

## Visitor's Book - Unedited

**August 2011** - We have had a very good holiday here.

The weather has been very hot at times.

The house is very well equipped for all ages. We have enjoyed playing tennis, watching DVDs, the amazing view and sunsets and writing many postcards.

We have swum in the Mediterranean, walked to the Three Towers, been to the Dali museum in Figueres, enjoyed the pageant at Prats de Mollo, walked the Fou Gorge and got lost in the woods above La Preste – only the last activity is not to be recommended – stick to the yellow marks!

Thank you.

**July-August 2011** – A superb fortnight – it has gone so quick. A mixture of mountain walks, bike rides, coastal visits and just taking in the spectacular scenery.

Thanks for the use of the house – it felt like a home from home, and a good base from which to explore. Many thanks.

**August 2010** – Yay Serralongue – le village en fêtes! Had a super time. Gamba moulade, ventre-glisse, lots of dancing and most days swimming at Galdares. Glorious. Thanks for letting us have your lovely house – it was perfect.

Thanks for letting the house – enjoyed our stay here. Many thanks.

What a place! Spectacular village, spectacular views, and what will live with me forever is the people and community spirit with a sense of socialism at its finest.

What an amazing village, one in a million. Nothing beats waking up to that view. Thanks.

Beautiful! I love Serralongue – amazing views. Love the river, love gamba à moulade. Don't want to leave.

**April/May 2010** - Arrived and sat under the cherry tree in full blossom. Amazing to sit in the sun with views of snow capped mountains.

Prats-de-Mollo - walled town steeped in history. Take the waters at the church, and walk up to 16th century, Fort Legarde via the redoubt, a must to experience. Followed by cold demi pression and pizza at the Hotellerie le Relais in Place Josep de la Trixeria square (the best pizza and green salad!!)

We walked up to the three tours (Tours de Cabrenç) which you can see from the house - about an hour and a half walk with terrific views when you reach the summit; yet another must! Great picnic spot.

Days out to go to Arles sur Tech, Amelie les Bains and Tapis, in Spain (a good supermarket and much cheaper than France to top up with wine and cheeses) from there a ten minute drive with stunning views to Masanet - an ancient catalan town with great food and wine in the bars and bistros. The road carries on to Figueres and on to the Spanish coast. We had a day in L'Escala, which has a lovely pathway around the bay taking you to a small group of restaurants to eat oysters and drink beer!

So much to see here .... Ceret and its large sprawling market through the pretty town every Saturday to 1 pm. Everything sold - shoes, clothes, jewellery - cheeses and breads are from the area and are worth queuing for!

Camprodon; up and over the Col d' Ares about 45 mins drive, a pretty Spanish town has THE best cake shop!!! Here in season you can ski.

Port Vendres - lunch at the La Tramontane (no problem with dogs in restaurants in France) A working port and deep

water harbour.

Collioure - beautiful with winding medieval streets full of pottery, painting and of course restaurants, beach bars, the Coco Cobana is my for ever favourite!

Said à bientôt! to Serralongue a truly friendly village with great Catalan dishes at the Café de la Poste in Serralongue's little heart. I loved it and so did Audrey, Miriam, Val, Jane and Ellie woof who fell in love with the big brown and white hunting dog who lives two doors away!! (Didn't we all!)

**August/September 2009** - We had a wonderful time in this fine cottage.

The weather was excellent and warm.

We made several car trips in the splendid surroundings and recommend a visit to Cap Cerbère and Port-Vendres on the beautiful Côte Vermeille. Although the trip is quite long, Andorra is worth the trip. The Col de Puymorens/Pas de la Casa road is fabulous!

The nice proprietors of the town restaurant got into a problem with the locals and so they left during our stay here, which was a pity!

We really enjoyed the excellent food and atmosphere in Restaurant La Portella in Prats de Mollo and highly recommend this place!

Coming home from our trips we really felt at home and comfortable in your fully and well equipped house!

So "Thank you Penny & Frank".

**August 2009** - Came here with great intentions of doing some walking but it was so hot we've settled for admiring the mountains from the balcony! And what a wonderful view - sunsets highly recommended.

We did get quite close to Canigou when we climbed up to Abbaye St Martin - worth every step!

Other places we got to were Carcassonne - superb; Val de Nuria - second time for us but still breathtaking; Port-Vendres - got parked there whereas Collioure was jam-packed every time we tried.

The drive up to Col d'Ares is spectacular - as are the views from the top and the bell-ringing cows - switch off the engine and just listen!

And after every trip it was great to come back to this home-from-home, sip a glass (or two!) of wine and just relax.

Thank you Penny and Frank.

**August 2009** - Very nice house to discover this region of "Terres Catalanes".

We've been up to Andorra, crossing Font Romeu with wonderful views on the Pyrenees and returned back through la Seu d'Urgell, la Molina, Col d'Ares and Prats de Mollo.

Very nice walking from Lamanère called "Chapelle Ste Christine"; and "les gorges de la Fou" are worth seeing.

Many thanks to Penny and Frank for the quality of the house and for the "Benvingut" basket.

**July/August 2009** - A wonderful house, well equipped and beautiful surroundings make the holidays enjoyable and festive!

**July 2009** - We have stayed 7 days in Serralongue. Nice weather 40°C.

Lovely comfortable house with plenty space for 7 people.

Great holiday!

**September 2008** – Lovely holiday – would recommend supporting local café – food good and reasonable!

Good day trip to Narbonne – lovely city (also Bages and La Grasse).

Would have appreciated more info on walks in the house – not great directions even when translated! (still managed to get lost!!) *(There are about twenty walk descriptions in the house, but most are still in French and are being interpreted into English only when we do them ourselves – owner's comment).*

Had great weather - loved south beach at Argelès (quieter than Racou).

Still think Serralongue is best village by far!!

**August 2008** - Spacious and well equipped house with lovely views. Some amazing walks can be found just down the road from Lamanère. We had a truly memorable meal at La Tramontane in Port-Vendres, and pretty good food in various restaurants in Céret.

The drive from Amélie-les-Bains to the Tet valley and Prades is not for the faint-hearted!

The thermal baths in Llo, near Font Romeu are wonderful, and worth the long drive to get there.

**July 2008** - Had a lovely holiday made better by your helpful information and lovely neighbours. The house is really nice and the views spectacular. Thank you.

**November 2007** – So what can we say! The house is most cheerful, bright and warm. Each item usually expected is provided. A very comfortable and pleasant holiday home. At this time, being November, a very icy wind but beautiful sunny days in which to tour the area. Eating – try the Café de la Poste in the village – you will not be disappointed or during the day “Tapis” at Tapis over the border. Sincerely hope my comments will find us another booking in the future.

**September 2007** - We have stayed 14 days in Serralongue and enjoyed it very much. Nice weather, beautiful surroundings; ideal place for those looking for peace. Thank you!

**July 2007** - A lovely comfortable house with plenty of room for the two of us. We enjoyed the lovely fluffy towels but did find everything covered in white fluff - c'est la vie!

The weather has been fabulous - so hot it has been difficult sleeping at night.

Serralongue provides a great base to explore this end of the Pyrenees.

**July 2007** - Lovely, comfortable house with every amenity. Weather has been glorious and we have been able to eat in the garden. Visited Port-Vendres and Collioure. Had an excellent dinner at the Bellevue in Prats de Mollo and lunched well at Tapis.

Hope to visit again before long.