Villa De La Colline

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 8

Overview

Close to many landmarks of Provence, Villa de la Colline offers a modern holiday getaway, where sweeping views of the valley unfold before your eyes. This contemporary home, built into the hillside close to a picturesque village, is a perfect balance of modern living and natural beauty and boasts a private heated swimming pool surrounded by towering pine trees.

Inside, the open-plan living areas boast clean lines, minimalist design, and bright spaces. The light-filled entrance hall leads you through to the spacious living room, where large windows allow the scenery to become part of the experience. Whether relaxing by the TV or dining in the expansive kitchen, the panoramic views of the valley create an ever-changing backdrop.

Each of the four bedrooms offer a restful retreat at the end of the day with queen-size double beds, airconditioning and en suite bath or shower rooms. Sleeping up to 8 guests, there are three doubles on the main floor with access to the covered terrace or poolside patio, whilst the fourth bedroom is upstairs with its own private balcony overlooking the hillside, pines and pool below.

Whether you're dining al-fresco as the sun sets on the west-facing terrace by the barbecue or enjoying the morning light beside the heated swimming pool, there's always a perfect spot to relax. Indeed, the swimming pool area is tucked away for privacy, providing a peaceful oasis where the only sound you'll hear is the gentle hum of cicadas or the wind rustling through the trees.

Situated on the edge of a picturesque village, the villa is ideally located for exploring the region – there are hikes and bike rides on your doorstep. Elsewhere, from walking through olive groves in Les Alpilles to visiting nearby







towns like Saint Rémy de Provence, and Arles, the possibilities are endless. A perfect base for those wanting to experience Provence at their own pace.

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Maid Service Included • Tennis Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Villa • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Modern • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • TV • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (200m2)

Main Floor (via steps)

- Large open-plan living area with fireplace, TV, valley views and doors leading to covered terrace

- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, fully-equipped including American fridge with ice-maker, freezer, electric oven, microwave, induction hob, steam oven, dishwasher, kettle, coffee machine and toaster. Doors open to poolside terrace

- Utility room with washing machine and dryer

- Guest WC

- Bedroom 1: Double bed (160cm x 200cm) direct access to covered terrace (sunset views) and en-suite shower room with Italian shower and sink

- Bedroom 2 (with independent entrance): Double bed (160cm x 200cm) with desk, direct access to the pool and en-suite shower room with Italian shower and sink

- Bedroom 3: Double bed (160 x 200cm), direct access to the covered terrace and en-suite bathroom with bath and double sink

Upper Floor

- Bedroom 4: Double bed (160x200cm), east-facing with a small private balcony overlooking the pool and hillside. En-suite bathroom with bath, double sink and WC

The lower level of the villa is not available to guests

Outside Grounds (2000m2)

- Heated swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 0.9-1.5m) with safety alarm. Open approximately April to end-October

- Poolside terrace with sun loungers (x8), parasols (x4) and other outdoor furnishings

- Large covered west-facing terrace with a dining area and barbecue
- Steps across the grounds
- Electric gate with intercom
- Private parking for 4 cars









Location & Local Information

In the Bouches-du-Rhône department, on the edge of Les Alpilles Natural Regional Park, this part of Provence offers a unique gateway to some of the most enchanting destinations in southern France.

In a private hillside setting on a residential lane close to a small picturesque village, there are bike rides and hikes directly from your doorstep. The local village is simple yet is home to a restaurant (on the edge of the village), grocery shop and tabac as well as a fruit and vegetable market.

Just a short drive away, the enchanting town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (10km) invites you to step back in time. Famous for its Roman ruins, galleries and its connection to Van Gogh, Saint-Rémy is a haven for art and history lovers. Wander through the bustling market square on a Wednesday morning, visit the Saint-Paul de Mausole asylum where Van Gogh painted many of his masterpieces, or explore the remnants of the ancient Roman city of Glanum.

Meanwhile, the dramatic landscapes of Les Alpilles and the village of Les Baux-de-Provence (11km) are just waiting to be explored. Perched high on a rocky hill with its centuries-old fortress, Les Baux offers panoramic views of the surrounding valley and is classified as one of France's *'Plus Beaux Villages'*. The surrounding countryside is ideal for hiking, cycling, or simply soaking in the beauty of this breathtaking region.

In the other direction, the twin towns of Tarascon (7.5km) and Beaucaire (9km) offer an authentic taste of Provence's cultural heritage by the banks of the Rhône. Explore the medieval Château de Tarascon, a fortress that stands proudly over the town, and stroll along the picturesque streets of Beaucaire, a town with a rich history and beautiful riverside views.

Arles (16km), with its wealth of Roman architecture, is another must-visit destination. From the grand Arènes







d'Arles to the hauntingly beautiful Théâtre Antique, the city's ancient monuments tell the story of its glorious past. Arles is also renowned for its art scene, having inspired some of the world's most famous artists, including Van Gogh and Gauguin, and hosts the annual Arles Photography Festival, Rencontres d'Arles.

For a truly cultural experience, take a day trip to Avignon (25km), home of the majestic Palais des Papes, and Nîmes (37km), with its well-preserved Roman monuments. The iconic Pont Saint-Bénézet in Avignon and the famous Roman amphitheatre in Nîmes are just a few highlights of these timeless cities.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes Airport (35km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille Airport (69km)
Nearest Train Station	Tarascon-sur-Rhône/Avignon TGV (7.5km/22km)
Nearest Village	Small village (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	On the edge of the village (800m)
Nearest Shop	Tabac and grocery store in village (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Intermarché Super (4.5km)
Nearest Town	Tarascon/Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (7.5km/10km)
Nearest City	Avignon (26km)
Nearest Tennis	On the edge of the village (1.1km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Barbentane (19km)

What we love

- We love the bright, contemporary air-conditioned interiors and gorgeous en suite bedrooms with queen-size beds
- The heated swimming pool is tucked away in a private setting surrounded by
 nature and pine trees
- Enjoy al-fresco meals by the barbecue on the covered terrace as the sun sets the valley views are beautiful
- Perched on a hillside, a picturesque village is within walking distance and there are hikes and bike rides from your doorstep
- A fine base for exploring Provence from nearby Les Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy to Avignon, Arles and beyond

What you should know...

- Access to this beautiful villa is steep and guests will need to be able to safely manage steps up to the main level (and some across the grounds)
- One of the bedrooms is accessed independently from the poolside terrace.
- The lower level of this villa is not available to guests.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2,000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m
- Energy costs included?: Yes
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag & hen parties or celebrations are not permitted at the villa.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- End of stay cleaning available?: Yes, standard changeover clean included. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking and vaping are not permitted.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, apart from in winter. Please enquire for more details.
- Pool heating charge?: Included from April 1st to October 31st. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €5-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).