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Les Carrasses



Les Carrasses owner Karl O'Hanlon and family

Les Carrasses is a sprawling luxury estate dating from the 1800s located in the southern Languedoc region. Combining the facilities of a hotel with the freedom of chic 2-3 bedroom villas and apartments, Les Carrasses is the ideal location for savvy American families to spend a week anytime from May-October. This extensively restored and absolutely beautiful wine estate puts your family in an exclusive environment often **in the company of families from around the globe** with a wealth of activities at hand. The creation of Irishman Karl O'Hanlon and his wife, Les Carrasses is now a hamlet of buildings centered around the main chateau. "We wanted to bridge that gap, for families especially, between the difficult experience of staying in a luxury hotel room and the freedom of renting a house, where help can be nonexistent and standards uneven" said O'Hanlon. Décor throughout is a striking blend of contemporary chic and traditional French country style. All have fully equipped kitchens, allowing guests to enjoy the best of local food and wine at their own pace – but breakfast, lunch and dinner are served under the vaulted ceilings of the chateau's beautifully restored salon featuring fabulous Mediterranean cuisine, with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Alternatively, have lunch or dinner on the terrace with spectacular views over the infinity pool, the estate vineyards and surrounding countryside.

Children are both welcome and well looked after at Chateau Les Carrasses where there is a summer camp featuring organized activities focusing on nature and creativity that has been designed by a child psychologist and is supervised by a bilingual counselor. Team treasure hunts, caterpillar house building, a vast array of crafts and creatively educational nature games are just a few of the impressive happenings the children can enjoy when they're not in the beautiful pool or cycling through the vineyards with their parents!

Contact Jill Jergel, who has planned hundreds of trips to France for families of all ages for details. ■



Playing Petanque- or boules from Les Carrasses



Interior of one of the three-bedroom, three bathroom houses at Les Carrasses – each with private pool