

**Aude/Haut Languedoc  
nr Lamalou les Bains, Bédarieux  
Clermont l'Hérault Béziers**

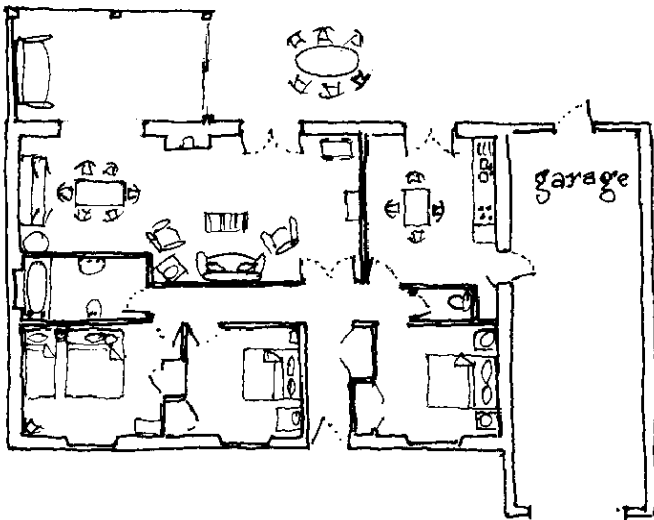
**with private POOL**

**(sleeps 6/7)**



The attractive village of Mons la Trivalle, as its name implies ("Hill of Three Vales"), lies in an area of magnificent, deeply chiselled geology, being part of the Monts

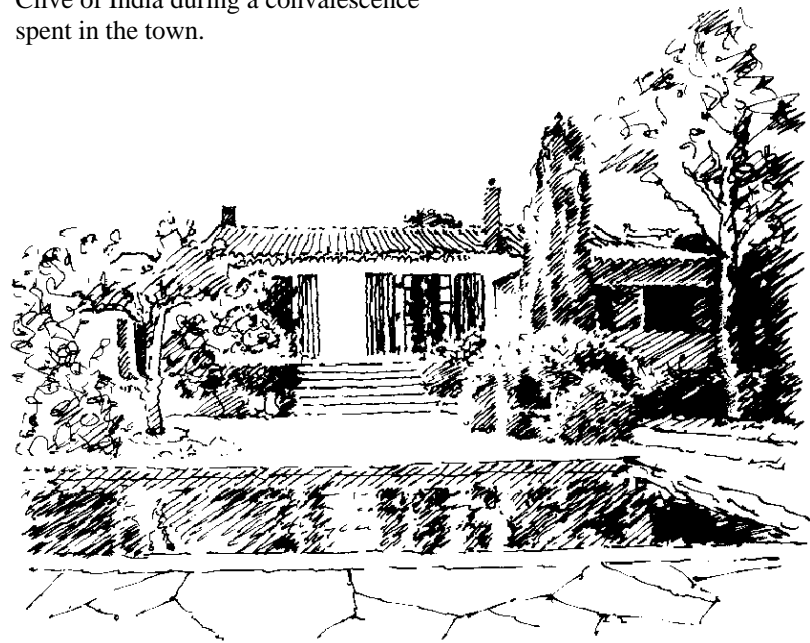
de l'Espinouse, midway between the Montagne Noire to the southwest and the Lac du Salagou (swimming, sailing etc) to the northeast, just northwest of the market town of Clermont l'Hérault, a major textile centre in Napoleonic times (including "drap" made from the fibres of broome). From Clermont l'Hérault some 20km south is the handsome town of Pézenas, famed for its early association with Molières, and for its "petit pâtés de Pézenas" little drum-like afternoon pastries, filled with lightly curried lamb) which were introduced by General Clive of India during a convalescence spent in the town.



Accommodation, on one level, includes 3 bedrooms (3 double beds and 1 single bed), a very nicely tiled bathroom (bath, bidet and basin), separate WC, a neatly and tastefully fitted kitchen (2 gas, 2 electric hob, eye-level oven, double sink, fridge, cupboard etc and a table and 4 chairs). The kitchen opens to a paved terrace with a built-in barbecue, as does the spacious living room with sofa and two matching armchairs, dining table and 6 chairs, open fireplace, and an archway to a glass-walled extension overlooking the pool and opening to the upper (barbecue) terrace (garden table and chairs) whence a well-built flight of steps leads down to the lower terrace and 7m x 3m (1.75m deep) pool, the focal point of the quiet and very private garden, sympathetically planted with shrubs and trees.

Situated near the upper edge of the village this oasis of repose is fortunate in being so well situated for shops etc, as well as a wide range of activities. Equipment also includes central heating, washing machine, dishwasher, microwave oven, deepfreeze, French TV.

*Details: Sturge, Bath*



Closer at hand, and of greater appeal for one's breakfast, is a baker within easy walking distance of the house (500m), in the village of Mons la Trivalle, which also boasts other basic shops, cafés etc and 3 restaurants, also kayaking in the Orb river, which flows through Béziers and into the Mediterranean at Valras-Plage, about 45km southeast as the crow flies.

Local facilities also include golf, tennis, (& cycle hire) at 7km (Lamalou les Bains), horse riding in the village, trekking, walking etc in the magnificent nearby gorge. Landscapes on every side promise a wealth of challenge to those of painterly inclination.