

Villa Carreaux Bleus

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 8

Overview

In the dreamy Languedoc-Roussillon, a region filled with idyllic landscapes, vineyards and Mediterranean beaches, Villa Carreaux Bleus is a lovely holiday home just outside a wine village near the vibrant town of Béziers.

This is a place for care-free holidays; splashing in the heated swimming pool, playing *boules*, enjoying poolside lunches and gazing out to the countryside around you. The Moroccan-style outdoor lounge is a particularly enchanting place to enjoy a glass of Coteaux de Béziers wine before dining by the summer kitchen and barbecue as the sun sets for the day. Trailing roses, lavender and shady trees give the gardens a Mediterranean feel whilst North African influences add to the rather exotic vibe.

Inside, the interiors are relaxed and homely, ideal for a group of friends or maybe two families with four bedrooms scattered over three buildings; the main house, a pool annexe and two garden suites. The grand kitchen-diner, with its cathedral high ceiling and chandeliers, is beautifully equipped whilst the living space is equally impressive with doors leading to one of the terraces. *Objets d'art* throughout give this holiday home a real sense of character and warmth.

The lovely owners arrange for croissants to be delivered a couple of times a week and can give a bicycle tour of the area if you desire. Indeed, bikes and helmets are provided, including three child seats, ideal for days out exploring vineyards or following the towpath by the nearby Canal du Midi.

This region offers history, culture, incredible scenery and great beaches. Visit some of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' within a short drive, experience atmospheric markets in towns such as Pézenas and admire some of France's



UNESCO World Heritage sites in Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert and Carcassonne. Béziers, just 12km away, offers a true Languedoc experience with its great food, wines and long history of bull-fighting.

Hire canoes along the Orb river, swim in rock pools near Olargues or follow wonderful walking trails across the Hérault. Of course, the Mediterranean is also so close with the long sandy beaches at the seaside resort of Valras-Plage just twenty minutes away.

You may prefer to spend your time exploring local wineries from Minerve to Mèze and beyond, then savour your finds on the poolside terrace at the charming Villa Carreaux Bleus.

Facilities

Pure France • Cycling • Villa • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Heated Pool • Has Discount • Special Offer • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Hairdryer • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Microwave • Satellite TV • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Board games • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Pushchair • Bottle steriliser • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

- Living room with air-conditioning, modern fireplace, TV, piano and patio doors leading to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen and dining room, well-equipped including large gas cooker, 6 gas burners, toaster, microwave and dishwasher. French doors lead outside
- Utility room with washing machine and fridge-freezer
- Master bedroom with king-size bed (180x205cm), modern fireplace, lounge area and en suite bathroom with bath, separate shower and WC
- Guest WC

Separate Poolside Annexe

- Bedroom with double bed (140x190cm), air-conditioning, lounge area and en suite shower room with WC. Doors lead to poolside terrace

Garden Annexe

- Bedroom with double bed (180x205cm), air-conditioning, two sofas and en suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x205cm), single bed, lounge area, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with hand-held shower
- Separate WC

The two bedrooms in the garden annexe are both accessed from the outside and there is also an internal door between them (that can be closed if needed).

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (11.5mx5.5m, depth: up to 1.48m) with two pool alarms with code access. Open approximately mid-April to end-October. Heating via thermostat control (25-27C max)
- Summer kitchen with sink and charcoal BBQ
- Shaded dining area
- Sun-loungers and parasols



- Moroccan style al-fresco lounge
- Large garden (2000m2)
- Fountain
- Terraces
- 8 x bikes (3 with child seats)
- Cycling helmets (including 3 for children)
- Car parking (4 spaces on adjacent private land)

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (some bedrooms and living room)
- Satellite TV (French and English)
- Netflix
- Boules
- 8 bikes (3 with child seats)
- Cycling helmets (including 3 for children)
- Iron

Location & Local Information

Set in the heart of the Hérault in Languedoc-Roussillon, Villa Carreaux Bleus lies just outside a charming wine village, only 12km from Béziers. Surrounded by vineyards, the local village offers a small grocery store, a handful of restaurants and nearby wineries, while further amenities can be found in surrounding towns.

Just a short drive away, the Oppidum d'Ensérune offers fascinating history and panoramic views over the Étang de Montady. The nearby Canal du Midi is perfect for walking, cycling or even hiring a boat for a leisurely day on the water, with the marina at Colombiers a lovely spot for lunch.

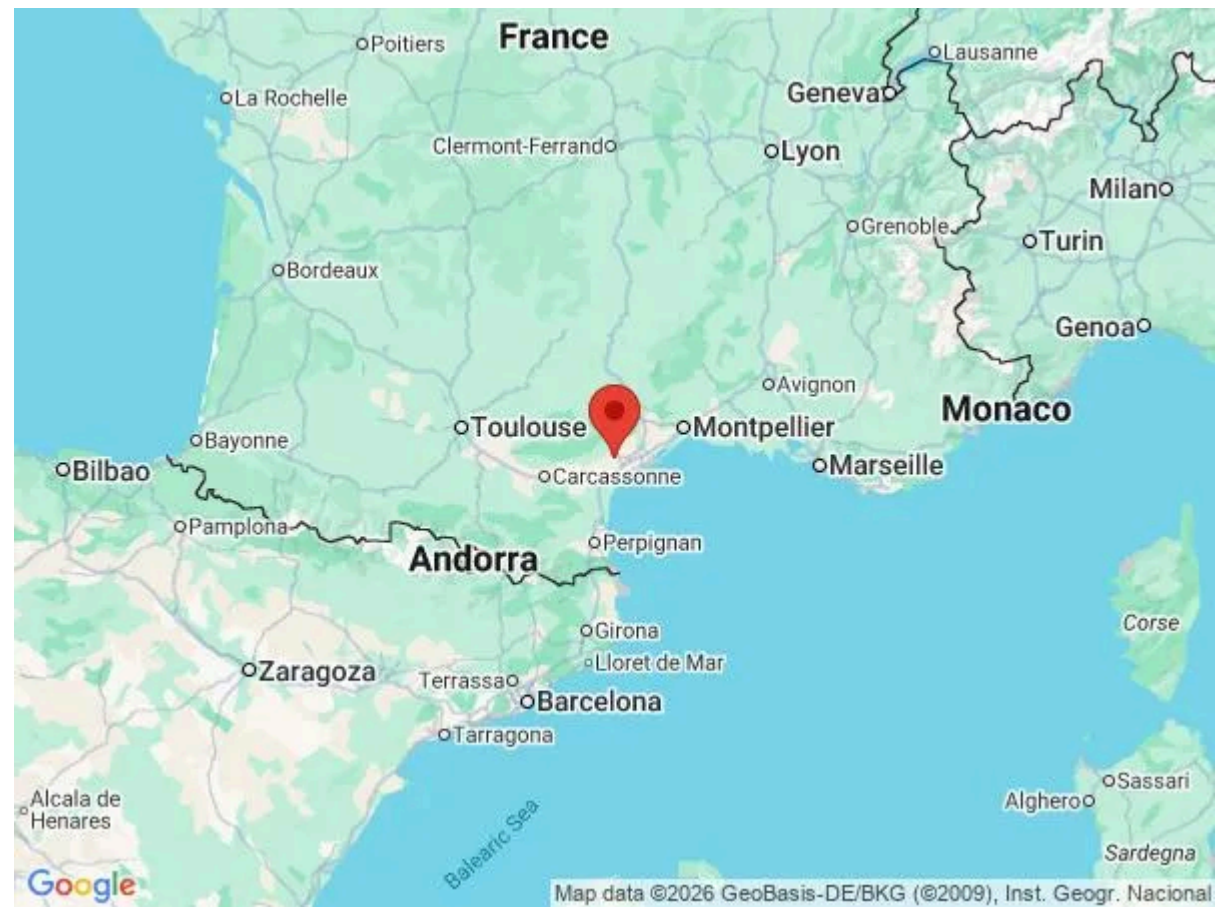
Béziers itself is a vibrant and often overlooked gem, known for its wine culture, historic cathedral and lively summer feria. To the west, the Minervois region offers scenic walks, vineyards and beautiful villages such as Minerve, one of France's most picturesque spots.

Nature lovers can explore the Orb River, with opportunities for canoeing and swimming, or visit the stunning Gorges d'Héric. The charming town of Pézenas is also worth a visit for its markets and artistic heritage.

The sandy beaches of the Languedoc, including Valras-Plage, are within easy reach, while day trips to Narbonne, Montpellier and Carcassonne complete this wonderfully varied location.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Béziers (25km)
Nearest Airport 2	Perpignan (90km)
Nearest Airport 3	Carcassonne (94km)
Nearest Train Station	Béziers (11km)



Nearest Village	(1km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1km)
Nearest Supermarket	(3km)
Nearest Town/City	Béziers (12km)
Nearest Beach	Valras-Plage (22km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Saint Thomas (23km)

What we love

- In this relaxed setting, there is ample space for all and a lovely pool for lazy days in the garden.
- The thoughtful owners provide a welcome pack and even deliver croissants every few days.
- This is a great area for cycling, especially with the Canal du Midi so close (bikes are provided, some with child seats).
- If staying in August, look out for the vibrant 4-day *Feria* in nearby Béziers.
- The sandy beach at Valras-Plage is just 20km away.

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in three bedrooms and the living area only.
- Three of the bedrooms are separate from the main villa; one in the poolside annexe and another two in the garden annexe.
- A car is recommended for visiting and shopping and there are reliable taxi firms available for evenings out.
- Walking distance to a village/restaurant however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements
- The owner has informed us that this property has wheelchair access. However, please contact us before booking so we can discuss individual accessibility requirements with the owner to ensure this property is suited to your specific needs.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 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:** 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:** Air-conditioning is only featured in three of the bedrooms and the living area.
 Weddings and stag/hen parties are not permitted. Any other special events or celebrations are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and possible additional charges.
- **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.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Pool heating is via a thermostat control (up to max 25-27C max). However, please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are also reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately mid-April to end-October. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.