



ORION

TREEHOUSES

SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENCE

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Live an elevated stay

Facing the village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, simplicity and comfort meet in a 7,000 sqm sanctuary of preserved nature.

Welcome to Orion Treehouses, where every stay is an invitation to slow down, guided by a philosophy of discovery and preservation—two values dear to founder Diane Van den Berge.

Here, visitors and nature share the space in a virtuous circle, communing in our natural swimming pool or our syntropic forest, in rhythm with the seasons. Our treehouses offer a promise: to reconnect, embrace a more essential luxury, and rise above it all.

A perfect fusion of elegance and nature, which—twenty years after its creation—remains one of the most hidden gems for a unique stay on the French Riviera.





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Our treehouses

While each of Orion Treehouses' red cedar cabins has its own unique character, they all share the same essence: a suspended retreat where you fall asleep nestled in the branches and wake up to the gentle rustling of leaves and the songs of birds. Experience the rare sensation of being fully embraced by nature, while enjoying elegant and inviting comfort.

Whether you're seeking a romantic getaway for two, a stay with friends, or a family adventure with children, find the treehouse that perfectly balances privacy, independence, and togetherness.





Our **alfresco** kitchens

Experience the pleasure of cooking in the heart of nature. Each treehouse features a alfresco kitchen, thoughtfully designed by Isabella Sallusti, allowing you to prepare your meals while immersed in the beauty of the outdoors.

Bagheera

Elegant simplicity and sunny terrace
up to 2 adults and 1 young child or baby



Bagheera stands out for its minimalist design and bright ambience, making it ideal for couples, close friends or young families seeking a sleek and intimate retreat. Its 20 m² cabin, complemented by two terraces – one sunny and one shaded – offers the perfect balance of relaxation and conviviality. Just steps away, the alfresco kitchen, housed in a round cabin offering two dining areas, enhances the experience for those who appreciate modern simplicity and thoughtful details.



Bagheera treehouse details

- 20 m² insulated and heated cabin
- 1 double bed or 2 twin beds, one spare bed for a child
- Bed linen and towels supplied
- Shower room, flushing toilet, heated towel rail and hairdryer
- 10 m² sunny terrace with a view, lounge chairs and table
- 10 m² shaded terrace underneath the treehouse with hanging chairs.
- OPTION: Our unique Orion Room Service Breakfast

Alfresco kitchen details

- Located in the round cabin next to your treehouse
- Fully equipped with sink, fridge, induction plate, plancha, and small oven.
- Two cosy dining places, one inside the kitchen cabin and one under the trees between your treehouse and the cabin
- Stocked up with a welcome apéro and ingredients for your first breakfast.

King Louie & Mowgli

Perfect for families, connected to the Mowgli treehouse for kids' adventures
up to 2 adults + 2 children



Discover King Louie, a cozy family retreat where adventure meets comfort—perfect for parents to unwind while the children enjoy their own treehouse.

King Louie is designed to offer families a perfect balance of togetherness and privacy.

The main treehouse, featuring a sumptuous canopy bed, ensures optimal comfort for parents, while the adjoining Mowgli treehouse, accessible via a bridge, provides younger guests with a playful space equipped with bunk beds. This thoughtful setup makes King Louie an ideal choice for a memorable family getaway.



Treehouse details - King Louie

- 20 m² insulated and heated cabin
- Double four-poster bed
- Bed linen and towels supplied
- Shower room with barrel-shaped shower
- Flushing toilet, heated towel rail, hairdryer
- Kettle with a selection of teas and coffee
- 10 m² terrace with deck chairs and table.

Treehouse details - Mogwli

- 5 m² insulated and heated cabin connected to treehouse King Louie by a bridge
- Two 90×190 cm bunk beds
- Bed linen and towels supplied
- Own tiny terrace under a thatched roof.

Alfresco kitchen details

- A 20m² open space is located underneath the treehouse.
- Fully equipped with sink, fridge, induction plate, plancha, and small oven
- Cosy dining place under a transparent roof
- Stocked up with a welcome apéro and ingredients for your first breakfast.

Colonel Hathi

Two stories, the highest viewpoint, and a spacious terrace
up to 2 adults + 3 children or 4 adults



Colonel Hathi stands out because of its impressive size and prime location, offering a spacious and secluded retreat for large families or groups.

Perched at the highest vantage point on the property, this two-story treehouse features a generous 35 m² cabin furnished with two double beds and one single bed, ensuring comfortable accommodation for several people.

Its generous terrace and the alfresco kitchen, set in a vast outdoor area equipped with relaxing furniture, enhance the peaceful and authentic ambience, making it the perfect choice for those seeking privacy and tranquillity.



Treehouse details - Colonel Hathi

- 35 m² insulated and heated cabin
- 2 double beds + 1 single bed
- Bed linen and towels supplied
- Shower room with double shower
- Flushing toilet, heated towel rail, hairdryer.
- Kettle with a selection of teas, and coffee
- 6 m² terrace with table and chairs

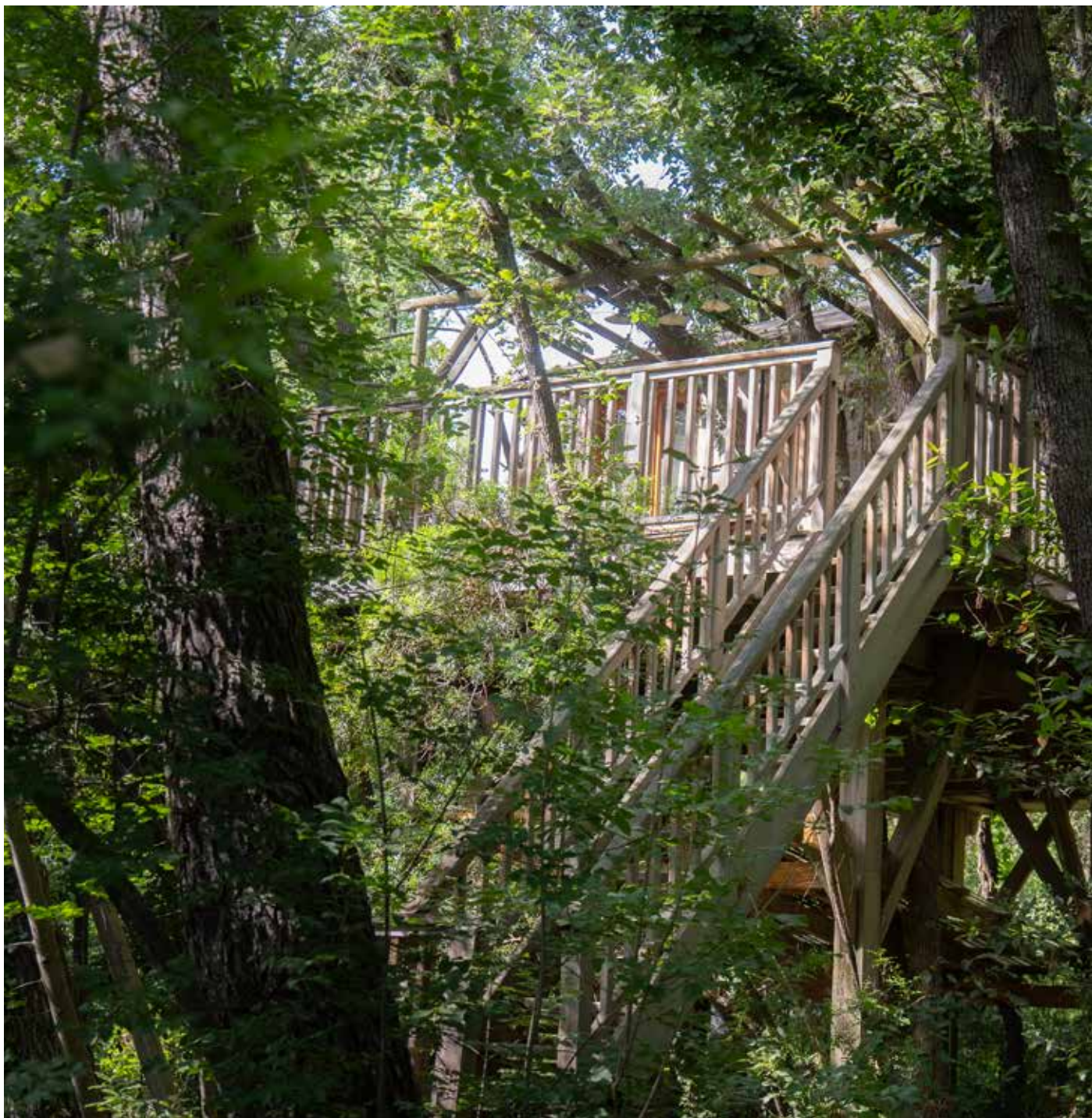
Alfresco kitchen details

- Located on 35 m² terrace underneath the treehouse tables, chairs a sofa, and a hammock
- Fully equipped with sink, fridge, induction plate, plancha, and small oven
- Cozy dining place, a sofa, and a hammock for lazy evenings
- Stocked up with a welcome apéro and ingredients for your first breakfast.



Shere Khan

A lovers' favorite for its romantic decor and teak bathtub
up to 2 adults + 2 small children or 3 adults



Shere Khan is a romantic hideaway, perfect for couples and young families seeking charm, privacy, and a touch of luxury in a secluded forest retreat.

Its spacious 28 m² treehouse, equipped with a queen-size bed and a futon, is complemented by a vast 18 m² terrace adorned with a hammock and lounge chairs, inviting relaxation. The elegant teak bathtub in the bathroom adds an exceptional touch, making this forest retreat a sophisticated and refined getaway.



Treehouse details - Shere Khan

- 28 m² insulated and heated cabin
- Queen size bed + single futon-style bed
- Bed linen and towels supplied
- Bathroom (with teak bathtub), flushing toilet, heated towel rail, hairdryer
- 18 m² terrace, with hammock, lounge chairs and table.
- OPTION: Our unique Orion Room Service Breakfast

Alfresco kitchen details

- Located underneath the treehouse terrace.
- Fully equipped with sink, fridge, induction plate, plancha, and small oven
- Cozy dining place under a transparent roof
- Stocked up with a welcome apéro and ingredients for your first breakfast.

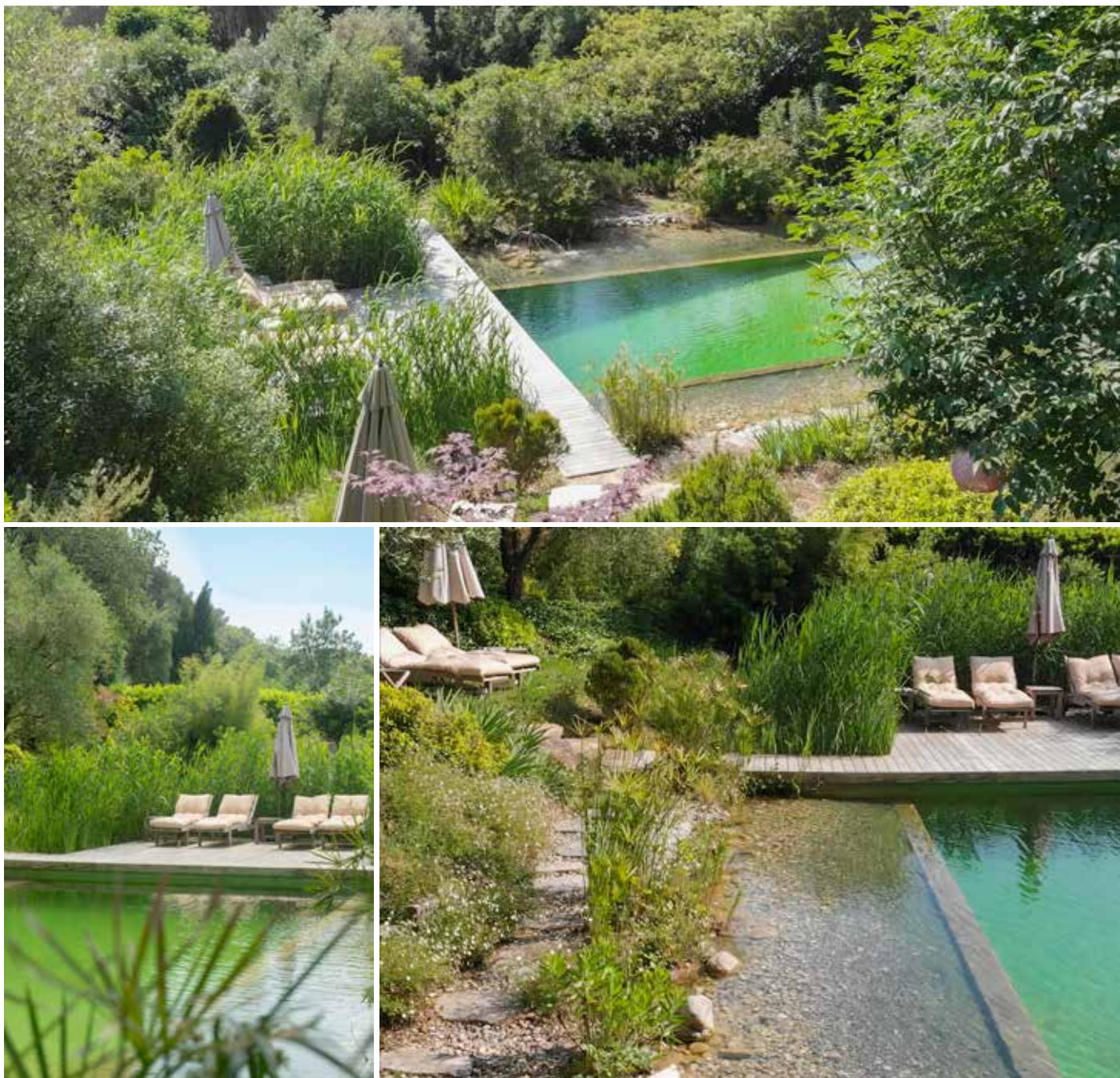
The Domain

A woodland sanctuary for relaxation and discovery



Our four treehouses are nestled within a 7,000 m² shaded woodland, where forest and Mediterranean species blend harmoniously. Shaped and inspired by nature, this estate follows the land's natural contours, offering shelter and protection.

At the heart of this Eden, a natural pool shimmers with a unique green hue, its gentle cascade whispering serenity. Just steps away, a barrel sauna invites you to unwind and recharge. Our Colibri Forest - both young and ancient - harbors pockets of tranquility and a winding path leading to a massage lounge.



The Ecological Pool : A Swimming Experience with a Positive Environmental Impact

Orion's ecological pool is a self-sustaining oasis, where water is purified naturally - without chemicals - through a filtration system of plants, stones, gravel, and sand. Unlike conventional pools, this approach prevents eye and skin irritation while preserving water quality and fostering local biodiversity.

Nestled among our treetop cabins and a welcoming communal space, Orion's pool is the heart of our sanctuary. A terrace overlooking the water features a large shared table, inviting guests to gather over coffee, an apéritif, or a casual dinner. It is a place for both solitude and connection, where nature and well-being exist in perfect harmony.

To learn more about the benefits of ecological pools, we invite you to explore the resources provided by the International Organization for Natural Bathing Waters (<https://iob-ev.com/en/>).



Welcome to Colibri Forest

A Place of Renewal, Resilience, and Regeneration



Our approach to reforestation is based on syntropic forestry, an innovative method that accelerates natural succession and restores ecosystems with remarkable speed and resilience. Inspired by the work of Japanese botanist **Akira Miyawaki**, our team plants a wide variety of native species at high density, mimicking the natural processes of the forest. This technique not only creates a dense, thriving forest that fosters biodiversity and captures carbon, but also restores a balance in which nature fully reclaims its place.

Once neglected, this land is already coming back to life. The soil is rich, birds call from the treetops, and during June nights, fireflies flicker like tiny beacons in the dark. Yet, this is only the beginning. With time and care, Colibri Forest will flourish even more, growing into a thriving sanctuary teeming with life.

The name Colibri Forest is inspired by an ancient tale: when a great wildfire swept through the land, the animals fled in despair - except for the tiny hummingbird, the colibri. Tirelessly, it flew back and forth, carrying droplets of water in its beak. When asked why, the colibri simply replied, "I'm doing my part."

This story reminds us that even the smallest efforts matter in restoring our planet. Here in Colibri Forest, every tree planted, every species encouraged, and every mindful step taken strengthens the balance of this evolving ecosystem.

Though the land is already full of promise, with thriving soil and returning wildlife, we know that in the seasons to come, the forest will grow denser, the canopy will shelter more life, and the air will hum with an even richer symphony of nature.



A silent pause

Yoga and meditation at the heart of the trees



At the heart of the Colibri Forest, a wooden platform opens onto the canopy. Suspended between the trunks, facing the village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, it welcomes yoga sessions, morning meditations and moments of contemplation. No walls, no screens: only the murmur of the leaves and light filtering through the branches. An open space for all our guests, by reservation for guided sessions.



Little explorers

An educational trail for families

For our youngest travellers, Orion has imagined an educational trail designed as a one-hour walk of discovery. Along the path, children learn to recognise the trees of the estate, observe the life of the undergrowth and discover the principles of the syntropic forest.

A gentle way of passing on, from the earliest age, the respect for the living that has driven Orion for twenty years.

« Orion is a special place for families, where children don't need their tablet, where they rediscover the kind of childhood we used to know, and where parents rediscover the child within themselves. If there is one thing I can pass on through this place, it is to show that caring for nature, at the smallest scale, is what we should all be doing for the planet. »

Diane Van den Berge



The Orion Treehouses project

Twenty years of blending comfort and nature



Diane Van den Berge

The beginnings

Diane Van den Berge's journey has been one of contrasts—between the opulence of luxury resorts and the raw simplicity of life in harmony with nature. Over time, she refined her understanding of what truly matters: the authenticity of an experience and our deep connection with the world, both human and non-human.

Some dreams take root in childhood. Diane was enchanted by tales of *Winnetou*, *Robinson Crusoe*, and *Tom Sawyer*, by the magic of hideouts—where adventure and freedom reigned. The treetops have always been a refuge, not just for birds and wild creatures, but for dreamers seeking to escape the noise of the world below.

Nearly twenty years ago, a serendipitous discovery of Nelson's Treehouses reignited that wonder. These treetop sanctuaries, blending nature with comfort, embodied a new kind of luxury—one that liberates, soothes, and deepens our bond with the living world. A world where humans are not separate from nature, but part of it.

That realization led her to Saint-Paul de Vence, where she laid the first planks of what would become Orion—one of France’s first treetop lodgings, long before “unusual accommodations” became a trend. More than an invitation to slow down, Orion is a promise of comfort where luxury and simplicity intertwine. It is a call to rediscover our place in the grand web of life and to experience a world where elegance, nature, and adventure exist in perfect harmony.

Our Vision of Sustainable Luxury

At Orion, luxury is redefined through authentic experiences and a deep connection with nature. Far from artifice and stress, we have created a peaceful sanctuary where treetop cabins, a chlorine-free natural pool, and carefully curated details strike the perfect balance between comfort and serenity. It is also an invitation to discover a different Côte d’Azur—wilder, more preserved, and yet largely unknown—through the rich offerings of the hinterland, from artisanal craftsmanship to scenic excursions.

Here, children rediscover the joy of exploration, experiencing the natural world with a sense of freedom that has become rare, while adults reconnect with themselves and their surroundings. More than just a getaway, Orion is a timeless escape—where elegance and simplicity converge to reveal luxury in its purest, most essential form.

An Ever Greener Orion

Orion is a living, evolving project—one that seeks not only to regenerate its environment but to nurture a deeper harmony between people and nature. Enriched by the past and shaped by the curiosity and exchange of ideas with its guests, Orion’s vision now extends beyond its treetop retreats. It aspires to foster an engaged and responsible community, where knowledge and experiences are shared in service of nature’s preservation.

By welcoming children to explore this sanctuary, Diane hopes to inspire a future where even the smallest actions contribute to a greener, more connected world.

At the heart of this vision is Colibri Forest, an ambitious land restoration project dedicated to rewilding and biodiversity. Here, life is returning—trees stretch skyward, the undergrowth flourishes, and the quiet hum of nature speaks of renewal. Through reforestation and conservation efforts, Orion demonstrates that every action, however small, plays a role in protecting our planet.

Guests who wish to take part are always welcome to lend a hand, becoming part of this shared journey toward a more sustainable and harmonious future.

General informations



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Founded: 2004

Status: Independent ecolodge – privately owned

Capacity: 4 treehouses – up to 14 guests

Languages spoken on-site: English, German, French, Dutch

Concept

Positioning: Sustainable luxury & slow tourism

Offer: Treehouse accommodations + natural swimming pool + sauna + alfresco kitchen + nature experiences

Target audience: Conscious families, couples seeking authenticity, alternative tourism on the French Riviera

USP: Pioneer of “treehouses” in France – 100% eco-designed, natural water filtration, 7,000 m² wooded estate

Location

Region: Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur

Town: Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Proximity:

- 15 km from Nice
- 20 km from Cannes
- 25 min from Nice Côte d’Azur Airport

Accommodations

Number of treehouses: 4 (Bagheera, King Louie & Mowgli, Colonel Hathi, Shere Khan)

Facilities: Private bathroom (WC, shower, hot water), shared alfresco kitchen in a separate cabin, private terraces (sunny & shaded), premium bedding

Max capacity per treehouse: 2 to 5 guests

Minimum stay: 3 nights (off-season), 1-week stays in summer

Environmental commitments

Swimming pool: 100% ecological (filtered by plants, sand, gravel)

Energy: Responsible management, low-consumption heating

Reforestation: Syntropic forest project “Colibri Forest”

Experiences

Nature & gardening workshops

Massage Studio within a 2 minute walk through the forest

Private barrel sauna (€50/session)

Outdoor cooking

Digital detox

Children’s activities: treasure hunts, nature discovery

Local partnerships (producers, artists, etc.)

Contacts and Media Resources

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