

# Bastide Bleu Lavande

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

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## Overview

Stay in the most Provençal of surroundings at this historic stone bastide with glorious gardens, a heated swimming pool and tennis court, within walking distance of the idyllic hilltop village of Ménerbes.

Whether finding a quiet spot to relax in the olive grove or appreciating the summer aroma of lavender, the gardens are simply superb. Dine al-fresco in the shade of the mulberry tree, play a game of tennis on your own private court and enjoy the fantastic swimming pool surrounded by manicured lawns, hedges and trees. With views towards the Luberon valley, the setting is truly idyllic and just perfect for the ultimate holiday in Provence.

Inside, the characterful interiors will also impress with a large living space leading out to the garden, a brilliantly equipped kitchen as well as a charming dining room under the vaulted arched ceiling. Another lounge area and comfortable study means there is always somewhere to seek a little space as well as ample room to gather with your loved ones to enjoy food and wine together.

The five bedrooms are set over all three floors, all with en suite bath or shower rooms and three benefitting from air-conditioning. A good mixture of twins and doubles allows for flexible sleeping arrangements whether you choose the king-size double on the first floor with its particularly characterful features or perhaps the pretty ground floor twin/double with a door leading out to a garden terrace.

Experience the Provençal ambience of hilltop Ménerbes with its charming shops, restaurants and weekly Farmer's market or drive out to other archetypal villages of the Luberon such as Bonnieux, Roussillon and Gordes. Hike or cycle through landscapes of vineyards, cedar forests and hills and admire the incredible views of the Luberon



massif. Kayak along the Sorgue river and seek out antique treasures at the Sunday morning market in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue.

Then there's Avignon, Saint-Rémy and Aix-en-Provence to discover as well as the gorgeous scenery of Les Alpilles nearby. This is a stunning part of Provence which offers a wealth of experiences for everyone.

## Facilities

Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Tennis Court • Air-Con • Hairdryer • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • 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 (over three floors)

- Large lounge with TV, fireplace and French doors leading to the garden
- Open-plan dining room with table for up to 10 guests
- Living area with fireplace
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, large fridge-freezer, double oven, microwave, hob, coffee machine and breakfast table. French door leads to al-fresco dining terrace
- Utility room
- Snug/office with sofa, desk and bar area
- Guest WC
- Bedroom (ground floor, accessed via kitchen) with king-size double bed (or twin) and door leading to garden terrace. En suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### *First Floor Bedrooms*

- Bedroom with king-size double bed (or twin), characterful features, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed and doors leading to balcony. En suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### *Top Floor Bedrooms*

- Bedroom with queen-size double/twin bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double/twin bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (12x6m) with safety feature
- Poolside shower
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Fountain



- Boules
- Tennis court
- 2 acres of land (manicured garden, olive trees, lavender)
- Electric gates
- Shaded parking

### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning (three bedrooms only)
- TV (with English-speaking channels)
- Piano
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer
- Ironing facilities



## Location & Local Information

In beautiful Provence, Bastide Bleu Lavande is set just outside the Luberon village of Ménerbes, in the foothills of the Luberon massif.

Wander up the hill and you can walk up to Ménerbes in around twenty minutes following the country roads/tracks (no pavement, as is typical in this part of France). The village is famed for being the setting of Peter Mayes' 'A Year in Provence' and it is an idyllic place to explore with its cobbled lanes, restaurants, cafes and Thursday morning Farmer's market. Look out for classical music concerts that take place in the summer months in Ménerbes and other nearby villages.

Other outstanding places to visit include the lavender fields of Gordes, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and the ochre-coloured village of Roussillon. Medieval Lacoste is a beautifully preserved village with the ruins of an 11th century castle whilst food-lovers should visit the Saturday morning Provençal market in Apt (21km), known to be one of the best in the area.

The Luberon National Park is a paradise for walkers, hikers and cyclists with routes through vineyards, cherry orchards and olive groves, often with incredible vistas of the Luberon valley. Rock-climbing is popular near the tiny village of Buoux and there are also plenty of horse-riding and mountain biking opportunities in the region. Another amazing experience is to kayak along the Sorgue river from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, less than half an hour away.

Then there's the towns and cities of Provence waiting to be explored from Avignon (48km) with its UNESCO World Heritage sights and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (40km) where you can follow the Van Gogh trail and view some of the landscapes that inspired the famous painter. Aix-en-Provence (61km) is another glorious day out, an atmospheric Provençal town with characterful terrace cafes, a number of art galleries and museums and the magical Carrousel Paul Cézanne.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille (70km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavaillon (16km)
Nearest Village	Ménerbes (1km (uphill))
Nearest Restaurant	Ménerbes (1km (uphill))
Nearest Shop	Ménerbes (1km (uphill))
Nearest Supermarket	 (8km)
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (15km)
Nearest City	Avignon (39km)

## What we love

- The outside is simply enchanting with manicured gardens, swathes of lavender and olive trees as well as the heated pool and tennis court
- Provençal feasts can be enjoyed al-fresco in the shade of the mulberry tree
- It's just 1km from hilltop Ménerbes, the village where Peter Mayes' 'A Year in Provence' is set
- Explore other idyllic Luberon villages within a short drive such as Gordes, Roussillon and Lacoste
- Visit Aix-en-Provence or Avignon for the most wonderful day out

## What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- Air-conditioning is featured in three bedrooms only – check the "Features" tab for details.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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:** 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:** Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. Air-conditioning is featured in three bedrooms only – check the "Features" tab for details. 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.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.