

Maison Melissande

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

This light and airy home overlooks the dazzling sea on the French Riviera. The villa is located on the Giens Peninsula near the town of Hyères, which was once the playground of European royalty and aristocrats but is now a holiday location which the French like to keep to themselves.

Maison Melissande is a spacious family home that has been lovingly decorated to reflect this area's artistic spirit, which is a hub for poets and artists. Stepping inside, you will enter an open-plan living space with comfortable sofas and a large dining table, perfect for evening meals looking out over the garden. The living area opens out onto the fully-fitted kitchen to create a social space. When you feel sleepy after a busy day at the beach, you can unwind in one of the four stylish bedrooms, one of which has a separate entrance for extra peace and quiet.

Heading outside, you will discover a charming garden with lots of little tucked-away spaces. Outdoors there is an inviting private pool, a covered al-fresco dining space, comfy seating for reading a good book and even an outdoor kitchen and barbecue area. The garden is also enveloped by staggering panoramic views over the cliffs and the Mediterranean Sea.

When you need to pick up some groceries or pop out for a bite to eat, you couldn't be closer to the nearest amenities as the village of Giens is on your doorstep. This authentic French village is great to have so close. There are a wide range of shops and eateries here, historic streets to wander around and a bustling market on a Tuesday where you can pick up local produce and artisan gifts. Walk up to the viewing platform to take in the most breathtaking views of the sea and the nearby Golden Islands.

Under 1km away, there is a fabulous little spot, the Port of Niel, which is lovely to stroll down to. The port is surrounded on one side by a pine forest which fills the warm air with a gorgeous fragrance. There is also a little beach, and the port itself is filled with colourful fishing boats. If you are looking for somewhere for dinner, there is a fantastic seafood restaurant famous for its fish soup and lavender sorbet, all prepared with local produce. After dinner, there is a gentle coastal walking route which can be followed.

The closest large town is Hyères which is 13km away by car. Hyères is filled with historic streets and buildings from various eras as it has been settled for 2500 years! Here you can see ancient churches, medieval towers and pretty shop-lined squares. You will also notice many palm trees dotted around as the town is nicknamed the town of palm trees. The town is also known for its markets, and you will find a different one most days in the main square, the Place Massillon.

For a day out, why not visit the magical Golden Islands by boat, or drive to the City of Toulon, which is 29km away, or Saint-Tropez, which is 58km away.



Facilities

Villa • Ideal for Kids • Walk to Village • Private Pool • Walking/Hiking Paths • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Sailing • Paragliding • Boat Trips • Wellness • Ideal for Teens • Wow Factor • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Beach • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Saltwater Pool • <1hr to Airport • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Seaview • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Heating • Zoo • Ruins • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (150m2)

Main House

- Open plan living space with sofas, TV, dining table and garden access
- Open kitchen with pantry, breakfast bar seating 4, oven, hob, fridge freezer
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- 2 x bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Annexe

- Annexe with independent access, bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside grounds (660m2)

- Salt water swimming pool with alarm system (8m x 4m, 1.4m deep) Open all year
- Covered dining terrace with table seating 8
- Al-fresco kitchen area with grill and barbecue
- Outdoor sofas and chairs
- Sun loungers



Location & Local Information

This lovely home is located on the unspoilt Giens peninsula in the South of France. With beaches, pretty towns and villages, hiking routes and picturesque islands all within easy reach, there is so much to do here on a trip with friends or family.

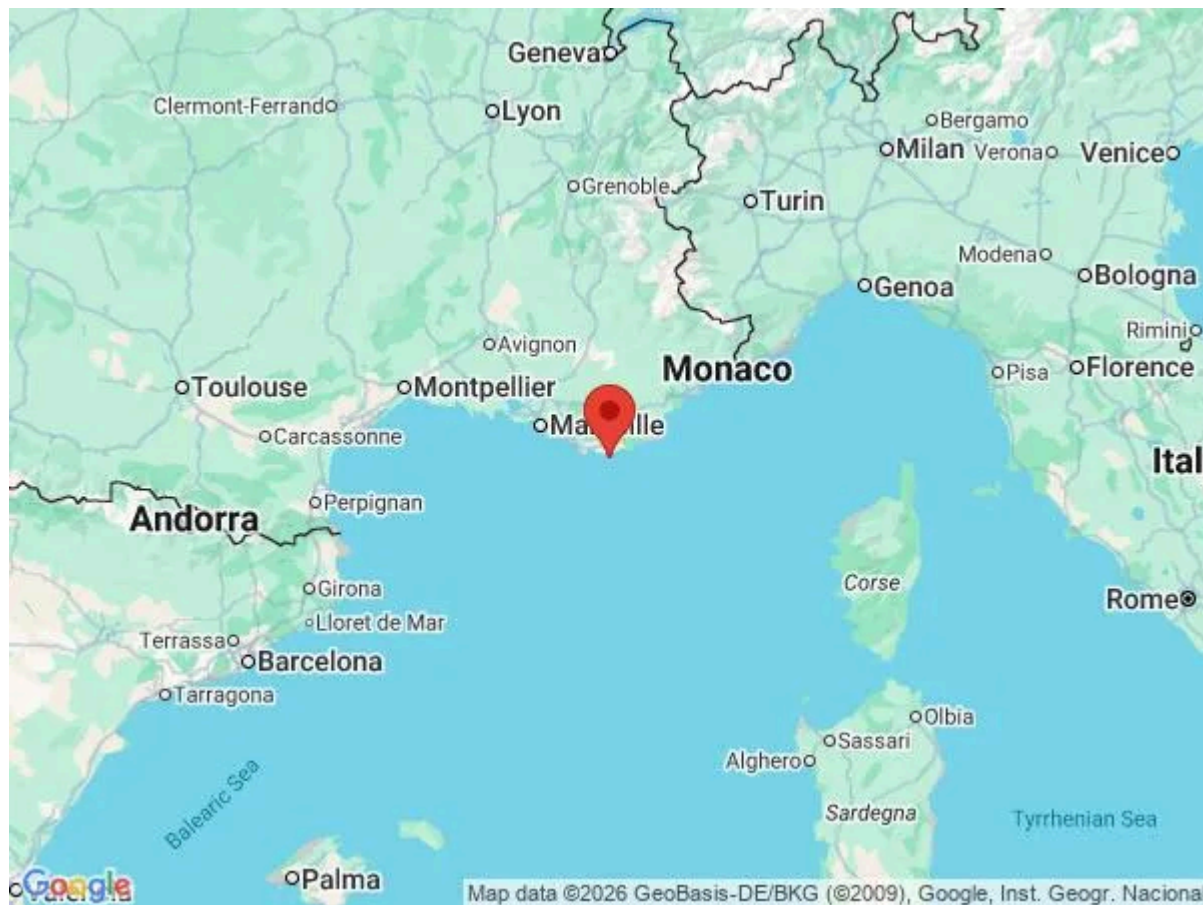
As you leave the villa's gates, you will find yourself in the heart of Giens village. There are cafes, restaurants, bakers, butchers and a supermarket on your doorstep, ideal for picking up supplies for a delicious lunch. To sample some of the freshest local produce, visit the market held on a Tuesday in the charming main square. You can also visit the art gallery and medieval church and take in incredible views of the nearby Golden Islands from Giens village.

Additionally, there are several beaches within 1.5km of the house which you could walk along. These are small, pebbled coves, and there are plenty of white sandy beaches along the coastline. Some of the finest beaches in the South of France can be found on the Golden Islands, which you can easily visit.

Take a boat from Port de la Tour Fondue, 2.8km from the serene, protected islands, each with their own character. The trip takes around half an hour by shuttle boat, or choose to take a more extended trip which stops off at coves and swimming spots. There are three islands; you could visit all of them or pick one and spend the day there. Porquerolles is the largest island, and the gorgeous Notre Dame Beach is one of the highlights. The island is a paradise for those who want to get active and explore; you can hike, cycle, snorkel, swim in little coves and even take diving classes here. Porquerolles also has villages with plenty of places to have dinner and windmills, lighthouses, old churches, and medieval forts to discover. The two smaller islands are also definitely worth visiting; Port-Cros is a picture-postcard island with no cars and fantastic hiking routes, and a long history of pirate attacks that you can learn more about. Le Levant, the third island, used to be a historic prison colony and is now a hub for naturists.

Back on dry land, you can spend the day visiting Hyères, which is the nearest town and is 13km away from the house. As the town was founded 2500 years ago, history lovers have lots to see. As you enter the old town through the Porte Massillon gate, you can wander the winding streets filled with pretty, pastel-hued buildings which lead to the main square, the Place Massillon. Visit the Tower of Saint-Blaise, a 12th-century tower which was once a base for knights during the crusades and the Gothic church of St Louis. The town also has a wealth of shops, restaurants, daily markets and some lovely places for walks, such as the castle ruins or the park of St Bernard.

If you would like to explore some more of this area, then the port city Toulon is just 29km away, or glamorous Saint-Tropez is a 58km drive away.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (8km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (117km)
Nearest Train Station	Hyeres (10km)
Nearest City	Toulon (29km)
Nearest Supermarket	(Within walking distance)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(Within walking distance)
Nearest Beach	(Within walking distance)
Nearest Ferry Port	(800m)
Nearest Restaurant	(Within walking distance)
Nearest Golf	Golf Valgarde (21km)
Nearest Tennis	TC Hyerois (10km)

What we love

- Maison Melissande is a beautiful home which can sleep eight guests in chic and comfortable surroundings
- Head outdoors to enjoy amazing views of the sea and the Golden Islands from the garden while you cool off in the private pool
- The villa is located on the Giens Peninsula in the heart of the village of Giens; here, you can find shops, cafes and a beach just minutes from the door
- When you wish to explore more of the area, you can take a boat trip to the Golden Islands from the port just 3km away or explore the town of Hyères, just 13km away

What you should know...

- One of the sophisticated en-suite bedrooms is located in a separate annexe, ideal if any of your party want extra privacy.
- Those with little ones or mobility issues should be aware that there are a few staircases around the building.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before 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. High chair and cot are available on request. 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.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable direct to owner before arrival (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **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.