom with shower and wc. Margon has a bar/corner shop, and an attractive 2 star auberge. Two kilometres away in different directions are the larger villages of Roujan and Pouzolles, with bakeries, butchers, general stores and markets.



France

✦ Paris environs & Dordogne

40 km south of Paris – Mennecy, sleeps 6

PARIS04

Comfortable family home within easy reach of Paris
\$1200 low, \$1665 mid, \$2300 high

Set in a quiet village, this property used to be the gatehouse to a château. It is now a comfortable family home, with modern bathrooms and carpeted bedrooms with good quality beds. The ground floor includes kitchen/dining room; living room with open fireplace; wc with washbasin; 3 steps up to twin bedroom, ensuite. Upper floor: one double bedroom, one twin; bathroom. Equipped with TV (French channels), DVD, microwave, washing machine, dryer and dishwasher. Outside there is a pleasant west-facing terrace giving onto the garden and woods beyond. The house is 2km from Mennecy, with most facilities and a fast train service to Paris, and within easy reach of the châteaux of Fontainebleau, Vaux-le-Vicomte and Versailles, and Disneyland Paris.

“Beautifully presented and well equipped”



Dordogne/Lot (close to Midi-Pyrénées) – Montcuq, sleeps 8

DORD02

13th century renovated village house, north of Toulouse
Price \$1990 (except for 1 July–7 Sept \$3000)



A large stone house in the lively village of Montcuq, within walking distance of shops, banks, bars and restaurants. Completely refurbished, while retaining the best of traditional local style—exposed beams, timber floors, stone walls. Large living-dining rooms, 4 double bedrooms, a fully equipped eat-in kitchen and 2.5 bathrooms. Centrally heated and an open fire in the living room. In summer, thick stone walls keep the living areas cool, while all bedrooms have ceiling fans. Local market. Price includes linen, central heating and electricity. 70Euro for cleaning, payable on arrival.

Dordogne/Perigord - L'Hirondelle, sleeps 4

DORD01

Cottage in Perigord village.
Price \$800 low, \$1000 mid, \$1200 high

This cosy, recently renovated cottage is situated in the heart of Vayres, a pretty village with cafes, shops and a boulangerie. It is attractively furnished throughout, with exposed beams and many traditional features. The spacious kitchen/dining/living area is equipped with stainless steel appliances, washing machine, microwave, TV, DVD and CD player. Oak stairs lead to two double bedrooms, bathroom and second wc. Set in the Perigord natural park, Vayres is within easy reach of several historic attractions, including Rochechouart, famous for its night & day markets, Richard the Lionheart walking route & medieval buildings. Good restaurants can be found within a 10km radius.



The Cities

Paris & Florence

Set in a lively area with shops, cafés and restaurants, and easy metro access (La Murette), we offer this comfortable and spacious first floor apartment. In typical turn-of-the-century style, it has high ceilings and a beautiful polished parquet floor with rugs. Well furnished, with three bedrooms (one double and two single) and two small bathrooms, all decorated in light fresh colours. The living rooms have large windows overlooking the quiet street, while the bedrooms look on to a peaceful, leafy interior courtyard next door. Small kitchen, but recently renovated with the latest modern equipment. Separate laundry with washing machine. The charming French owner speaks fluent English.

“Located in a lovely part of Paris, we would recommend this apartment to anyone”

Paris apartment – La Murette, 16th arrondissement
sleeps 3 adults or 2 adults + 2 children

PARIS01

*A wonderful, high quality base for exploring the city of Paris.
Price about \$2400 per week, available from 1 April to 31 October.*



Paris apartment – Anvers, 9th arrondissement, sleeps 2 + 2

PARIS03

Historic Paris with all mod cons. Price \$1830 per week, available year-round

A refurbished apartment on the 4th floor of a 19th century building, accessed by lift, in the 9th arrondissement of Paris near Sacre Coeur and the Moulin Rouge. Renovations have opened up the apartment to provide a galley kitchen with all stainless steel appliances including dishwasher, microwave, 4 hob gas cooktop & oven and washing machine and an espresso coffee maker. The light-filled lounge/dining room has a leather double sofa bed (for + 2), armchairs, a gas fireplace and a dining table with four chairs. Double bedroom bathroom with hand held shower, hand basin and wc. Gas central heating in winter. Available all year round with a minimum of 3 nights.

Florence – Santo Spirito, apartment, sleeps 4/6 **FLOR01**

Relax in Florence

Price \$2200 per week, plus cleaning charge 90Euro

Experience the charm of living in an authentic residential Florentine neighbourhood, while being close to the historic centre of this wonderful city. This is the perfect base for exploring Florence, within easy walking distance to the Uffizi, San Marco, San Lorenzo, Santa Croce, and the Duomo. In an old Florentine building located in a quiet side street in the Oltrarno/Santo Spirito area, this second-floor two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment has high, wood-beamed ceilings, terracotta floors, natural light and tranquillity. It is comfortably furnished, with a well-equipped kitchen and new appliances. Daily market with fresh produce in nearby Piazza Santo Spirito, an area abounding in local artisan studios, cafes and restaurants.



Italy

✿ Tuscany & Umbria

Umbria - Panicale, sleeps 6

UMB02

*Designed for modern living, a few steps from the village piazza.
Price on application, approximately \$3200 per week.*

High on a hill over Lake Trasimeno is the medieval town of Panicale, with 2 bars, 3 restaurants, and most facilities. Just a few steps from the main piazza, this property has been restored to blend traditional charm with the best in modern convenience. The middle floor is designed for living, with a state of the art kitchen opening to the very comfortably furnished sitting/dining area. The ground floor and upper floor contain 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, extra WC and laundry with washing machine, dryer etc. With hydronic central heating, the house is equipped with widescreen LCD TV with satellite and DVD player, wireless broadband network and telephones (on request). Near the border of Tuscany and Umbria, Panicale is a short drive to Perugia, Orvieto, Montepulciano, Assisi, Cortona and Siena.

“Great location, good food and shopping.”



Perugia – Via Bartolo, apartment in the historic centre, sleeps 4

UMP01

*Experience the vibrant life of an Italian city.
Price \$900 per week*



The hilltop city of Perugia in Umbria abounds with reminders of its Etruscan, Roman, medieval and Renaissance past, with narrow streets, tall towers, frescoed churches and encircling walls. A short drive through lovely countryside lie Assisi, Gubbio and Spoleto. Via Bartolo is just a few steps away from the main Piazza at the heart of the historic centre. The two bedroom apartment on the first floor of an 18th century building features original exposed wooden beams and terracotta-tiled floors. It is comfortably furnished, with a well-equipped kitchen and sparkling, all white bathroom.

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