

## SUN AND SERENITY IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

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STAY We've long had an eye on one of these idyllic Languedoc homes – the handiwork of Anglo-French couple Becky and Philip. After five years, they've finished renovating their fourth (and final) converted barn: Masion Olive.

Like its three neighbours (which sleep between five and eight), its sleek spaces and polished concrete floors have been furnished with an eclectic mix of stylish mid-century retro pieces: Paul Tuttle chairs, modern furniture and Berber rugs, as well as Egyptian cotton sheets, lambswool blankets and flatscreen TVs. But they've made it kid-friendly by providing baby equipment (cot, highchair, baby chair, steriliser, etc) and toy baskets, stacks of DVDs and art kits. Add to that the gobsmacking Pyrenees backdrop and mesmerising peace, and it's no wonder 70 per cent of guests re-book.

PLAY The beautiful pool is *the* place to be when summer temperatures sore to 30°C plus, and the private grounds are a haven for kids to roam free, but are small-enough for parents not to worry. There's also a barn equipped with games and toys, including ride-ons and table football, and a children's area with swings, a log cabin and a large trampoline.

For adults there's wine tasting, yoga, massage, reflexology and babysitting available. You're also just an hour from the Med and the same from the slopes. There are UNESCO sites galore, too: Canal du Midi, the medieval castle La Cité in Carcassonne, and the beautiful town of Albi.

PAY Hire Maison Olive from €1,250 (around £1,053) a week. Visit lesarrail.com. ■

