

# Villa Ocre

**Region:** Provence-Alpes   **Sleeps:** 10

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## Overview

Set in exquisite landscaped gardens, this cool and contemporary villa is beautiful both inside and out. Just a short distance from a delightful historic village, this is a great place to experience modern luxury in the heart of stunning Provence.

The attention to detail at Villa Ocre will astound you from designer furnishings and ultra-modern appliances to inviting bedrooms decorated in warm colours, each one with its own en suite bathroom and wide doors opening up to a pretty terrace. The layout allows guests privacy in their own space yet there is always the opportunity to gather in the wonderful open-plan living room with its state-of-the-art kitchen and elegant yet easy going ambience. Sliding doors lead straight out to a magnificent pergola terrace, an ideal spot for your morning coffee and pastries accompanied by the tranquil sounds of nature.

Across the vast gardens you'll find ample space to relax in the shade or soak up the Provençal sunshine, perhaps by the large swimming pool with its sun loungers and parasols. The pool house is the true pièce de resistance with its al-fresco lounge and bar, just perfect for a chilled glass of rosé, and its superb dining table for feasts by the swimming pool on warm summer evenings.

Furthermore, the hospitable and professional owners are on hand for anything you may need to arrange from babysitting and bike rental to Provençal chefs and cookery classes.

It's lovely to be able to stroll down the lane towards the nearby village, taking around 20 minutes (along the road). Discover its many 18th-century fountains, sample sparkling wine made from local vines and pick up all sorts of seasonal produce from the twice-weekly market such as melons, asparagus, strawberries, almonds and more.

Nearby Carpentras hosts an atmospheric weekly market on a Friday morning, one of the largest in the area, whilst the picturesque town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is famed for its Sunday morning *brocante* and little antique shops.

As well as following wine trails, hiking or cycling near Mont Ventoux and spending the day in Avignon, you are also perfectly positioned for visiting the glorious landscapes of the Luberon region with Gordes, Bonnieux and Roussillon waiting to be explored.

Indeed, here you will be able to discover the real Provence as well as truly relax in stunning surroundings at this architectural gem in southern France.



## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Fishing • Wine Tasting • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Has Offer • Special Offer • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Instagrammable • Modern • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Pool Safety Feature • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (360m2)

- Open-plan living and dining room with TV. Doors lead to al-fresco dining terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, oven, hob, microwave, fridge, coffee maker and toaster
- Separate WC
- 3 x bedrooms with super king-size double bed (2x2m) and doors leading to small terrace area. En suite bathroom with shower and separate WC
- 2 x bedrooms with twin beds (1x2m each) and doors leading to small terrace area. En suite bathroom with shower and separate WC

*The en suites are partially open-plan and one also features a bath.*

## Outside Grounds (6000m2)

- Swimming pool (12x4.5m, depth 1.5-1.8m) with safety alarm. Open approximately May to October
- Poolside sun loungers and parasols
- Pool house with bar, al-fresco dining area and lounge
- Gas barbecue
- Pool house bathroom and WC
- Second al-fresco dining area
- Pétanque
- Landscaped gardens and lawn

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Reversible air-conditioning/heating
- TV
- Pétanque





## Location & Local Information

Located in the Vaucluse department of Provence, around 8km south of Carpentras, Villa Ocre enjoys a pretty setting just outside a picturesque village with restaurants and shops.

You can stroll down to the village in around 20-minutes (along the road - no pavement), a charming place with beautiful fountains, many of them French historical monuments. Try the sparkling wine produced from local grapes and buy some of the delicious seasonal produce grown in surrounding farmland such as asparagus, melons, almonds, cherries and more. There's a great Provençal market once a week on a Saturday and also a Farmer's market on Wednesday evenings from late Spring to autumn.

Nearby Carpentras is another interesting place to visit with its historic architecture and large bustling market on a Friday morning. Market lovers will also adore the gorgeous town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue with its Sunday morning Farmer's market and brocante as well as characterful antique shops.

Avignon (25km) is a fantastic day out whether you are wanting to visit the two UNESCO World Heritage sites, Saint Benezet Bridge and Pope's Palace, dine in one of the many excellent restaurants or soak up the ambience at the city's markets, especially at the weekend.

Wine-enthusiasts can follow a variety of vineyard trails around the local area, as far as the Rhône valley or south to the outstanding region of Luberon. Indeed, a visit to the Luberon is a must with its archetypal Provençal including Gordes (25km), much loved by Van Gogh and one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages'.

Closer to home, canoeing or kayaking along the Sorgue River in Fontaine-de-Vaucluse is a wonderful way to appreciate the natural scenery or head towards the foothills of Mont Ventoux with incredible hikes and cycling – Bédoin (22km) is a good place to start.



Some glorious days can also be spent in the mesmerising Les Alpilles with enchanting villages and towns such as Eygalières, Les Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, another town famed with its Van Gogh connections, all within an hour by car.

### Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport       | Avignon Airport<br>(23km)                   |
| Nearest Airport 2     | Marseille Airport<br>(80km)                 |
| Nearest Train Station | Carpentras/Gare d'Avignon TGV<br>(8km/30km) |
| Nearest Village       | (2km/20-minute walk)                        |
| Nearest Restaurant    | In and around local village<br>(1-2km)      |
| Nearest Shop          | In and around local village<br>(Within 2km) |
| Nearest Supermarket   | Near local village<br>(2.5km)               |
| Nearest Town          | Carpentras<br>(8km)                         |
| Nearest City          | Avignon<br>(25km)                           |
| Nearest Golf          | Golf de Saumane<br>(14km)                   |

## What we love

- The chic and contemporary interiors blend in beautifully to the natural surroundings of the landscaped gardens
- The pool house is incredible with its al-fresco dining terrace, lounge and bar
- Stroll into the nearby village and enjoy a glass of local sparkling wines by one of the many fountains
- Experience the atmospheric Farmer's markets in the local village as well as Carpentras and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue
- Follow some of the loveliest wine trails of Provence, hike or cycle Mont Ventoux or spend time exploring the mesmerising Luberon region

## What you should know...

- Although the nearest village is just a 20-minute walk away, car hire is definitely needed in this stunning part of Provence.
- It's around 1.5km to the nearby village; if you are walking, bear in mind that the surrounding lanes and roads tend to be unlit and without pavements.
- 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 one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 - 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 this accommodation does not accept groups of young people (Up to 25 years).
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of 7+ nights also included. 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes (via reversible air-conditioning).
- **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.