

LA MAISON DU GUIL

A unique bouquet style B&B in France's Hautes Alpes



A marriage between old stones and contemporary design

A priory dating back to the 16th century, saved from demolition and then renovated with the intention of keeping the soul of the house alive, and bringing new life to elements of ancient mountain architecture and materials. Vast walls of stone, old wooden beams, century old vaulted ceilings live together in harmony with polished concrete floors, Panton chairs, a red chinese wedding cabinet, a moose's head in wood, ...

This fascinating dialogue between old and contemporary accents, delicate but firm, determines the style of the house, truly a singularity in France's southern Alps



Two Belgians with an urge to start a new life

20 years of professional life in different areas such as oil chemistry, textiles and automotive logistics, left us with a strong desire to broaden our horizon and search for a life with less stress and more quality time. The dream of so many, we took the risk. Our search has brought us in many areas, and somewhat by coincidence to the Hautes Alpes in France. It was love at first sight for this stunning mountain area. It was love at first sight as well for this house, so beautifully renovated by our predecessors. Full of energy to receive our guests, more than compensated by extraordinary encounters, sometimes surprising, but always agreeable, we take la Maison du Guil to the next level in its second life, while giving it definitely our own touch.

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A unique destination in France's southern Alps, marrying the charm of a 16th century priory with a resolutely contemporary decoration.

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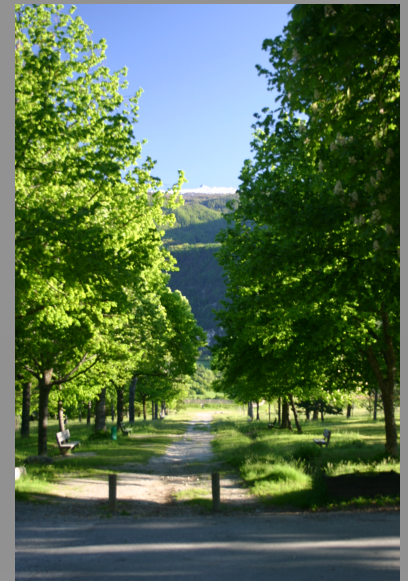
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At the crossroads of the natural parcs of Queyras and Ecrins

Right between two natural parcs, the Queyras and the Ecrins, la Maison du Guil is nestled in the small hamlet of la Font d'Eyglis, nicknamed "small Nice" because of its sunny location, on the flanks of mount Catinat.

The house is an ideal starting point for discovering the gorgeous landscapes of the Hautes Alpes: blue water of the lake of Serre-Ponçon, the deep white of the glaciers in the Ecrins, fortifications made by Vauban (Mont-Dauphin and Briançon), the ski slopes of Vars, Risoul and Serre-Chevalier, and the white water rafting on several rivers like the Guil and the Durance.



Comfort and calmth

The four rooms at la Maison du Guil have each individually been conceived in a different style and decoration, they all offer the same high comfort level so that a stay at la Maison du Guil will be a moment of true relaxation and revitalization.

The house offers a vast sitting area, a terrace facing the mountains and a garden where you can enjoy the sunset over Mont-Dauphin and the valley of the Guil.

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La Maison du Guil has four double rooms that were given the name of a mountain flower: Epilobe, Marjolaine, Armoise and Pimprenelle.

Epilobe is a spacious room with mountain views and a well equipped bathroom with bath and walk in shower. Decorated in gentle greys, enhanced with the red of a chinese wedding cabinet, where old stones have been conserved and now dialogue with a rough concrete table in the bathroom and a white coloured wooden floor.



Marjolaine is a large room with mountain views from its own private balcony. It has a bathroom with a bath and a small sitting area that can be converted to accommodate a child. Colours of wood, grey and chocolate alter with the changing day light and give this room its own personality.



Pimprenelle can be accessed via a small staircase through the thick walls which makes it the house's lovers haven. A nice vaulted ceiling, an open plan bathroom with open shower and a colour palette from white over grey to soft green and yellow give this room a tender atmosphere.

Armoise, opens on a ground floor shaded patio in the middle of the hamlet, connecting it with the charming history of the house, a vaulted ceiling, nice stone walls and four lovely niches. Subtle colour variations of blue over turquoise give Armoise a luminosity of its own, agreeable in every season.



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Revitalizing in a "zen" environment

Breakfast is served in the old wine press room under a high vaulted ceiling, or on the terrace facing the mountains as off the first sunny days.

In summer, when the sun hits the garden or the terrace too hard, the thick walls provide cooling comfort in the sitting area, where the cast iron stove warms you up in the afternoon as off the first snowy days. A "zen" space that is ideal for enjoying a good book, or just for relaxing doing nothing in particular, far away from daily life's troubles.

At the end of a long day on the ski slopes, after a long walk or a hike on snow shoes, the sauna in the old cellar on the rock of the mountain, provides the environment for true relaxation. A massage in the comfort of your room completes this moment of revitalization.



A house to discover in summer as well as in winter

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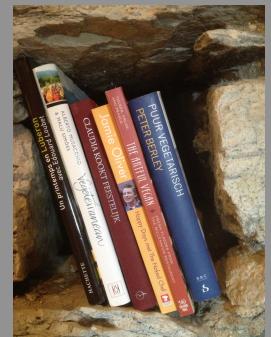


A sincere and refined kitchen

Enjoy the aperitif in the sitting area or on the terrace on warmer days, sharing a moment of conviviality.

Dinner is served under the high vaulted ceiling, cool in summer or next to the stove in winter. A unique menu each time, 3 or 4 times a week, based on excellent fresh products, local if possible, surprising in combinations, always tasteful, light and well balanced.

A wine list, kept small on purpose, with some local hidden gems as well as wines from other regions.



The rates

Rooms are at 120 to 130 euro per night, for two adults, breakfast included.

Dinner is at 35 euro per person, aperitif and coffee included, without drinks.