

Maison Petunia Blanche

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 9

Overview

It's rare to find a villa with a beautiful swimming pool set in secluded gardens yet also within a short stroll to one of southern France's most delightful towns. Maison Petunia Blanche enjoys all of this and more, located in historic Pézenas yet also close to the vineyards, villages and idyllic landscapes of the Languedoc-Roussillon.

An artist's home, bold artwork adorns the walls and sculptures are proudly displayed in the large living and dining space, a room filled with light from the large bay doors that lead straight to the gardens. The bright kitchen is superbly equipped with its convivial kitchen island and doors out to an al-fresco terrace. Four inviting bedrooms include a spacious master double with its own sunken bath and there's also a simpler fifth bedroom for extra space if needed, allowing this warm and welcoming home to sleep up to nine guests.

The garden is your own corner of paradise with its swimming pool, surrounded by shady pines and pots bursting with summer colour from vivid hydrangeas to trailing petunias. Kids can splash around in the shallow *plage* at one end of the pool whilst keen swimmers can bathe as they admire the verdant scenery around them. Pretty stone terraces, a shaded al-fresco lounge and even a quiet bench by the pond offer picturesque spots to relax with a glass of Languedoc wine as you listen to the birds sing.

It's hard to believe you are within walking distance to the heart of Pézenas, one of the Languedoc's finest towns with beautiful architecture, wonderful restaurants and cafes as well as the historic market on a Saturday morning, one of the best in the region. Visit Molière's L'illustre Théâtre, wander around antique shops and art galleries and admire artists at work in studios dotted around the old



town.

Head out to the Languedoc countryside for wonderful walks, cycling and wine-tasting in beautiful vineyards. Visit pretty villages such as Montagnac, sample oysters and white wine by the Étang de Thau in Mèze, canoe along the river Orb or head to the long stretches of sandy beach and watersports in Cap d'Agade and Sète, just half an hour away.

Béziers is also close by and you can even reach the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert and Carcassonne for incredible days out. Maison Petunia Blanche's superb setting offers a wealth of experiences both in Pézenas and across the alluring Languedoc region.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Sailing • Cycling • Historical Sites • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Canoeing/Kayaking • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Village • Maid Service Available • Private Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Babysitting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

- Open-plan living room
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, large fridge, oven, induction hob, microwave
- Master bedroom with double bed (180cm) with partially open-plan bathroom with bath tub, shower and two sinks. Doors lead to garden and pool with semi-private terrace area
- Bedroom 2 with twin beds (90cm each)
- Bedroom 3 with double bed (160cm)
- Shower room (shared between above two bedrooms)
- Bedroom 4 with double bed (160cm) and sink
- Bedroom 5 with double bed (140cm) and shower
(please note this room is across from the kitchen, near the laundry room, possibly ideal for a nanny or helper)
- Laundry room
- 2 WCs

Outside Grounds (2300m2)

- Swimming pool (4.5x10m, depth: 1.1-1.7m) including *plage*-style shallow end (15m2) and safety alarm. Open approximately mid-May to end-September (other dates are on request and, if accepted, subject to a supplement).
- Pool house with bar, fridge, hotplate, pizza oven, shower and WC
- Summer lounge area
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- BBQ
- *Boules*
- Pond
- Garden area and trees
- Car parking for up to 4 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning (living room only)
- Underfloor cooling system (other rooms)



- TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer
- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

Maison Petunia Blanche enjoys an enviable location in the beautiful and historic town of Pézenas in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of France. Down a narrow country lane, it's just a five-minute walk into the heart of Pézenas with all its amazing restaurants, shops and attractions.

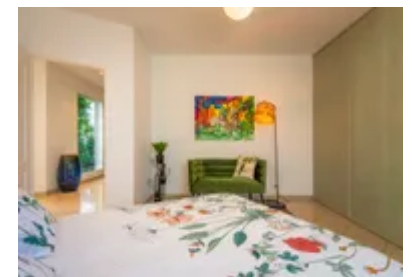
Pézenas is one of southern France's most delightful towns and is especially well known for its links to Molière; visit the L'illustre Théâtre for regular performances of his work. Pézenas is a town filled with art and history; you can admire its architecture across the town with some especially beautiful 16th to 18th century mansions or simply potter around its art galleries, antique shops and studios.

The market on a Saturday morning, dating back to the 14th century, is one of the best in the region and there are lots of restaurants and pretty cafes serving local specialities. In July and August look out for the Friday evening event 'Les Estivales' when night markets bring Pézenas to life with live music, wonderful street food and of course lots of local wine.

This area is wonderful for lovers of wine with so many Languedoc vineyards scattered across the surrounding countryside. Personal tours and tastings can be arranged and many of the wineries host wonderful lunches in the vineyards for a truly magical experience. As well as places to visit within a short distance of Pézenas, you can also head north to try the appellation around Faugères (24km).

You can also enjoy chilled local white wine served with oysters from the nearby Étang de Thau in Mèze (19km) or take a boat trip to visit the oyster beds of Bouzigues. Mèze is also a great place to visit for its various markets (including weekly night markets in the summer) and all sorts of events and festivities throughout the year, including summer jousting tournaments, so typical of this area.

Along the Mediterranean coastline enjoy the long sandy



beaches in Sète (40km), all sorts of family attractions in and around Cap d'Agde (28km) and other water-based activities along Marseillan Plage (30km). This is one of the great joys of Languedoc – the contrast between historic towns, idyllic villages and the seaside, all so close to each other.

Heading in the other direction, there are also watersports at the lovely Lac de Salagou (32km) where you can wind-surf, canoe, kayak or paddle-board in the lake. It's a really tranquil spot and also wonderful for its walking, hiking and mountain bike trails. Perhaps combine with a visit to Clermont-l'Hérault (22km), the capital of the Languedoc-Roussillon region, where you should buy some local olive oil made in the town's mill.

You can also hire canoes along the river Orb near Cessenon-sur-Orb and Béziers. Indeed, Béziers (25km) is a great place to visit to experience authentic Languedoc, especially in August during the four-day long *feria* with its bullfighting and festivities.

This is also a good location for some of France's UNESCO World Heritage sites with the village of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert (42km) just forty minutes away and even the magnificent city of Carcassonne (105km), a superb day out.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (27km)
Nearest Airport 2	Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (57km)
Nearest Airport 3	Perpignan-Rivesaltes Airport (113km (1hr10))
Nearest Train Station	Agde Gare SNCF (20km)
Nearest Restaurant	Pézenas (Walking distance)
Nearest Shop	Pézenas (Walking distance)

Nearest Golf	Golf Saint Thomas (16km)
Nearest Tennis	Pézenas (2km)
Nearest Beach	Cap d'Agde (28km)

What we love

- Enjoy relaxing in the wonderful gardens by the swimming pool or drinking Languedoc wine under the shaded terrace
- The location is superb - you can stroll down to Pézenas in a few minutes, an incredibly beautiful town with historic architecture and good restaurants
- Pézenas' Saturday morning market is known to be one of the best in the area
- In July and August, 'Les Estivales' takes place on Friday evenings in Pézenas – street food, live music and lots of good local wine
- Drive to the beach in half an hour with Cap d'Agde and Marseillan Plage just 30km away

What you should know...

- The fifth bedroom is near the kitchen and laundry room. It was traditionally a maid's bedroom so may be better suited to an accompanying nanny or helper
- Only the living room has air-conditioning whilst the bedrooms feature an underfloor cooling system
- The beautiful gardens feature a pond

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €700 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, except for stays longer than 2 weeks, in which case charges will apply.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately mid-May to end-September (cooler months may not be suitable for swimming). Additional dates are on request and if accepted subject to a supplement of €150-€300 per week.