

## Welcome to Les Oliviers 2010

On the following pages are places that we have visited with our two children, aged 12 and 14, the experiences are personal and reflect particular times but we thought this may help in providing you with information beyond the guide books for this region. Where positive this implies that they are kid (family) friendly, and to be fair most of France is. If you would like to share your own experiences please leave your comments in the book provided and we will ensure that they are transferred to this summary. Details of the name, address, and contact details of where you visited would be very appreciated to aid our future guests.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our warm welcome to you whilst at Les Oliviers. We are particularly proud of Les Oliviers and our family have always felt welcome amongst the vineyard and Plan De La Tour, we hope you do as well. Our Caretakers Colin and Sandra\* will do their utmost to ensure you enjoy your stay, please feel free to contact them at any time. When leaving please do add your comments to our visitors book, we're always keen to hear what you thought of Les Oliviers and Plan De La Tour. (And if you would like to leave us your email address we will let you know of Les Oliviers' future availability.)

Best Regards

Lesley and Mel Alcock, owners Les Oliviers, Plan De La Tour.

\*For Colin and Sandra's contact details please see under the Useful Contacts Section

## Restaurant Reviews

### Plan De La Tour

- **L'Arbousier**, 7, Place Foch, Zone Pietonne, 83120 Le Plan De La Tour. Tel 04 94 43 11 05. An OK restaurant located in the centre of the town which is normally open when others aren't. Simple local cuisine.
- **L'Aioli**, 1 Avenue General Leclerc, 83120 Plan De La Tour. 04 94 55 58 10. As above but with a slightly more adventurous menu.
- **La Tour Du Plan**. 5 Rue Jean Jaunes, 83120, Le Plan De La Tour. Tel 04 94 43 70 05. Arguably the best in PDLT. Very hospitable, pleasant bar and food is good and fresh. The newly refurbished courtyard makes a beautiful setting for lunch or evening dining. Menu is frequently updated but LTDP is very expensive for a "local village restaurant". (But they have been know to ferry Guests to and from Les Oliviers.)
- **Les Deux Fontaines**. 7 Place Clemenceau, 83120 Le Plan De La Tour. Tel 04 94 43 75 28.  
[lesdeuxfontaines@yahoo.fr](mailto:lesdeuxfontaines@yahoo.fr). A delightful restaurant that has struggled in 2008. Run by Alain Dupaix, a young, talented and aspiring chef/local businessman. Worth a visit, good fresh local ingredients, but at high season be prepared for a long wait in the evening as the service is often stretched. Can be frustrating and undermines the quality of the food. When it does work LDF is good competition for La Tour Du Plan.

- **Pizzeria de Vallauray.** Tel 04 94 43 77 59. Just around the corner from Les Oliviers, turn left as you come to the road and head to Vallauray. Great thin crust build your own Pizzas. Very quickly became a Les Oliviers favourite with both adults and Kids. Run by a family who live opposite in Vallauray and can often be seen nipping across the road to their own kitchen for more ingredients. Dad (the racing driver, all will be apparent when you get there) and Son wait the tables, Mom and Daughter run the kitchen. Very authentic, very hospitable and not a tourist in sight. Cash only and a must visit.
- **Pizza Pierrot.** 1 Rue Jean Jaures 04 94 96 13 51 / 06 16 54 77 66. New addition to PDLT for 2008 and although we are big fans of the above and Pizza Mia (see later St Maxime) this gets our thumbs up. Traditional wood burning oven for your Pizza. Open at lunch time and evening during the summer. Ring ahead for your Pizza and save your self the hassle of cooking at home. Has been known to be a centre of confusion as delivery and the limited restaurant merge into one, be patient. The best example being when we arrived for a table reservation to be presented with four Calzonne and a beer for our 14 year old daughter, none of which had been ordered. Cash only, has great takeaway Lasagne sold by the kilo.
- **Au Vieux Moulin.** Tel 04 94 43 02 07
- **La Creperie** Tel 04 94 43 76 90

## St. Tropez

- **La Villa Hotel**, 6, Avenue Du Rivalet, 83580 Gassin. Tel 04 94 97 79 14. [www.la-villa-hotel.com](http://www.la-villa-hotel.com). Owners Mirelle and Pascal have recently, 2006, refurbished this hotel which is a short walk from St.Tropez centre. Modern rooms, “Starck” like, with a great pool and deck. Great to stay if new to the area and want some accessible accommodation that isn’t in the centre of St.Tropez
- **Hotel Sube**, 15, Quai De Suffren, 83990 St Tropez. Tel 04 94 97 30 04. [www.hotel-sube.com](http://www.hotel-sube.com). The classic “Sube” nautical themed bar, a must for breakfast or pre dinner drinks, overlooking the Port. Grab a table on the balcony, a squeeze, and soak up the atmosphere opposite the super yachts. Also a hotel.
- **La Tarte TropeZienne**, La Boutique Traiteur, Place Des Lices, 83990 St. Tropez. Tel 04 94 97 04 69. Part of a well known chain of 22 patisseries. This one serves lunch on the first floor and is a great visit on St. Tropez Tuesday’s market day. It’s balcony overlooks the Places Des Lices and again it’s classic St.Tropez atmosphere, but this time a little more real with the market below !
- **Joseph L’Escale**, Tel 04 94 97 00 63. Fab up-scale restaurant on the harbour front, weekends are lively with music and dancing. The Sea-Food’s not bad either but pricey ! Make sure you book in advance and watch out for footballers !

- **Hotel Restaurant La Bastide de St Tropez**, Route des Carles, 83990 St. Tropez. Tel 04 94 55 82 55.  
[www.bastide-saint-tropez.com](http://www.bastide-saint-tropez.com). In the heart of St. Tropez a place of tranquillity, a beautiful pink provencal “Mas”. Very welcome for families, they encouraged our children to play in the pool.....which is beautifully set amongst a lush, quiet (depending on your off-spring) garden. Lunch outside by the pool is a treat. Complimentary limo service to surrounding sites avoids sore feet and allows the chilled Rose to flow freely.
- **La Pesquiere et Le Mazagran et Le Revelin**, 1, 4 et 6 Rue Des Ramparts. 3, Place Du Revelin, 83990 St. Tropez. Tel 04 94 97 05 92 / 04 94 97 56 19. Fax 04 94 97 69 02. [marie-anne.jauffret@wanadoo.fr](mailto:marie-anne.jauffret@wanadoo.fr). Series of restaurants all with the same owners, on the ramparts overlooking the North Bay. Rather full of tourists, but is a nice location for a meal with a view. Food is reliable traditional fair.
- **Hotel Le Yaca**. [www.hotel-le-yaca.fr](http://www.hotel-le-yaca.fr). Climb the winding stairs to the top of the Hotel to see spectacular views over the rooftops and the Mediterranean beyond.
- **Gandhi Restaurant Indien**. 3 Quai de l’Epi, Parking du Nouveau Port, 83990 St Tropez. Tel 04 94 97 71 71 / 04 94 97 83 03. [www.nova.fr/gandhi](http://www.nova.fr/gandhi). When all the French food gets too much !
- **Clubs**  
**VIP Room**. Residence du Nouveau Port, 83990 St Tropez. Reservation 04 94 97 14 70  
**Les Caves Du Roy**. 04 94 56 68 00

## **Pampelonne Plages**

(To avoid peak traffic on the coastal road into St.Tropez -the N98 / D98a; From the town centre of Plan De La Tour take the D44 for Grimaud / D61 for Ramatuelle / D93 for Pampelonne. Nb these roads are narrow. Journey time to the Orangerie at peak is 30 mins this way)

- **Plage L'Orangerie**, Parking Du Boulevard Patch, 83350 Ramatuelle. Tel 04 94 79 84 74. Family Beach club, sun loungers for hire, best to go for the whole day and have lunch there. Food is fresh and simple, salads etc. Pedalos and sail boats (Cats) also for hire close by from the beach. Great day out and easy to get to “round the back “ from PDLT to St. Tropez.
- **Millesim Beach Club Tabou**, Route de Tahiti, Ramatuelle. Tel 04 94 97 20 99. [www.millesim.net](http://www.millesim.net). Nearer to St. Tropez than the above, so at the other end of Pampelonne beach, in fact the beach here is considerably smaller. Go here for a more different lunch, tends to be of African origin and the customers are of a hipper nature.
- **Polynesie**. Route L'Epi 83350 Pampelonne, Ramatuelle. Tel 04 94 79 82 62 . Fax 04 94 79 96 45. Ok beach club, food is genuine simple fare and well priced.
- **La Plage des Jumeaux**, Chemin de L'Epi, Pampelonne , 833350, Ramatuelle. [laplage@desjumeaux.fr](mailto:laplage@desjumeaux.fr) Tel 0494 55 21 80 . Fax 04 94 79 87 41
- **NiouLargo**. Relatively new entrant to the “high end” beach club fraternity. Good food, good bar, need to book. Also has a gym with the current “Power Plate” trend and resident trainer, Jean Christophe Heriveau, 06 87 95 36 54. Restaurant Tel 04 98 12 63 12. Fax 04 98 12 61 70.

- **Le Club 55.** Plage de Pampelonne, BP 55, 83350 Ramtuelle. Tel 04 94 55 55 55. Fax 04 94 79 85 00. Like the Sube and Joseph one of those places that you have to visit at least once. The food is good, the atmosphere great along with the prices. Spend a day out amongst the Sth of Frances' stars and wannabees. Hire a Ferrari, book way in advance or otherwise enjoy the wait and gawp!

### St. Maxime

- **Le Café de France.** 2 Place Victor Hugo- 83120 Saint Maxime. Tel 04 94 96 18 16. Right on the Coast road in the centre of town. Very honest French café/bistro. Tables packed together, dogs and cigarette smoke woft freely. Food is basic and fab. Sunday lunch is a must as you watch the locals disembark from their wkend Harleys for a cup of espresso.
- **La Reserve.** 8, Place Victor Hugo. Tel 04 94 96 18 32. Just along from the above, La Reserve is growing on us as the alternative to La Maison Bleue, which can often be full. A good solid traditional French Restaurant which serves feel good soups and stews with tons of atmosphere.
- **La Roulotte.** 62 Paul Bert -83129 St Maxime. [www.laroulotte.eu](http://www.laroulotte.eu). [contact@laroulotte.eu](mailto:contact@laroulotte.eu). Tel 04 94 49 07 00. A Thai restaurant that comes highly recommended by out neighbours George and Stella. Portions can be on the large size, but otherwise very good.
- **Le Carillon.** 1Bd Frderic Mistral, 83120 St. Maxime. Tel 04 94 96 07 42. Perfect family run Pizzeria. Families welcome. Just opposite the car park in the centre of town.
- **Havana.** Plage Du Centre Ville. Tel 06 84 30 38 17. [www.havana-plage.com](http://www.havana-plage.com). Owned by the above family.

- **Pizzas du Golfe.** Tel 04 94 96 36 50. 13, Rue du Docteur Sigalles. 83120 St. Maxime. Fab take out Pizzeria, by the side of the main road on the way into St. Maxime central.
- **La Maison Bleue.** Tel 04 94 96 51 92. Fax 04 94 96 38 97. 48 Rue Paul Bert, 83120 St Maxime. Email, [La.maisonbleue@wanadoo.fr](mailto:La.maisonbleue@wanadoo.fr). 2008 got off to a great start with a fabulous meal in what has now come to be our favourite restaurant in the Gulf. We can't recommend this enough and would say that this is a must visit whilst at Les Oliviers. The staff are super friendly, the atmosphere alive with locals and the food truly French and superb (try the mussels). For dinner book a cosy table inside, for lunch, go for Sunday Lunch. Do book though.
- **Creperie Pizzeria L'Oiseau Bleu,** 33, Rue Courbet, 83120 St. Maxime. Tel 04 94 96 64 25. Very good simple fresh pizzas. Located in the back streets of St.Maxime.
- **Pizza Mia.** 187 Route Du Plan, 83129 St Mazime. Tel 04 94 96 32 75 . On the left on the road directly from PDLT before you come to the dual carriage-way leading into St. Maxime. Forget the looks, forget the abundance of white vans. This is a very good honest Pizzeria. Always busy, Pizzas are great and the menu extends to other local fare. A fab place for a very good, simple meal at a good price. Also has a take away Pizza service, handy for picking up on the way back from a "busy" day on the beach.

## St Maxime Plages

- **Le Saint-Barth.** Plage de La Nartelle – RN98, 83129, St Maxime. Tel 04 94 96 22 73. [www.saint-barth-plage.com](http://www.saint-barth-plage.com). Like St Maxime's La Maison Bleue this is rapidly becoming a Les Oliviers favourite. Originally recommended by previous guests the Mitrovics in 07 this beach club is just 15/20 mins away. If you are a family of four we recommend you book a "Cabanna" which consists of 2 sun beds and a shaded wooden double cabin for the children, cost €85 for the day. Service is great, they'll set up tables for you at the "Cabana" to have lunch on the beach and to top it off there's a private pool. Next door, for the more adventurous, is a public water activity club with water skiing, wake boarding and pedaloes. A great day out.
- **Elephants.** Plage des Elephants. [www.plagedeselephants@yahoo.fr](mailto:www.plagedeselephants@yahoo.fr). Tel 04 94 49 11 49. Good beach club which turns into a great place for evening dining. Tuesday nights has live music and along with the setting where the restaurant lights up the beach / ocean there are some great views of the coast and Les Issambres. Very atmospheric and somewhat "Greek" like.
- **88.** Just along from Elephants. We've yet to try this but again the setting looks good. Tel 04 94 17 10 49.

## Port Grimaud / Port Cogolin

- **Café Sud.** 24 Place Francois Spoerry, 83310 Port Grimaud. Tel 04 94 56 41 79. OK pizzeria. Also does take away. Good for a walk around Port Grimaud
- **Thai Colonial.** RN 98 Port Grimaud. Tel 04 94 96 78 39 / 06 25 17 50 41. A real find this, again when the French

food may get too much try this alternative. Great service, very accommodating for children and you won't find better Thai food anywhere else in Europe. (A slight generalization we know, but this restaurant deserves some hype) Try the Gambas Curry and see the size of the Gambas, green is hot, red is sweet, soups are fab, Pad Thai is great and what they cook up for children is all spice free and fresh. Well worth an end of holiday visit. Downstairs is the Thai Boat, a confectionary based Thai restaurant run by the same owners as the Thai Colonial but the dining experience is less formal, quicker, and cheaper.

### **Cannes and surrounds**

- **La Colombe d'Or.** Place du General, 06570 St Paul de Vence. Tel 04 93 32 80 02. [www.la-colombe-dor.com](http://www.la-colombe-dor.com). Famous restaurant that is also a hotel with a beautiful pool, well worth a stay, eating is also an event. In the summer get a table on the patio but one should really eat inside and soak up the incredible art (Picasso, Klee, Miro etc) that surrounds the diners.
- **Le Mas Candille,** Bd Clement Rebuffel, 06250 Mougins. Tel 04 92 28 43 43 [www.lemascandille.com](http://www.lemascandille.com). Five star hotel with a Michelin-starred restaurant, Candille and a fabulous Shiseido Spar. A real treat. Mougins itself is a beautiful village, amongst other things made famous as Picasso's home for his last 15 years.
- **Martinez Hotel,** 73, La Croisette, 06406 Cannes Tel 0492987300. [www.hotel-martinez.com](http://www.hotel-martinez.com). Another up-scale (somewhat repetitive but appropriate description for the Sth of France) Hotel, but this time the jewel located on the sea front on the Croisette in Cannes. Refurbished in 2005. Very much worth a visit, but try to avoid festival time as you won't be able to move at the bar. In the summer have lunch at their restaurant on the beach.

- **Carlton Beach Restaurant.** 58 Boulevard De La Croisette. Tel 04 93 06 44 94. For a gastronomic treat dine here, where buffet tables piled with prawns, oyster. Langoustines, tarts, salads and deserts are a dream.
- **3.14 Hotel.** 5 Rue Francois Einesy. Tel 04 92 99 72 00. A central avant-garde hotel where the concierge won't frown when you crawl in at 5am. DJ's perform Fridays and Saturdays. Rooms are wildly Kitsch representation of continents - Europe is Moulin Rouge-themed with red crushed velvet, America is psychedelic – and the roof-top pool is a tropical paradise.
- **Maharajah,** 29, Rue Jean Jaures, 06400 Cannes. Tel 04 97 06 50 56. [www.lemaharajah.fr](http://www.lemaharajah.fr). Only Indian in Cannes and fab.
- **Le Relais Des Semailles,** 9&11 Rue St Antoine, 06400 Cannes. Tel 04 93 39 22 32. [cannessemailles@orange.fr](mailto:cannessemailles@orange.fr). One of best “French” restaurants in Cannes’ old town.
- **Hotel Best Western Mondial,** 77, Rue D’Antibes, 06407 Cannes Tel 04 93 68 70 00. [www.hotellemondial.com](http://www.hotellemondial.com). A great three star hotel, one block back from the Croisette on the shopping street Rue D’Antibes. Book one of the Penthouse rooms, with a sun deck on the roof (a bargain in comparison to the Croisette) for views over the whole of Cannes.
- **Vegaluna Plage,** La Croisette 06400 Cannes, Tel 04 93 43 67 05. Fax 0493 43 38 03. [contact@vegaluna.fr](mailto:contact@vegaluna.fr). Welcome addition to the beach front at Cannes. Food with an African twist. Pleasant, comfortable dining area, good bar and play area off to the side for younger children.

- **Le Vesuvio.** 68 La Croisette, 06400 Cannes. Tel 04 93 94 08 28 . Fax 04 93 43 94 55. Famous Italian restaurant (Pizzeria) just down from the Martinez.
- **Plage Miramar.** 64 Boulevard De La Croisette. Tel 04 93 94 24 74. [www.miramar-plage-cannes.com](http://www.miramar-plage-cannes.com). Cannes' first apero-lounge. The DJ grooves on the sand to upbeat remixes while the clientele lazes emperor-style on cream cushioned sofas quaffing Champagne and oysters.
- **C-Beach.** Boulevard De La Croisette. Tel 04 93 38 14 59. Has an inventive "tapas style" formula. Wriggle your toes in the sand as you chill out to lounge music on wicker sofas with a bottle of Chateau de l'Escarelle and a platter of squid, onion rings, chicken and mozzarella sticks.
- **Maema Beach.** Plage du Midi. 04 93 38 50 36. [www.maemaplage.com](http://www.maemaplage.com). Natural wood and bamboo décor with touches of turquoise is spot on, and the Mediterranean cuisine excellent
- **L'Annexe.** Boulevard De La Croisette. Tel 04 93 39 73 79. [www.lannex.fr](http://www.lannex.fr). Join smart locals for a light summer dining on sashimi, shellfish or large platters of fresh fruit. Décor is relaxing mix of decking, pebbles, large candles and silk orchids with lazy modern sax music playing in the background.

## Nice

- **La Voglia,** 2, Rue Saint Francois De Paule, 06300 Nice. Tel 04 93 80 99 16. [www.lavoglia.com](http://www.lavoglia.com) . Good Italian, well placed for a quick meal whilst waiting to get to the airport. In the market place with an underground car park near by.

## Useful Contacts

**Property Address;** Les Oliviers, Les Hoirs D'Esteve, Quartier Le Lauva, 83120, Plan De La Tour  
France

**Caretakers;** Colin and Sandra Bingham-Wallis, 1275 Route de Salernes, 83630 Aups, France. Tel +33 87 77 16 244 Mobile +33 67 45 30 770. Please note that Colin and Sandra are prepared to help out with any problems that you may incur with Les Oliviers and this may require them to come over from Aups.

**Should this be necessary we are prepared to meet their costs for the first call out. We do though reserve the right to pass on the charges of any subsequent call outs if appropriate.**

**Office De Tourisme Du Plan De La Tour,** Tel 04 94 43 01 50.  
Fax 04 94 43 75 08 (Tourist Office)

**La Poste Du Plan De La Tour,** Tel 04 94 43 70 39 (Post Office)

**Pompiers Du Plan De La Tour,** Quartier du Pre d'Icard, 83120, Plan De La Tour. Tel 04 94 60 37 00 (Fire Station). (Dial 18 in emergency)

**Vars Assistance,** Espace Bessy, Quartier Couloubrier, 197 Rte du Plan de la Tour, 83120, Saint-Maxime. Tel 04 94 96 50 50 (Ambulance)

**Marie Du Plan De La Tour,** 17 Place Clemenceau, 83120, Plan de la Tour. Tel 04 94 55 07 55 (Town Hall)  
**Gendarmerie** Tel 04 94 96 00 35

**Police Municipale** Tel 04 94 55 07 53 / 06 20 64 14 99 (Dial 17 in Emergency)

## **Dentist**

Pierre-Lois Fredric Tel 04 94 43 73 39

**Pharmacie Noguet** Tel 04 94 43 79 51

## **Physiotherapist**

Jean-Raymond Jornet Tel 04 93 92 52 55

Patrick Sabelle Mon / Wed / Fri 15.30-19.30. Tues / Thurs  
8.30-12.00. Tel 04 94 43 79 51

## **Doctors**

Dominique Herbecq. Home Tel 04 94 43 71 46, Office 04  
94 43 70 07. Mon / Wed / Fri 15.00–19.00. Tues / Thurs  
9.00-12.00.

Frederic Pavia. Home Tel 04 94 49 13 46. Office 04 94 43  
70 07. Mon / Wed / Fri 9.00-12.00. Tues / Thurs 15.00-  
19.00.

Maurice Penneron. Office Tel 04 94 43 73 82. Mon-Thurs  
9.00-12.00 / 17.00-19.00.

## **Hospital**

04 94 79 47 30

If you have a real emergency drive straight to the new  
hospital at Gassin. Take road to La Foux roundabout,  
where the fun fair is, and take first turn off towards La  
Croix Valmer – the hospital is about 1km on your right.  
There is an excellent A&E unit there.

## **Taxis**

Helen Mitchell. Tel 06 07 45 65 96.

Taxis Luc Tel 04 94 96 64 06 / 06 07 32 98 89

Taxis Millochau Tel 04 94 43 74 63 / 06 76 78 09 27

**Jacques “BonJour Taxis”** (Based in Nice but knows the  
House) 06 67 53 85 84 / 06 13 43 75 02

**Jean-Marc** Tel 06 19 73 06 79 (Also based in Nice and  
Jacques’ partner)

**Garage**

Pascal Quinto. 83120 Plan de La Tour. Tel 94 43 00 50

**Helicopter**

St. Tropez in 20 mins from Nice Airport. Tel +377 92 050 050. Email [helicon@heliairmonaco.com](mailto:helicon@heliairmonaco.com)

## Local Information

**Market Days****Monday**

Port Grimaud / Les Issambres / Les Marines de Cogolin

**Tuesday**

St. Tropez (During peak season either, take Les Bateaux Verts from St Maxine, or take the route round the back via Pampelonne, or set off early if you want to avoid sitting in the traffic) / Canadel Bormes les Mimosas / Lorgues / Roquebrune sur Argens

**Wednesday**

Cavalaire / La Garde-Freinet / Cogolin / Canadel Bormes les Mimosas / Bagnols en Foret / Draguignan

**Thursday**

Collobrieres / Port Grimaud Ramatuelle / Plan de la Tour / Grimaud Bargemon / Le Muy / Les Arcs sur Argens

**Friday**

Les Marines de Cogolin / Roquebrune sur Argens / Port Grimaud / Sainte Maxime / Le Rayoi Canadel

**Saturday**

Cogolin / St. Tropez / Callas / Aups / Bagnols en Foret / Draguignan / Brignoles

**Sunday**

Port Grimaud / La Croix Valmer / Collobrieres / Ramtuelle / La Garde-Freinet / Gassin / Le Muy / Vidauban

**Plan De La Tour.** From July to October the first Sunday of each month Caves Marues has a free wine tasting from 9.30am. Tel 04 94 43 71 57

**Plan De La Tour.** There's a beautiful walk down to PDLT from Les Oliviers. You need to go diagonally across the road at the end of the lane onto the lane that runs along the crest of the hill. At the bottom of the first hill take the track on your right and from there your on your own! Actually it's a series of paths and tracks that will wind their way through the valley's vineyards to the town, which should always feature on your right if walking down to the town. It's difficult to get lost. Distance is 2.5k.

There's a much longer walk above Les Oliviers across the top of hill behind the Villa, accessible either via the right hand side of the vineyard, head for the pink house directly opposite Les Oliviers or via the road back up the hill on the left. You'll find the dirt-track turning on a bend on your left. Although much longer, this provides spectacular views of the valley floor and can be reached via car.

**Plan De La Tour.** Has; two small supermarkets both with "fresh" produce, several bakeries, several restaurants, a newsagents, a Post Office, a couple of bars, florists, a general store and too many Estate Agents !

**Aqualand.** Route du Muy, 83120 St. Maxime. Open early June to beginning of Sept. 10.00 to 18.00. [www.aqualand.fr](http://www.aqualand.fr). A water extravaganza, take a picnic, book sun-loungers and stay the day.

**Aquascope.** Port de St.Maxime. 04 94 49 01 45. Boat trip on a glass bottomed "yellow submarine". Every half hour at peak time; Adults €12, Child €6

**Arbre & Adventure.** Route du Muy, 83120 St Maxime. Tel 06 24 93 38 98. Behind Aqualand. Swing through the trees and ensure that everyone sleeps well that evening ! For young (8-12) children an ideal adventure, can get busy so worth getting there early.

**St Maxime.** Has a large new **Carre Foour** for all your grocery needs. Including those indispensable inflatable items for the beach that Dad's seem to spend their entire holiday inflating only to find that they are left behind !

**St Maxime.** For all your hardware needs **Mr. Bricolage**, is just on from the Champion.

**St Maxime.** Avoid the traffic and take **Les Bateaux Verts** from St. Maxime Port to St. Tropez. Tel 04 94 49 29 39. Runs every 20 mins at peak times.

**Aqua City Mini-Golf.** St Tropez. Tel 04 94 56 50 50. Ok if you like mini-golf. For our son this was the best thing ever, says a lot really !

**Ecole D'Equitation.**Route de Pardigon, Cavalaire. Tel 06 11 34 16 87. Mobile 06 11 34 16 87.Very good equestrian centre. Great rides along the beach and through the surrounding vineyards. Michel is a great guide with very good skills and a keen eye for safety. Highly recommended, though not for beginners. Also Grimaud, 04 94 43 24 09 and Cogolin 06 11 81 11 32

**Les Poneys Du Verderet.** 06 83 34 87 66.  
[www.leverderet.com](http://www.leverderet.com). Very good, very professional equestrian centre should Cavalaire be too far to travel. This has become our daughter's favourite. Valerie runs the school to a high standard. No hacking out, just lessons in the out door school. It is also possible to do half or full day events. See leaflet.

**Go Karting.** Near Grimaud. Tel 04 94 56 00 12

**Casino.** St. Maxime. Tel 04 94 55 07 00

**Golf.** Beauvallon. Tel 04 94 96 16 98 and St Maxime. Tel 04 94 55 02 02. (Nearest 18 hole Golf course is at Sainte Maxime 12k. There's an old established course at Beauvallon on the coast road between Ste.Maxime and Grimaud.Two 18 hole courses at St.Raphael 30 kilometres. Championship course at St. Andreol, La Motte 25 kilometres. New 18 hole course at Gassin 15 kilometres, opened 2005. There are other courses about an hours drive near Cannes at Royal Mougins / Mandelieu / Valbonne etc.)

**Tennis.** Tel 06 03 73 09 89. Four new, 2008, Tennis Courts. Take the left, sign posted Tennis Municipal, after the Plan De La Tour roundabout heading for St. Maxime. €4 per person per hour. Sebastien Fabre is a great tennis coach for both adults and Kids. Tel 06 20 53 83 63.

**Boats.** Lindsay Phillips, Domaine St Marc Des Omedes, 83510 Lorgues, France. Tel 04 94 67 69 17 / 06 70 70 78 81. Email [winephil@aol.com](mailto:winephil@aol.com). [www.top-charter.com](http://www.top-charter.com). Email [top-charter@wanadoo.fr](mailto:top-charter@wanadoo.fr). Tel 04 94 56 35 39 or [www.b-yachting-service.com](http://www.b-yachting-service.com). Email [b.yachting.services@wanadoo.fr](mailto:b.yachting.services@wanadoo.fr). Tel 04 94 56 44 16. Also our neighbour George recommends Lindsay Phillip who apart from running a vineyard hires out his boat for €400 per day for a party up to 8. See [www.stmarcdesomedes.com](http://www.stmarcdesomedes.com)

## **Skiing in the Alpes Maritimes.**

**Isola 2000.** Handy location and facilities plus extensive slopes make this an ideal day out. About an hour and half from Nice. Isola 2000 offers 43 pistes over 120km. [www.isola2000.com](http://www.isola2000.com). (Recommend the Hotel Diva Tel 04 93 23 17 71. Tourist Office Tel 04 93 23 15 15)

**Auron.** 42 pistes over 135km. 50 new snow machines mean guaranteed cover until April. [www.auron.com](http://www.auron.com). Tourist Office Tel 04 93 23 02 66

**La Colmiane.** Great for snowboarders, boasts the second largest “half-pipe” in Europe. Tourist Office Tel 04 93 23 25 91

**Valberg.** 11 black runs make this a resort that will challenge any seasoned skier. [www.valberg.com](http://www.valberg.com) .Tourist Office Tel 04 93 23 24 25.

## House Information

### **Pool and Gardens**

The Pool is tended daily by our neighbour opposite, George Livesey, so please don't be alarmed when you see him each morning. Each year we have provided Sun Parasols by the pool and have repeatedly had to provide replacements due to them being left open and out overnight. **This area is susceptible to strong gusty winds known as Mistrals.** Please do close the Parasols and lay them down overnight. Unfortunately the cost of a replacement Parasol will be deducted from the deposit if they are broken during your stay. However, there is ample shade provided by the trees.

The Gardens are also tended weekly by Stuart Worrall of Garden Services. Both Stuart and George will work round your presence where possible.

### **Garbage**

Please take all garbage to the end of the track through the vineyard and leave at the bins by the main road. (Nb not advisable to leave garbage out over night at the house due to wild animals)

### **Security**

Please be assured that none of the cameras are live during your stay. Whilst the hamlet is secure and our neighbours are full time residents of Le Lauva it is still advisable to be security aware and we would advise you to lock up the Villa when you are out.

### **Gates**

Please ensure that the gates are closed and are secure at night time. Apart from the boars, wild dogs are also quite common and have a habit of coming close up to properties at night time. It is also quite a good thing to keep the gates closed during the day from a security/privacy point of view

### **Electric Fence**

The blue fence is an electric fence that is on a timer and is “on” from 22.00 to 06.00. Please do not interfere or disconnect the fence. **The top part, the metal spring, needs to be connected at night time.** Do not touch the fence when on. Wild boars are common in this part of France, they come down from the hills at night time and can destroy a lawn overnight. Last year, 2009, this area has experienced a stronger than usual presence. Please help us protect our lawn.

### **Sprinkler Systems**

Les Oliviers has five systems, please do not adjust the settings, water is an extremely precious and expensive resource in the Sth of France. If for whatever reason these systems are disturbed and malfunction please inform Colin and Sandra as soon as possible.

System A. 06.15am 6 cycles of 10 mins each for the main lawn and the beds round the pool

System B. 19.00 1 cycle of 3 mins for the boundary with the vineyard.

System C. 19.15 pm 1 cycle of 3 mins for the beds around the drive at the rear of les Oliviers

System D. 19.30 pm 1 cycle of 3 mins for the beds surrounding the front of Les Oliviers

System E 19.45pm 1 cycle of 3 mins for the heather bed at the side of Les Oliviers

### **Electric Heaters**

We doubt you will need to use these ! But if you do please use sparingly as, like the water, electricity is expensive in the Sth of France.

### **Hot Water**

A large tank is heated overnight every night at Les Oliviers. We have found this to be more than adequate for our own family and our guests for our washing and cleaning needs.

### **Excessive Water or Electricity Use**

Unfortunately we do have to protect ourselves from the probability that some guests may not treat Les Oliviers with the same respect were it their own property. We reserve the right to recharge for any excessive use of water or electricity. We will of course supply copies of bills upon request

### **The Garage**

Is locked for a reason and is off limits to all guests at all times. It does though contain the fuse box. Should a fuse blow please contact Colin and Sandra. Please also refrain from interfering with our car which is on a trickle charger connected to the Garage.

### **The Pool House**

Is also locked for a reason.

### **Les Oliviers' Pet**

Our children have befriended a wild ginger cat, now known as Snuffles ! Food can be left out for Snuffles, who has a bowl in the Kitchen. Snuffles has a habit of living in the bamboo reeds in the right hand corner of Les Oliviers. If you do leave food out please remember to close the gates to keep any roving dogs out, thank you from Elen-Tay and Jak.(Included at their request !)

### **Septic Tank**

Is located to the side of the house on the boundary by the vineyard. It is a typical French countryside septic tank and may occasionally “waft” in hot weather. We tend to discourage our children from playing on that side of the house, we’d encourage you to do the same. Please do not disturb the cover to the tank. Should the smell become permanent and unpleasant please inform Colin and Sandra. (We have the tank emptied every year, its capacity is for three years worth of continuous use). Problems normally occur due to inappropriate items being flushed down the toilet, please do obey the signs in each of the bathrooms.

### **Broadband Router.**

Is plugged in on the Mezzanine. Please do not unplug it. For connection instruction please see the printed out instructions within this guide. Name is Livebox 3128. Security Key is 99EE BBB4 62D8 0FB4 F9F7 10AE51. Do not amend any other router settings.

### **Sunbed / Chair Cushions**

Please place both the sunbed cushions and the patio chair cushions in the box provided after use each day. Please don’t leave them out overnight. This will preserve their condition as well as ensuring wild animals don’t use them for claw and teeth practice ! Thank you.

### **TV Instructions**

To view TV press V Tape on the Amadeus handset  
The Sky handset allows you to select channels. (There is a basic family channel package so not all channels are available)  
The DVD player will override the TV if used. It also has its own handset.

### **TV Repairs.**

Le Depannerie. 1 Bis, Place de la Victoria, Plan De La Tour  
83120. 04 94 43 01 13.

**For logs in the Winter.** €80 for a small truck load. On the way up to Les Oliviers directly on the inside of first sharp bend as the road finally winds its way up to the entrance to the vineyard  
.Tel 04 94 43 04 21

## **DVD's**

History of Football

Jungle Book

Shark Tale

Finding Nemo

Dirty Dancing

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Narnia

Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest

School Of Rock

Lost Series 2

Power Of Art

The Departed

Borat

Casino Royale

The Queen

Catherine Tate

Bourne Identity / Supremacy Boxed Set

Bourne Ultimatum

Clarkson The Good Bad and the Ugly

Top Gear Best of Series 3 & 4

Starsky & Hutch

Last King of Scotland

Smokin Aces

Blood Diamond

Flight Plan

Goal 2

Die Hard Trilogy

Dr Who Series 2 Volume 5 & Series 3 Vols 2,3,4.

Stereophonics Rewind  
Oban Star Racers  
Pucca  
The Tick  
Sonic x 4  
Ian Wright "It really shouldn't happen to a Footballer"  
The Full Monty  
I am Legend  
The Wire First, Second, Third, Fourth Series  
Devil Wears Prada  
Simpsons The Movie  
The Marine  
Revolver  
Outlaw  
We Were Soldiers  
Walk The Line  
Ali  
Day After Tomorrow  
Iron Man  
Mad Men  
DarJeeling Ltd  
DeJavu  
Cloverfield  
Rambo  
BSG Season Four  
Little Miss Sunshine  
The Sentinel  
Independence Day  
Bikini Ready Workout  
History Of Football  
Jamie at Home  
Live From Abbey Road  
Homicide Series Five  
Smith & Jones  
Hitler's Bodyguards

## **Books**

When Giants Walked The Earth  
Clarkson Don't Stop Me Now  
Clarkson On Cars  
Shadow of the Wind  
More France please, we're British  
Bad Twin  
The Kite Runner  
Left Bank  
On Beauty  
Vernon God Little  
The Little White Horse  
The Broker  
Carnival  
Living and Working In France  
CE French Handbook  
Living French  
First Time French  
French, Rough Guide Phrasebook  
French Pocket Traveller  
French Verb Tables  
Le Guide du Golf de Saint-Tropez  
Easy Walks Cote d'Azur  
Michelin France Tourist and Motorist Atlas  
Terence Conran's France  
Icons of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
By Stealth  
The Photos of the Century  
Fifty is Not a Four Letter Word  
Digging To America  
Gladd Houses  
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox  
All American Girl  
Sharon Creech  
Echoes Of The Dance  
Shopaholic and Baby  
Rough Guide to Provence

Piers Morgan The Insider

**Cookery Books**

River Café Blue  
River Café Yellow Book Two  
River Café Green  
River Café Easy  
River Café Two Easy  
River Café Italian Kitchen  
World Cuisine Italy  
Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book  
Wagamama's Way With Noodles  
Gordon Ramsey's Fast Food

**Childrens Games**

Boggle  
French Monopoly  
Junior Monopoly  
Pictionary  
Color Split & Bendy Pens  
Compendium of Games  
Scrabble  
Da Vinci Code

**Pictures**

We have been asked by a number of guests about the pictures at Les Oliviers and as a result we are now making some available as jpeg files should you want a memento of your stay, at a significantly discounted price to the many exhibitors in St. Tropez Harbour;

St Tropez Harbour	€150
The Mural from St Tropez	€30
St Maxime's Sea View	€50
Plan De La Tour Village	€20
The Valley	€50

## **Kitchen**

Club 55 Ice Bucket  
Set of 6 Espresso Cups and Saucers.  
3 Pictures  
Chalk Board  
Clock  
2 Tin Pots  
2 Plastic Plants  
2 Chairs  
16 Ikea White Coffee Mugs  
4 Brown/Beige Coffee Mugs  
14 Wine Glasses  
8 Champagne Glasses  
11 Squash glasses  
1 Matching Jug  
17 Pastis Glasses  
15 Casanis Glasses  
6 Large Plastic Tumblers  
6 large Plastic Wine Glasses  
2 Whisky Tumblers  
2 Tall Glasses  
6 Sherry Glasses  
2 Small Wine Glasses  
Set of 4 Ikea Knives  
Bottle Opener  
Beer Opener  
Garlic Crusher  
Can Opener  
3 Sharp Knives  
1 Slice  
1 Large Spoon  
1 Tea Canister  
1 Coffee Canister  
1 Pestle and Mortar Set  
1 Large Frying Pan  
1 Small Frying Pan  
1 Large Steamer

3 Saucepans  
1 Colander  
1 Lemon Squeezer  
2 White Plastic Trays  
2 Roasting Tins  
1 White Oval Dish  
1 White Rectangular Dish  
Set of Cutlery for 10  
Philips Stainless Steel Kettle  
Taurus Stainless Steel Toaster  
1 Filter Coffee Machine  
1 Samsung Micro Wave  
1 Heavy Duty Varta Torch  
10 Plastic Table Mats  
2 Fornuft Cutlery Sets  
6 Le Creuset Ramekins  
1 Moulinex Blender  
5 Tupperware Boxes  
2 Wooden Chopping Boards  
1 Cocktail Shaker  
1 Bread Bin  
1 White Fruit Bowl  
1 Silver Fruit Bowl  
1 Iron / Ironing Board  
1 Miele Vac  
1 Dust Pan & Brush  
2 Beer Coolers  
6 Small Earthenware Bowls  
2 Marsh Mallow Trays  
2 Marsh Mallow Bowls  
2 Small Crisps Bowls  
11 White Cereal Bowls  
12 Dinner Plates  
11 White Side Plates  
6 Plastic Dinner Plates  
6 Plastic Side Plates  
6 Plastic Bowls

2 Large Plastic Salad Bowls  
8 Plastic Green Glasses  
2 Plastic Chopping Boards  
1 Blue Chopping Board  
1 Green Chopping Board  
1 Wooden Chopping Board

### **Rear Terrace**

Plastic Table  
4 Plastic Chairs  
Washing Line

### **Living Room**

Sofa  
4 Arm Chairs  
6 Cushions  
2 large Cushions  
Dining table  
6 Chairs  
7 Pictures  
1 Clock  
Stereo  
8 Placemats  
2 Vases with stones and plastic plant  
Double Light  
TV  
DVD  
Sky Box  
3 Remotes  
Waste paper bin  
Side Board  
Guest Book  
Les Oliviers Guest file  
Mirror  
Magazine Rack

### **Front Terrace**

Main Table  
8 Chairs  
Cushion Box  
BBQ  
BBQ Tools  
Parasol  
4 plastic sun beds  
2 teak sun beds

### **En Suite Room**

Double Bed  
Mirror  
Plant Pot  
Plastic Plant  
Clock  
Light  
Side Table  
Wardrobe  
Waste Paper Bin  
Corner Unit in Shower Room  
Mirror  
Shower Mat

### **Twin Room**

2 Single Beds  
2 Side Tables  
2 Lights  
Mirror  
3 Pictures  
Waste Paper Bin  
Cupboard

### **Bathroom**

Toilet Roll Holder  
Waste Paper Bin  
Mirror

Glass Shelf  
Scales  
Glass Shelf Unit  
Plant Pot  
Plastic Plant  
Bath Mat  
Electric Heater

**Shower Room**

Toilet Roll Holder  
Waste Paper Bin  
Mirror  
Glass Shelf  
Glass Shelves in Shower  
Electric Heater  
Shower Mat

**Mezzanine**

St Tropez Picture  
Sofa Bed  
Side Board  
Table  
2 cushions  
BB Router

**Master Bedroom**

Double Bed  
2 Side Tables  
2 Side Lights  
Free Standing Mirror  
Picture  
Wardrobe  
Waste Paper Bin

### **Bedding / Towels**

8 White Hand Towels 50 x 100

8 White Bath Towels 100 x 150

4 White Double Sheets 160 x 200 Sova Ikea

4 White Single Sheets 90 x 200 x 30 Tupplur Ikea

10 White Sova Pillow Cases 65 x 65

2 Arden Blom Lamp Shades

2 Florence Shower Curtain 180 x 180

4 Thisted Single Duvet Cover Set 150 x 200

3 Thiste Flora Double Duvet Sets 240 x 220

1 Mattress Protector 150 x 200

3 Mint Green Cushion Covers

Shower Room Mat