

# Villa De La Camaraderie

Region: Atlantic Coast    Sleeps: 15

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## Overview

With restaurants and a weekly market just a stroll away and the sweeping sandy beaches of the Vendée coastline within a very short drive, Villa de la Camaraderie is a delight for multi-generational families or a group of friends with a particular emphasis on child-friendly features in this beautiful holiday home.

Expect homely comforts alongside touches of elegance across this 6-bedroom villa ideal for eight adults in four inviting doubles and up to seven children across the two children's bedrooms. The lounge is great for a movie night with its Smart TV and extensive DVD library whilst the kitchen is brilliantly equipped for all your family needs, including the all-important Nespresso machine and wine cooler. The playroom is bound to bring hours of fun as children discover toys, dressing-up clothes, a château themed ball pit and chalkboard. Pretty windows open out to the south facing terrace and chimney-style barbecue making leisurely al-fresco dining a joy as little ones play.

Outside, the enclosed garden offers space beneath the trees for games on the grass and a fenced-in swimming pool which can be heated together with an indulgent hot tub just for the grown-ups. You can also make the most of the park next door with its play equipment, *pétanque* court, ping-pong and room for a kick around.

Wander a few minutes into the heart of the small local village which comes alive with summer festivities, not to mention its weekly market (twice-weekly in the summer) where you can find fresh regional produce including seafood from the Atlantic coast. Pick up your morning croissants from the *boulangerie*, stop off for a coffee in the village square, shop in the nearby supermarket and dine out in welcoming French bistros.



Of course there's the glorious sandy beaches so near, just 5 to 10-minutes by car whether you are seeking remote spots for scenic surfing or family-friendly blue-flag beaches with snack bars and a diverse range of watersports. Walk down the seaside promenade in La Tranche-sur-Mer, 13km away, with its '*Famille Plus*' designation, perhaps followed by sandcastle building, pedalo hire and even a try at paddle boarding, sea-kayaking or kite-surfing.

The edge of the peaceful Marais Poitevin is close by, perfect for canoeing and kayaking along its waterways, or discover this protected 100,000-hectare nature reserve on foot, bike or by boat. The beauty of Île de Ré also awaits, easily reached by summer boat from La Tranche-sur-Mer, or drive two hours north to experience the wines, châteaux and heritage of the Loire valley.

Then there's France's largest tree-top activity centre within half an hour as well as several family attractions including go-karting, water parks and a wealth of adventures for every age.

## Facilities

Walk to Village • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Private Pool • Golf Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Go-Karting • Boat Trips • Villa • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Bath mat • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • Hot Tub • Smart TV • Satellite TV • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Stair gates • Mattress protector • Booster seat • Plastic crockery • Baby bath • Changing mat • Potty • Bottle steriliser • Bottle warmer • Baby monitor • Baby proofing • Food blender • Night lights • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Lounge with sofas, 75-inch Smart TV and doors leading to terrace
- Open-plan dining area
- Kitchen, fully equipped including large fridge, fridge-freezer with wine cooling section, electric halogen hob, dishwasher, coffee percolator and Nespresso machine
- Playroom with games and toys including farm animals, building blocks, dressing up clothes, ball pit, chalkboard and doors leading to terrace
- Double bedroom (15.6m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (160cm) and doors leading to terrace
- Triple bedroom (12m<sup>2</sup>) with twin beds and high rise sleeper single bed above (all 90cm each)
- Bathroom with bath/shower, sink and WC
- Separate WC

### First Floor (via stairs with stairgate at top only)

- 3 x double bedrooms (12m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (160cm)
- Quad bedroom (12m<sup>2</sup>) with two sets of bunkbeds (all 90cm each)
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bathroom with shower, sink and bidet
- Separate WC

*The upper bunks are best suited to children aged 6+*

## Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (7x4m, depth: 1.2m) with thermal cover, 1.15m high fencing and lockable safety gate. Open approximately end-May to end-September
- Hot tub (adults only) open approximately Easter to end-October
- South-facing terrace for al-fresco dining for 12 guests
- Chimney-style barbecue
- Enclosed mature garden and lawn



- Giant size Connect 4

## **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Smart TV with SKY and Netflix
- DVD player and DVDs
- Books
- Hot tub (adults only)
- Toys, puzzles, drawing and board games
- Bed guards
- Mattress protectors (for kids)
- Night lights
- Children's table and chairs
- Stairgates (top of stairs and by playroom)
- Other baby equipment/proofing
- Washing machine



## Location & Local Information

Villa de la Camaraderie is set in a typical small French village close to the sea, just a 5-minute drive from the coast in the Vendée department of western France.

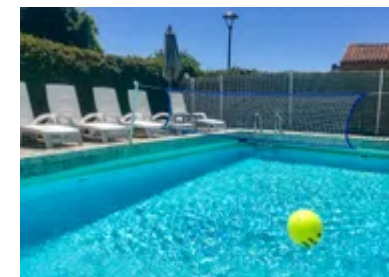
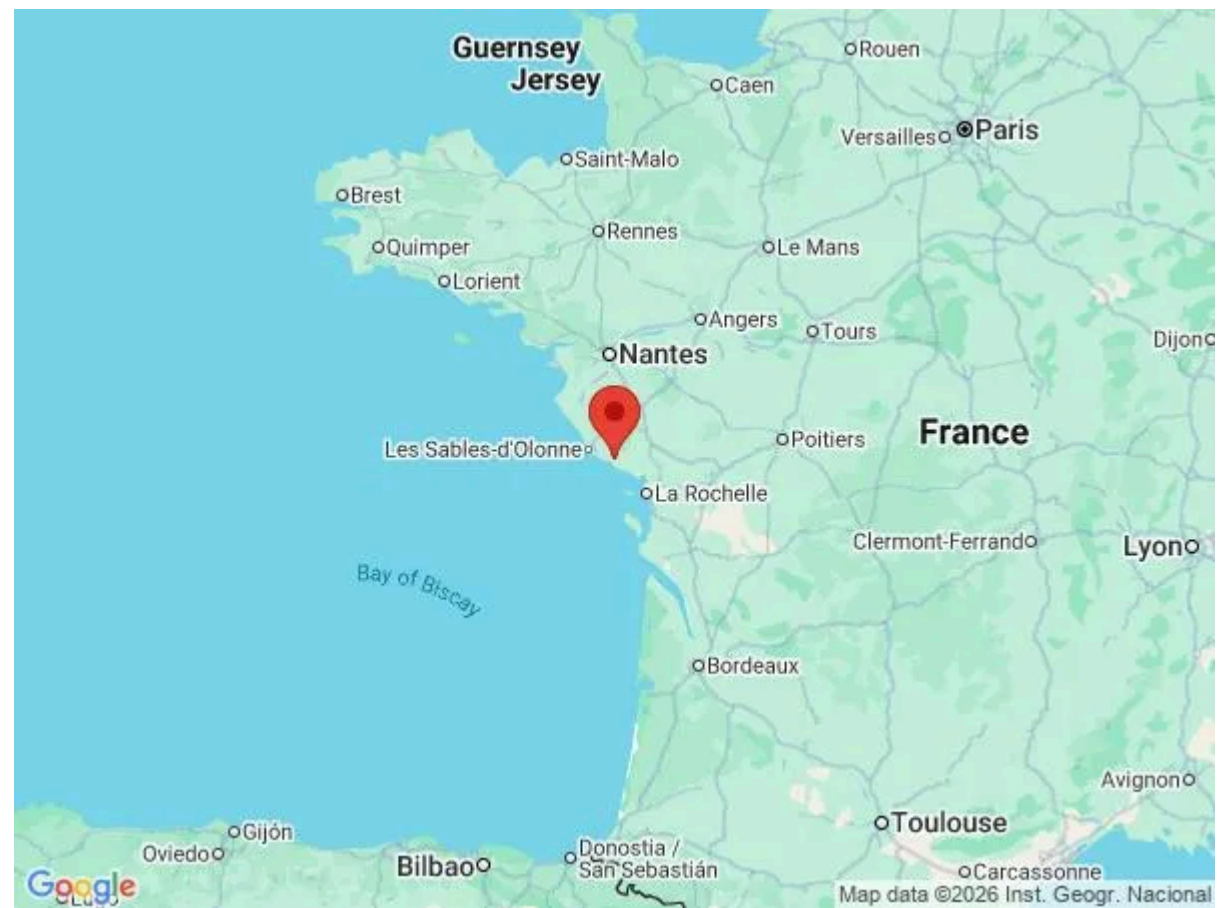
You can be in the heart of the village within around 300m where you will find a selection of small shops and good cafes/restaurants as well as a market on Friday mornings (and also Monday mornings in summer) which sells fresh regional produce including seafood. The village is especially atmospheric in the summer months – look out for festivities, fireworks and special events that may be taking place during your stay.

There is a tennis court to hire on the outskirts of the village and right next to the villa is a public park with play equipment (swing, slide, climbing frames etc), a picnic area, gazebo, *pétanque*, ping-pong and a green area which is ideal for ballgames.

It's only a 4km drive down to the vast sandy beach, backed by nature and woodland. Pack a picnic and make the most of the beautiful surroundings on this wild stretch of beach which is also popular with surfers. Only slightly further, family-friendly Plage des Conches (5km) is home to surf schools whilst Plage de la Terrière (11km) is one of the many blue-flag beaches along the Vendée coastline.

La Tranche-sur-Mer (13km) is a much-loved beachside resort with its 'Famille Plus' designation, blue-flag sandy beaches and attractive promenade. Watersport activities in La Tranche-sur-Mer include surfing, pedal boats, sea kayaking, paddle boarding and banana rides as well as a separate body of the water, Le Circle Nautique Tranchais, where you can try out sailing, kitesurfing and windsurfing.

Nature lovers will adore the nearby Marais Poitevin, also known as the 'Green Venice', where activities include hiking, cycling, bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking, fishing and boat rides along its canals. There are also horse-riding opportunities within a short drive as well as go-karting, a huge tree-top activity centre, water parks and adventure



parks. Further afield, for an absolutely fantastic family day out, the famous theme park Puy du Fou, known to be one of the best in the world, is around 90km by car.

From La Tranche-sur-Mer boats depart to the idyllic Île de Ré, an incredible island best explored by bike with its vast beaches, nature reserves, salt marshes and characterful market villages. Its capital, Saint-Martin-de-Re, is full of history as well as being home to several restaurants, a pretty harbour and a much-loved ice-cream parlour!

The elegant city of La Rochelle (74km) is another fine day out or head north towards Nantes (110km) and the Loire. Some of the gems of the Loire valley can also be reached within a couple of hours such as gorgeous Saumur, famed for its Cadre-Noir horse-riding school and sparkling white wine, and historic Angers, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	La Rochelle Airport (75km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nantes Atlantique Airport (104km)
Nearest Beach	(4km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Saint-Malo/Caen-Ouistreham (294km/420km)
Nearest Golf	Bourgenay Golf Club (20km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (Within 400m)
Nearest Shop	Tabac, bakery etc in local village (Within 400m)
Nearest Supermarket	(Within 1km)
Nearest Tennis	In the village (1km)
Nearest Town	Luçon (29km)

Nearest Train Station	Luçon/La Roche-sur-Yon (29km/31km)
Nearest Village	(Within 300m)

## What we love

- Such an elegant home ideal for multi-generational families and friends with the added benefit of so many child-friendly features
- Dine al-fresco on the south-facing terrace as you keep an eye on the kids in the brilliant playroom
- It's great being able to wander into the heart of the local village with its restaurants, weekly market and summer festivities
- Reach vast sandy beaches within a 5 to 10-minute drive, perfect for sandcastles, picnics, surfing and several other watersports
- As well as a wealth of family-friendly adventures nearby, take a day trip to Île de Ré, La Rochelle or even the Loire valley

## What you should know...

- The villa sleeps up to 15 guests - 8 adults (four doubles) and 7 children (2 children's bedrooms with bunk-beds).
- Please note that three of the beds are on the top bunk, best suited to children aged 6+. See the "Features" tab for details on the layout.
- It's such a great house with families with the playroom, games, plenty of baby equipment and a play park right next door. Do note there is one stairgate at the top of the stairs, not at the bottom. There is also a stairgate by the playroom entrance.
- The hot tub is a treat for adults only! Outside peak season there is a charge to use the hot tub - please see the "T&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.



# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 9.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** One pet welcome, on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement will apply (payable locally).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations/events are not allowed. The villa sleeps up to 15 guests - 8 adults and 7 children. Please note that three of the beds are on the top bunk, best suited to children aged 6+. See the "Features" tab for details on the layout. The hot tub is for adults only and it is open approximately Easter to end-October (10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.). When the swimming pool is closed, the charge to use the hot tub is £40.00 per day, payable locally. 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:** Sunday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra £300, payable to the owner before arrival. 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?:** Extra £300 per week on request and with prior agreement with the owner, payable locally.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included in peak season bookings only (approximately late-July to late-August). At all other times there is a charge of £300 per week for pool heating and use of the adult only hot tub (see above for hot tub charges when the pool is closed). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** No.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately end-May to end-September (10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.). 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.