

# Villa Dumas

**Region:** French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 6

## Overview

Stay in your very own corner of Provençal paradise at this beautiful villa set in the forest, just a 40-minute drive of the French Riviera.

Take in the calming scenery around you as you head through the gates of Villa Dumas, surrounded by the aromas of pine trees and summer lavender. There are bursts of colour across the beautifully landscaped gardens alongside little stone walls, pretty steps and the most charming of terraces. Cook meals al-fresco by the plancha, dine with friends or family under the cast-iron pergola, then retire in the outdoor lounge with a glass of wine, perhaps from the vineyards of nearby Château de Berne.

The air-conditioned interiors offer both style and space with a living and dining area opening up to the elegant farmhouse kitchen with a Lacanthe stove and other high-end appliances. The main villa is home to two double en suite bedrooms including a sumptuous master double with a contemporary walk-in shower, as well as a bunk-bed bedroom suitable for children. A studio annexe offers a third double bedroom with its own entrance, a great option for a couple or grandparents wanting a little extra independence.

Set in the woodland with other houses dotted across the neighbouring countryside, the nearby small town has a few charming restaurants and shops. It's typically Provençal in character with authentic buildings, fountains and a wonderfully traditional market on a Tuesday morning.

Other delightful market towns and villages close by include Draguignan, Vidauban and Flayosc or drive further afield towards Aups, the gateway to the incredible Parc



Naturel Régional du Verdon and its world famous gorges beyond. Find horse-riding nearby, canoeing and kayaking along the Argens river as well as so many cycling routes and hiking trails. Also look out for festivities, night markets and brocantes taking place across the Dracénie region in the summer months.

The French Riviera also awaits whether spending the day in historic Fréjus, sun-bathing on the shores of Saint-Raphaël, enjoying the beaches around Sainte-Maxime or soaking up the glamour of Saint-Tropez. You could even drive as far as Cannes, Antibes or Nice for a superb day out or stay closer to home and explore the mountain villages of the Massif des Maures before heading back to your wonderful woodland retreat.

## Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Villa • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Air-Con • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Special Offer • Saltwater Pool • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Electric Car Charger • Smart TV • Heating • Board games • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (250m2)

- Living and dining area with doors leading out to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including Lacanche stove and high-end appliances including an espresso machine
- Master bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and small en suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Children's bedroom with bunk-beds

### *Separate Studio (own entrance)*

- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with shower and WC

### *Outside Grounds (4500m2, various levels with steps and horizontal railings)*

- Heated swimming pool (8x4m, depth: 1.4-2m) with safety alarm and electrolysis pump for cleaning (partially salt-water). Open from approximately mid-April to beginning-October.
- Poolside terrace with sun-loungers
- Al-fresco lounge terrace
- Al-fresco covered dining terrace for up to 6 guests
- Gas *plancha*
- Other terraces amongst landscaped gardens
- Solar panels
- Fast speed charging point for electric vehicles (available at an extra cost)

### **Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi (Fibre high-speed internet)
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Solar panels
- Fast speed charging point for electric vehicles (available at an extra cost)
- Chromecast TV (with Netflix, Amazon Prime and BBC)
- The villa provide high-quality Egyptian cotton bed linen



# Location & Local Information

Villa Dumas is set in the Dracénie region of the Var, just outside a picturesque Provençal town in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. While the setting feels peaceful and secluded, surrounded by forest and a handful of villas, the town centre is only a 5-minute drive away. Here you'll find charming streets, historic buildings, cafés and a lively Tuesday market, one of the largest in the area.

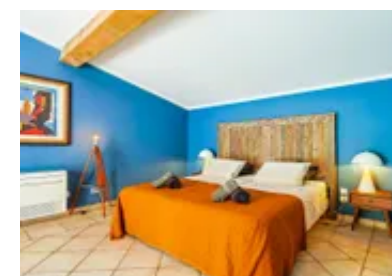
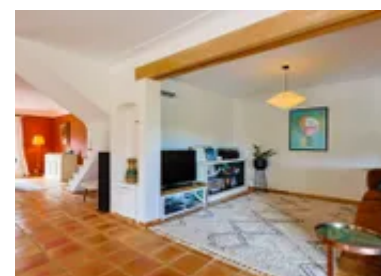
Food and wine lovers are well placed, with Château de Berne nearby and the renowned Michelin-starred Chez Bruno just a short drive away. The surrounding region is ideal for exploring Provençal villages, olive groves and vineyards, as well as natural highlights such as the Cascade de Sillans and the spectacular Verdon Gorges, around 30 minutes away.

Nearby towns include Draguignan (15km) with markets and museums, and Vidauban (13km), known for wine and river activities like kayaking. Further afield, discover hilltop villages in the Massif des Maures or head to the coast, with Sainte-Maxime, Saint-Tropez and Fréjus all within an hour.

With easy access to beaches, countryside and cultural gems, Villa Dumas is perfectly placed to explore the best of Provence and the French Riviera.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Toulon Hyères Airport</b> (80km)
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Nice Airport</b> (93km)
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Marseille Provence Airport</b> (125km)
Nearest Beach	<b>Port Fréjus/Sainte-Maxime</b> (42km)
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Barbaroux</b> (30km)
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Local town</b> (2-3km)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Intermarché Super et Drive</b> (3km)
Nearest Tennis	<b>Vidauban</b> (13km)
Nearest Town	<b>Lorgues</b> (2-3km)
Nearest Train Station	<b>Les Arcs - Draguignan</b> (15km)



## What we love

- The many terraces and landscaped gardens are a joy with Provençal fragrances and woodland views.
- Visit the local historic town with its shops, restaurants, pretty fountains and traditional weekly market.
- Sample fine wines at nearby Château de Berne and book a table at the Michelin starred restaurant specialising in truffles, Chez Bruno.
- A paradise for nature lovers with hiking, cycling, canoeing and kayaking across the Dracénie region.
- Head to the French Riviera for a superb day out – choose between Fréjus, Saint-Tropez or even Cannes!
- Foodies will love the beautiful, well equipped kitchen, cooking fresh produce on a Lacanche stove, with high-end appliances like a KitchenAid.
- Just five minutes away, you'll find one of France's finest spas at Château de Berne, the perfect place to unwind and indulge.

## What you should know...

- Villa Dumas sleeps up to 6 guests across three double bedrooms (one in an annexe) and a fourth bedroom with bunk-beds suitable for two children.
- The beautiful grounds and swimming pool are on terraced levels with steps, stone walls and horizontal railings.
- A car would be useful to explore places further afield, like the French Riviera resort of Sainte-Maxime or Saint Tropez.
- If hiring a car, please note that Villa Dumas features an electric-vehicle charging station (subject to an extra cost).

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 paid via bank transfer to the owner 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. <br> Villa Dumas sleeps up to 6 guests across three bedrooms (one in an annexe) and a fourth bedroom with bunk-beds suitable for two children. <br> Please note that the fast speed charging point for electric vehicles is available at an extra cost of €50 per week for 100 KWH (from the grid) or 200 KWH from the solar panels.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €225, payable in cash locally. 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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please request during the booking process and note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures. Usually the pool is heated to 25 degrees Celsius.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally on arrival in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** Open from approximately mid-April to beginning-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.