

After a week of (hard) cycling in the Pyrenees, we boarded the train to Avignon en route to our Discover villa in St. Remy. After the 6 hour train ride, followed by a bus ride in 90 degree heat we arrived in St Remy, having no idea where to go. Taxis were scarce but after we found one we were delivered to the gate of your villa. William, the owner and his lovely niece greeted us at the gate and ushered onto the grounds, which were, to say the least, lovely. We were taken to a beautiful stone cottage and ushered in. Ahhh. The beauty of air conditioning after a long, hot day. After admiring the rooms and furnishings and becoming acquainted with the fully equipped kitchen we asked where we could go to shop for dinner to cook in the villa. To our surprise and amazement, they had cooked a full meal for us, ready to eat. It was absolutely gourmet, with a beautiful salad and fresh bread. To top it off there were several bottles of wine waiting for us, which were also delicious. (Isn't every bottle of wine in France that way?) To say that that was the best possible way to begin a stay in a lovely villa with great hosts, can only be an understatement.

-J. David Coughlin