

WELCOME TO

Château de Mappe

Apt. 5



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Apartment 5

The Upton Family

Firstly, welcome!

We hope you have a wonderful stay at Mappe, enjoying both the Chateau and its surroundings as much as we do. This is very much a family apartment; so please do feel free to use whatever you find, and replace anything as needed – the only private space is the locked cupboard under the kitchen basin, where we keep a few personal belongings.

Finding the apartment

Our address is: Apartment 5, Chateau de Mappe, 4228 Route de Carces, Lorgues 83510, France

When you arrive, the gate will open automatically; so please wait. You can drive straight up and unload your bags in front of the arch, then return to the car park (which you'll have passed on your right as you drove up). Please do not block access to the large waste bins.

To reach the Appartement 5, go through the arch: there is a light switch on the left pillar. Follow the path straight ahead and then left down the grand flight of stone steps. Apartment 5 is at the bottom, on your left with its own patio.

Consideration for others.

The Chateau is jointly owned and mostly used by the owners' families. It is a friendly place. There are some 'rules' stuck to the fridge (also at the end of this document). Please particularly observe the rules about not taking food or drink to the pool, and hanging laundry out in the 'meadow' (through the gate behind the *boule* court) - there are washing lines where things dry in no time. Please also keep noise levels down.

Advice and Help

David Turner looks after the property for us: he is responsible for the cleaning and everyday maintenance.

If you have any questions, or something goes wrong, do give him a ring on his mobile: 0608 467 594. He is English and has lived here for years. .

Food and other Supplies

You will find two shopping bags in the sitting room coat cupboard. Feel free to use them (but please put them back).

There is a wonderful market in Lorgues every Tuesday – from 8.00 or so with stalls closing from 12.30 to 13.00.

There are also food shops in Lorgues, mainly in the High Street: several boulangeries, a fruit and vegetable shop and a good butchers. There's an excellent fresh pasta shop just up the hill, in the old town (visible from the High Street).

Alternatively if you don't want to go into the town centre, there's a small parade of shops between the two roundabouts on the D562 road that runs south of the town – including an excellent boulangerie and fishmonger's. This parade is great for quick shopping, with parking immediately outside.

There are two supermarkets in Lorgues, with different opening hours.

Casino – head into Lorgues town centre (taking the second exit at the first roundabout). The supermarket comes up on your left immediately and has a sizeable car park:

Sunday	8.30 – 20.00
Monday – Saturday	7.00 – 20.00

This is the one we use most. It is close, large enough to have most things, and has the longest opening hours.

Intermarché Take the first exit on both the first and second roundabouts (towards Taradeau). The supermarket comes up on your right just beyond the small church.

Monday – Saturday	8.45 – 7.30
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This one is huge, with a good fish counter and some children's clothes, pool toys, etc.

If you want a larger supermarket, there are **Carrefours** in Draguignan and Trans-en-Provence, **HyperU** in Les Arcs & **SuperCasinos** in Vidauban and Salernes.

Wine

Local vineyards abound. Nearly all have their own "caves" where wine is sold across the counter, and you can taste first. You can buy by the bottle or by the container. Chateau de Berne is the local expensive cave, and beautiful to visit – and has concerts with picnics in the summer months. Estelo is beautiful - just before Lorgues: with 25 hectares devoted to certified AOP organic Côtes de Provence.

The Apartment – Practicalities

Basic Supplies

We aim to maintain a supply of the essentials like salt, coffee, tea, sugar, olive oil, matches, plastic bags, loo paper, washing-up powder, etc; so please do feel free to use these, and help us by ensuring you restock anything that's running low.

Water

The water comes from our own well. Until recently, this has been fully "potable" but we now recommend you run water for drinking through the Britta filter, or use bottled water.

Our belongings – including games, cards and books

This is very much an apartment used by all our family; so hopefully you'll find most things you need here. Do feel free to use them, and replace if broken or finished.

There are cards and a couple of other games in the right hand dresser drawer, and a card table in the coat cupboard in the sitting room (together with boules, tennis and badminton rackets.) Any of the books without *Upton* written in them can be taken away with you: ideally, just leave a book you've finished in its place.

Wooden Salad bowl, board and servers

Please don't put these in the washing up machine. The hard olive wood likes to be rinsed with cold water and wiped dry with a paper towel. An occasional wipe with olive oil and kitchen paper revives the wood.

Towels and tea towels

You will find swimming towels in the large bedroom cupboards and extra tea towels/oven gloves if you need them. The swimming towels (patterned) are for use by the pool, the bath towels (plain) should stay in the apartment. (Please don't use extra towels unless essential, as these are the supplies for the following week.)

The Oven – an important quirk

You should find the oven controls self-explanatory. However, there's a curious symbol in red at the end of the dial – several dots and a "3". This is an automatic cleaning cycle and alas if you accidentally set it while your food is in the oven, it will self-lock and you will watch your dinner being incinerated in front of your eyes. Otherwise it functions normally! (And if the clock is set

for the wrong time, press the two middle buttons underneath simultaneously and turn the knob to adjust.)

Rubbish and recycling

There are two bins - one for rubbish, and one for dry recycling. Please leave your rubbish in plastic bags in the two large industrial-size waste bins in the car park area. These get emptied twice a week. Glass and paper can be recycled – in bins beside the road (including one down the Traversée des Maunieres opposite Chateau de Mappe gates), or in the Casino car park .

Septic Tank

It is vital that ONLY loo paper is flushed down the loo – tampons etc would block up the system. There are little plastic containers in each bathroom.

Ants

In the summer months, it is worth wiping food spills up fast to discourage the arrival of columns of ants. It's usually fine if you just keep things relatively clean, but we do have the occasional bad year when you need to be super-vigilant.

Hot Water

The hot water is heated on a night-time economy rate, which is normally enough for everyday needs. If however you find this isn't, you can override the time clock and use day rate electricity. Look in the fuse cupboard in the sitting room – its clearly marked. "O" (up) is off: AUTO (centre) is night time rate and "I" (bottom) is permanent hot water day and night.

Light Switches in the Dining Room

These can be slightly confusing: so here is a quick guide:

By Front Door

1. Outside Light
2. Central Hanging Light

Outside Front Bedroom

1. Central Hanging Light
2. Lights above TV
3. Lights above chest

Above Telephone

1. Island Lights

2. Light above sink

Outside Rear Bedroom

1. Chandelier
2. Timed switch for Rear Bedroom

Security

There have been burglaries in the past. We suggest you lock the apartment when you are out.

Patio furniture, barbecue and plants

There are cushions in the Cave for the chairs: do put them away at night in case it rains. There's a barbecue in the Cave. Do use it, and clean it before you leave. We've installed an automatic watering system for the plants, which comes on at night.

Washing Machine and Washing Lines in the Meadow

There's a washing machine in the Cave (off the patio): you need to press the flashing Start button for it to operate. Once finished, you have to manually move the dial round to "O" and then wait a couple of minutes before it opens. The machine codes are on the wall above the washing machine.

There are plentiful clothes pegs in our laundry basket, and a gorgeous place to hang clothes – a wild flower meadow just beyond the Boule court, through the little gate, and then on the right. (Walk out under the main Chateau arch and right past the small Villa to get there.)

Wifi & Television

We have a wireless, broadband subscription that you are welcome to use. Please see the detailed instructions below, at the end of this section.

From your computer, look for Livebox-AF56

Then enter the password: 24E983AEAE3E02E2EA13C55812

(on the back of the Livebox too)

Television and Radio

The Sky Box is temperamental but will give you access to UK Freeview channels if you treat it gently. Turn the TV on with the LG remote and find channel AV1. This should then give you access to the Sky box, which you control with the Sky remote.

The HDMI lead will connect the television to the DVD player or your computer.

Gas Supply

There are two cylinders of Propane gas in the cave (the outhouse). If the supply fails, just switch to the other cylinder by turning the knob and let David know so that he can replace the empty one (from the gas station next to the Casino supermarket in Lorgues). (Its important that it is Propane as this is lighter than air and doesn't sink.) You may also need to reset the switch under the rings: this sometimes trips when one bottle finishes.

Wood

There is wood and kindling stacked in the Cave. David can arrange for additional supplies if necessary (for a small charge).

Before you leave

It would be helpful if you could check that:

- The hot water switch is back at Automatic, if you've changed it during your stay
- You leave a note detailing any breakages, or send an email to jamesrobertpark@icloud.com

We're keen that Chateau de Mappe is an easy and relaxing place to come and stay, so do drop James an email (jamesrobertpark@icloud.com) about anything you think we could do to improve things for future guests. All thoughts welcome. No suggestion is too small or too large.

Where to find things

Bedroom Chest (top right hand drawer)

Hairdryers

Sitting Room Chest

Games in the left-hand drawer

Stationery, sewing kit and tools in the right-hand drawer

Bathrooms

Toilet cleaner and a microfibre cloth under each sink

Soap dispenser on each sink

A supply of toilet paper and a first-aid kit is kept above the toilet in the rear bathroom

Shampoo, sun cream and first-aid in the first cupboard above the sink

Toilet paper in the higher cupboard above the toilet

Kitchen Drawer 1 (to right of dishwasher)

Table mats

Kitchen Cupboard 1 (to right of dishwasher)

Colourful mugs, bowls, ashtrays and small pottery jugs

Kitchen Drawer 2 (to left of dishwasher)

Knives, forks, spoons and teaspoons

Corkscrews

Kitchen Cupboard 2 (to left of dishwasher)

Set of dinner plates, side plates and bowls

Dishwasher tablets and salt

Kitchen Cupboard 3 (opposite hob)

Cooking dishes

Kitchen Cupboard 4 (under sink)

Additional washing up liquid, handwash, washing pads and microfibre cloths

Washing-up basin

Dustpans and brushes

Above-sink shelf

Olive oil, cooking oil, wine vinegar, cider vinegar

Spices: coriander, cumin, pepper, fennel

Salt

Pestel & mortar

Sugar

Shelf above hob

Bread basket

Slad bowl, servers & spinner

Kitchen Drawer 3 (under oven)

Oven mitts, tea towels

Kitchen Cupboard 5 (under oven)

Food preparation bowls

Large and small flan pan

Cake tin

Kitchen Cupboard 6 (above oven)

Sugar, wheat pasta, gluten-free pasta, rice, wheat flour, porridge oats

Kitchen Drawer 4 (top to right of hob)

Small knives, garlic press, vegetable peelers, zester, measuring spoons, can opener

CHATEAU DE MAPPE
RULES governing activities and behaviour on the Estate

The owners of the apartments have collectively agreed the following Rules, with the intention of enhancing the enjoyment of all those who stay at the Chateau. Please ensure that you, your friends and rental guests respect these rules. If you are in any doubt, need help or advice, please ask any of the owners in residence, or the Syndic, at Agence SAINT LOUIS (04 94 69 01 98).

1. CAR PARKING

Please park all vehicles, including trailers and bicycles, in the car park area to the east of the drive. The track to the front of the Chateau is NOT for parking, but may be used briefly for loading/unloading. **PLEASE** leave the area in front of the rubbish bins clear at all times. This is to ensure that there is no health and safety risk because of the rubbish collection vehicle being unable to access the bins, and also, of course, to prevent your car from being damaged.

2. USE OF POOL, PARASOLS AND SUN LOUNGERS

The use of the pool and other facilities are reserved for residents only and the pool area is closed from **10.30 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.** in order not to disturb other guests. For health and safety reasons, no alcohol, glassware or food can be taken into the pool area. Non-alcoholic drinks in plastic bottles may be taken in, but the bottles must be taken away after use. No radios may be used in the pool area, only iPhones, iPods etc with personal ear pieces. Please do not use lilos or large inflatables in the pool and do not leave belongings in the pool area, even for a short time.

Please make sure that you put parasols down before leaving the pool area, even for a short time, as strong winds can arise quickly, blowing down and breaking open parasols. If you move sun loungers, please put them back where you found them when leaving the pool. There are 2 sun loungers allocated to each apartment – please respect the needs of other guests.

3. MUSIC AND GAMES

Please do not play loud music, radios or TVs at any time, and be especially mindful of others after 8.00 p.m. To protect the sleep of other residents, any parties, playing of dance music, singing etc must stop by midnight at the latest. If coming back to the estate late, please do so as quietly as possible. Please do not play ball games close to the properties.

4. TENNIS COURT

Appropriate footwear is required at all times when using the tennis court.

5. FIRE RISKS

Because of the real danger of forest fires, barbecuing must only be done on barbecues which are properly shielded to prevent sparks flying, and in the areas approved by the owners. If in doubt, please ask the Syndic.

6. GROUNDS

The grounds are for the use of all residents, but the ground floor apartments have small private gardens and the house at the western end of the Chateau has a large private garden, including the bridge and the pond. Please respect the privacy of these areas.

7. DRYING CLOTHES

There is a clothes drying area beyond the bouldrome at the western end of the estate. Please use this, and DO NOT hang washing, swim suits or towels over balconies, on parasols or outside chairs.

8. DRAINAGE AND WATER SUPPLY

The property is not connected to mains drainage, and all effluents drain into septic tanks. Please, therefore, do not flush any materials, such as cotton wool, paper nappies, wet wipes, sanitary towels or tampons, down the toilets.

The water supply to each property comes from a communal well. The water should not be drunk UNLESS boiled. You are advised to drink bottled water only, though the well water is suitable for teeth cleaning and washing foods.

9. PETS

Rental guests and their visitors must not bring pets onto the estate.

10. RENTALS

The number of guests must never exceed the number of beds (with the exception of children under 2). Owners should make their own arrangements for renters to be received at Mappe: this is not the responsibility of the Syndic.

PLEASE RESPECT THE SIMPLE RULES AND ENJOY YOUR STAY AT MAPPE.
THANK YOU