

# Alpilles Hotel

## Le Cadran Solaire, the enchantment of a symbolic place in a captivating Provence

In the heart of the Provençal golden triangle between Avignon, Arles and Saint-Rémy de Provence, the village of Graveson is in a favored location. This is where the Cadran Solaire hotel nestles into green, velvety surroundings. Nowadays, it is an “hôtel de charme” but in the past it was a stagecoach inn (it still has its lookout post where they watched for arriving stagecoaches), then a silk workshop and, after that, a small hotel that catered for longer stays. The building was renovated a year ago by Elisa and Jean-Claude Rastoin, the new owners, and now exudes all the charm of a traditional Provençal residence. In this 16th century building, its visible stonework and exposed beams, terracotta tiling, fireplaces, lanterns, boutis, and wrought iron furniture are all genuine symbols of Provence. The new proprietors clearly wished to add a great deal of comfort, notably with air conditioning in all of the rooms - installed with special care so as not to disturb the soul of the house. This is more than a hotel, it's a guest house where, in a stress-free atmosphere, the shaded spots of the garden, the sun-drenched terrace, the wisteria and rose covered bower, all beckon you to relax and take it easy. All of the rooms have been tastefully and individually decorated. Pastel colors dominate with pinks, pale greens, ivory; the decoration is simple and convivial giving the place the refined atmosphere of a guest house. Besides this, a number of French and

international guide books such as Michelin (red, green, and charming places to stay), Alastair Sawday's, Dumont, Room for Romance, Lonely Planet ... all recommend Le Cadran Solaire where Elisa and Jean-Claude, although still fond of travelling, entertain their guests and share their passion for Provence with them. Here you have a charming destination at attractive prices and with a really warm welcome.

### LE CADRAN SOLAIRE

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12 rooms and suites from 60 to 90 euros.

Family suite at 135 euros. Breakfast,

8 euros. Free closed car park.

