

Les Vallonières

Region: Provence

Sleeps: 12 **Bedrooms:** 6



Overview

6 bedroom Villa located near Aix en Provence. Stunning views stretching to Mont St. Victoire and beyond for 50 kms. The major advantage of its position is that even in high summer it benefits from light breezes but never suffers fully from the infamous "Mistral" winds.

Description

The house was built many years ago on the ruins of an ancient hamlet. It is built entirely of stone in the traditional Provencal style but enjoys the benefits of huge terraced areas as well as a large pool 14.5m x 6m with 1m depth in the shallow end. There is a shady poolhouse with summer kitchen and shower room.

The house stands alone and backs onto acres of private woodland, one can literally step off the terrace, then walk or cycle up into the hills for miles. Stunning views stretching to Mont St. Victoire and beyond for 50 kms. The major advantage of its position is that even in high summer it benefits from light breezes but never suffers fully from the infamous "Mistral" winds.

There are two levels of lawned gardens, the lower level is flanked by the pool at one end and a traditional bouldrome at the other. The upper level extends to the shady wooded area.

Ground floor:

Vast beamed sitting room with a large open fireplace and huge sofas, spacious dining room leading into the fully equipped kitchen with "range" cuisiniere, dishwasher, and just about everything you will possibly need. There is also a large gas BBQ on the terrace.

Virtually all the rooms benefit from large French windows which lead directly onto different levels of terracing. In addition Cloakroom/WC and Utility room with washing machine and tumble dryer.

Bedrooms:

There are 4 double and 2 twin bedrooms (bedroom 6 is in an independent apartment with own kitchen, bathroom and sitting room), 3 bathrooms ensuite (with baths) and 2 further shower rooms. All bedrooms have air conditioning.

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Layout

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4 double bedrooms

2 twin bedrooms (bedroom 6 is in an independent apartment with own kitchen, bathroom and sitting room)

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3 bathrooms ensuite

2 further shower rooms

Vast beamed sitting room

Spacious dining room

Fully equipped kitchen with "range" cuisiniere

Large gas BBQ on terrace

Cloakroom/WC

Utility room with washing machine and tumble dryer

Satellite TV with numerous English channels

Large collection of children's videos/dvds, books, games, music system/Ipod speakers

Broadband/WIFI internet access

Simply but elegantly furnished and full of Provencal charm.

More Info

Should you or the children require entertainment, there is satellite TV with numerous English channels, a large collection of children's videos/dvds, books, games, music system, etc. You can even tune in to Radio 4 in the kitchen should you so desire! WIFI throughout.

This home has been simply but elegantly furnished and is full of Provencal charm, blending antiques with all modern comforts and requirements.

Features

- Aircon
- Internet
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Private pool
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Spacious garden

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Location



We have a number of excellent Michelin starred restaurants within a 10 minute drive: La Petite Maison in Cucuron, La Closerie in Ansouis and La Feniere in Lourmarin, along with some other very good restaurants, be it a relaxed brasserie to something more upmarket.

There are the lovely and very tempting local markets on Tuesday in Cucuron and Friday in Lourmarin.

Our local general shop in Cucuron can provide a good range of food and goods and is open on Sunday morning. There is also a baker and a butcher in Cucuron. Pertuis, only 20 minutes away, has the much larger Hyper super markets.

There are a number of beautiful golf courses in the area, including Pont Royal and Luberon Golf.

One can cycle and walk direct from the house up into the Luberon hills. Alternatively there is a stable down the road for a gentle meander on horse back. Both road and mountain bikes can be hired from Pertuis (or delivered to the house).

The beaches are approximately 1.15 minutes away, including the lovely Cassis, St Croix, and Carry le Rouet.

For cultural excursions, Aix en Provence is only 30 minutes away and Avignon just under an hour. There are of course numerous other places to visit eg Les Baux, Gorges de Verdon, Fontaine de Vaucluse, Orange, Arles etc etc.

Of course we mustn't forget the wine/vineyards! There are a few very good vineyards in the area (we also supply wine to buy). Bandol and Chateauneuf du Paper are just over an hour's drive and we can highly recommend a few places to visit. We can also organise a minibus/driver so that our guests don't even have to drive!

Dogs may be allowed BUT by prior arrangement only.

Walking/cycling/mountain biking

Both houses are situated in open countryside and one can literally walk or cycle from the front door. There are extensive walking and cycling trails both in the Luberon National Park and nearer Aix around Mont St Victoire. Local maps are available at each property. Bicycles and mountain bikes can be

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booked in advance. www.provencetourism.com

Tennis

Both properties are 5 minutes away from good quality local tennis courts which are inexpensive and can be booked in advance. Should you require professional coaching: www.setclub.com

Horse-riding

Both at the Set Club as listed above (closer to Ferme du Val) or alternatively Chevaliers du Luberon close to Les Vallons. www.laluberon.com

Swimming

Both houses have excellent pools, however there are good swimming beaches around Cassis and La Ciotat, about an hour's drive South.

Spas/Health/Beauty

If the sun gets too much for you, there are two fabulous pampering spas.

www.thermes-sextius.com

www.greoux-les-bains.com

Most guests don't tend to venture too far from the houses however there's a wealth of places to visit in the area if you feel so inclined. These include to the South: Marseille, the Port of Cassis, Calanques de Marseille, Cote Littoral and Les Iles de Porquerolles and to the North: Avignon, Mont Ventoux, Les Alpilles, Chateaux du Luberon, hilltop villages such as Bonnieux and Lacoste.

Also worthy of mention, are the famous Aix and Avignon festivals, details can be found on the websites. www.provenceguide.com

www.aixenprovencetourism.com

www.beyond.fr

www.provenceweb.fr

For fabulous fresh produce, we strongly recommend you do as the locals do

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and make the most of the daily markets - les "marchés paysans". They are also a great place to find gorgeous linens, pottery, spices and of course the local lavender products. Word of warning - everything shuts down around noon. However, fantastic produce can also be sourced from the local supermarkets. www.provence-des-papes.com

Both Aix and Avignon have an excellent array of shops and boutiques. www.provenceweb.fr

There are just too many to mention - a detailed list of restaurants is available in both properties. Please feel free to contact us if you would like us to book a restaurant in advance for a special occasion. www.viamichelin.com
www.restaurant-guide.com

This area is renowned for its excellent golf courses, they have great restaurants too, it's quite normal to squeeze in a two hour lunch after the first nine...! We have special relationships with many clubs in the area but do recommend that bookings be made well in advance in high season. Sets of clubs are available for hire at the golf courses. www.pont-royal.com
www.golf-du-luberon.com
www.aix-en-provence.com/golf-fuveau
www.lesbauxdeprovence.com

This is why we're here! (apart from the cuisine and the weather...) There are umpteen wine producing estates in the area, the two local appellations are Cotes du Luberon and Coteaux d'Aix en Provence. However, within an hour's drive one can visit fantastic domains in Chateauneuf du Pape and the Northern Rhone or alternatively the undiscovered gems of Bandol and Cassis to the South. We often organise wine tours for clients.

Furthermore we are very lucky to have close ties with John Arnold of A & B Vintners who is one of the leading UK merchants dealing in the South of

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France. Through them we can source fabulous wines that are not freely available and guarantee delivery ahead of your stay. Feel free to discuss your needs with John via the link.

www.abvintners.co.uk

www.terroir-france.com/wine/provence

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Photos



Pool with view



Terrace to pool



Pool and poolhouse



Dining area outside



Outside dining area



Terrace and view



terrace



house and terrace



poolhouse seating area



sitting room



dining room



Fully equipped kitchen

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Apartment sitting room



Apartment kitchen



Bedroom 4



Bedroom 5



Apartment bedroom



Bedroom 1



Bedroom 2



Bedroom 3



Bedroom 2 ensuite



Bedroom 3 shower room



Outside apartment to upstairs



Secluded location