Villa Ancienne Ferme

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

A beautiful 18th-century farmhouse offering unspoilt views of Mont Ventoux and vast grounds, Villa Ancienne Ferme makes for an exquisite holiday home. Nestled on a hillside with quaint villages nearby and the lively city of Avignon within easy reach, it's ideally placed for discovering a delightful corner of sunny Provence.

Lovingly renovated, the house retains plenty of character and personality while boasting high-end amenities. Antique pieces and original features combine with modern touches to create a warm and inviting space for up to 12 guests to enjoy.

There's a true sense of comfort and charm in the main living room, which has comfy sofas and a piano as well as authentic wooden beams, exposed stone walls and a feature fireplace. This theme continues to the six air-conditioned bedrooms, which are bright with fine furnishings including luxurious bedding linen.

A second lounge upstairs is a snug area for all to gather and watch TV in the evenings while the kitchen has everything you need to prepare delicious home cooked meals. Hone your skills by arranging a cooking lesson or sit back as your private chef does all the work. Wine-tasting in the villa can also be arranged and is a real treat.

Admire the rich greenery as you dine al-fresco on the idyllic courtyard in front of the house and spend lazy days exploring the grounds stretching over 40,000m2. Whether swimming in the 13.5m pool, basking in the sun on a lounger or lying on the grassy lawns under a pergola, the views of the Provençal countryside are sure to never disappoint.

Hire bikes and cycle or drive the short distance to the local village, which is full of pretty streets and fountains and has a lovely selection of restaurants, cafés and shops. It's also home to a good Farmers market on a Saturday morning and a street music and theatre festival which usually takes place in August.

Gordes, Roussillon and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence are also wonderful days out, while L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is just a 20-minute drive from the villa and boasts some of the best antique markets in the region.

Just 10km away, the medieval town of Carpentras offers gorgeous architecture, bustling street markets and excellent restaurants. Avignon's ancient centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and can be reached by car in 40 minutes. Brimming with atmosphere and history, it's a fantastic city to visit.

Facilities

<1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Ideal for Kids • Air-Con • Fishing • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Watersports • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Has Offer • Instagrammable • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (330m2)

Ground Floor
- Living area with fireplace, sofas, coffee table and piano
- Kitchen fully-equipped with oven, grill, hob, microwave, fridge, dishwasher, Nespresso coffee machine, filter coffee maker, toaster, kitchen utensils and dining table
- WC

First Floor (some sloping ceilings/eaves)
- Living area with sofas, TV and bookcases
- Bedroom 1 with twin beds (100cm x 200cm each)
- Bedroom 2 with twin beds (100cm x 200cm each)
- Bathroom with shower, bath and separate WC (shared by bedrooms 1 and 2)
- Bedroom 3 with twin beds (100cm x 200cm each) and en-suite bathroom with WC
- Bedroom 4 with super king-sized bed (200cm x 200cm), double basin and shower
- Bedroom 5 with super king-sized bed (200cm x 200cm)
- Bedroom 6 with super king-sized bed (200cm x 200cm)
- Bathroom with WC (shared by bedrooms 5 and 6)
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds (40,000m2):

- Swimming pool (13.5m x 5m, depth: 1.5m – 1.9m) with security alarm. Open approximately May – October
- Poolside decking with sun loungers
- Pool house with bathroom and decking with covered picnic bench, bar and BBQ
- Courtyard with plant-covered pergola and 2 al-fresco dining tables
- Shaded terrace with coffee table and sofas
- Grassy lawns, trees, flowers
- Pergolas
- Boules court
- Parking on-site for 8 cars

Facilities:

- WiFi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- TV
- Heating
- Table tennis
- Children's area
- Piano
- Books and magazines

Location & Local Information

Located in the foothills of Mont Ventoux, within close proximity of a delightful village and just a short drive from L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and Carpentras, Villa Ancienne Ferme enjoys a prime position in the Vaucluse region of Provence.

The closest village is just 3.5km away and its pretty streets are dotted with cafés, shops and restaurants. A Farmers market is usually held on Saturdays and if you're there in August, be sure to experience its folk festival, which features musical and theatrical street performances.

Lush countryside stretches for miles around, offering striking scenery and unspoilt natural beauty. Walkers will love the trekking through the valleys, ravines and forests of the Parc Naturel Regional des Alpilles and wandering through the lavender fields of Sault.

The nearby Luberon range also has plenty to offer cycling enthusiasts, including the challenging ascent up Mont Ventoux, which is known for its inclusion in the Tour De France. Canoeing or kayaking along the Sorgue River is another brilliant means of admiring more of the region's diverse landscape.

Just 10km away is Carpentras, a charming medieval town with one of the liveliest markets in the area. Go on a Friday morning and discover the 350 or so stalls snaking their way along the ancient streets. You'll find everything from cheese to shoes or, if you're visiting in the winter months, stalls stocked with black truffles, a local speciality.

L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue's antique markets are equally as popular. 11km from the villa, the town is built on a network of canals, and is simply a must-see during any trip to Provence. Take a boat ride along the canals to admire the water wheels and little bridges connecting the walkways.

Other picturesque towns within an hour's drive include Gordes, Roussillon and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where Vincent Can Gogh once lived and was inspired to produce some of his famous paintings.

Historic Avignon can be reached in 40 minutes and is a wonderful place to spend the day. A visit to the two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Saint Benezet Bridge and the Pope's Palace, as well as the Cathedral Notre Dame des Doms, provides a fascinating insight into the city's papal past. Soak up the vibrant atmosphere the city is so loved for by meandering its winding streets and dining in the trendy bohemian quarter before ending your trip with a drink in the central Place de l'Horloge.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (22km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (77km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Carpentras/ Gare d'Avignon TGV (9km/ 34km)**

Nearest Village	**(3.5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**In and around local village (3.5km)**
Nearest Shop	**In and around local village (3.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Nr local village (3.5km)**
Nearest Town	**Carpentras (11km)**
Nearest Golf	**Saumane Golf (13km)**

What we love

- Once a farmhouse, this villa has been lovingly restored so that it retains much of its original character with the added comfort of high-end amenities
- Enjoy sweeping views of the Provençal countryside out towards Mont Ventoux from this idyllic spot
- The poolside area is a fantastic place to spend the day, taking refreshing dips, reclining on a sun lounger or dining al-fresco under the covered terrace
- Outside is a verdant oasis of palm trees, colourful flowers and grassy lawns with grounds stretching over 40,000m2
- The nearest village, which boasts a lovely selection of restaurants, cafés and shops is just 3.5km away
- Medieval Carpentras and picturesque L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue are approximately 10km away while historic Avignon is a 40-minute car journey from the villa

What you should know...

- Please note that air-conditioning is available in the bedrooms only. The rest of the house benefits from cool stone walls
- Some of the rooms feature low sloping ceilings with original wooden beams.
- Short stays of minimum 2 nights are available on request – please enquire for availability and a tailor-made quote.
- Please note that this accommodation does not accept groups of young people (Up to 25 years).

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card by the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (self check-in after this time)

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, with change for stays of more than one week.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Please note that air-conditioning is available in the bedrooms only. Please note that this accommodation does not accept groups of young people (Up to 25 years).

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean for bookings of 7+ nights

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **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 May to 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.