Villa Lapis

Region: Northern Corsica **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Appreciate the sights and scents of Corsica at this stunning architect-designed villa with views towards St Florent, Cap Corse and the glistening Mediterranean.

In a remote setting close to the Désert des Agriates, there are so many incredible vistas of the sea from the beautiful holiday home, whether dining al-fresco on one of the terraces or relaxing by the infinity swimming pool which can be heated on request. Make the most of the cook who can prepare two meals most days for you (choose between breakfast, lunch and an evening meal) so you can instead spend time marvelling at the surrounding scenery or wandering down to the rocky shore with little bays so idyllic for swimming.

Inside this impressive home, find six bedrooms split across two houses, each one connected via a covered patio where you can gather to socialise with yet more gorgeous views. Built towards the end of the 20th century by a well-known French architect, the villa is mainly stone and features a spacious lounge and dining area with a library of books and windows framing the sea vista, alongside a fully-equipped kitchen with blue raw stone flooring. Housekeeping six days a week is also included in your holiday rental.

Villa Lapis is part of a vast domaine with six other villas although its nearest neighbour is 200m away, so there is still a sense of isolation in this remote area west of St Florent, partly accessed via an unmade road. Within a 15-minute drive (or short boat trip) you can reach the charming town of St Florent with its picturesque restaurants, shops and marina with boat tours. Plage de la Roya is a wonderful beach with sandy shores, clear water and seasonal watersports or further afield discover two of Corsica's finest beaches, Plage du Lotu and Plage de

Saleccia, each one accessible only by boat or on foot.

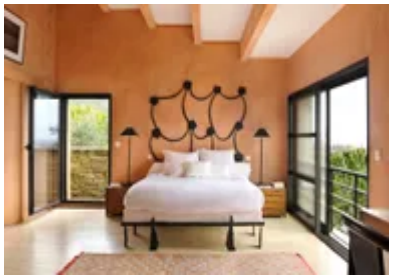
Indeed, the most experienced hikers will adore the coastal paths of Désert des Agriates or drive to the captivating Cap Corse for more superb walking trails alongside several characterful villages such as Nonza and Erbalunga. Visit the vineyards of Patrimonio, enjoy the beauty of Corsica's interiors around Oletta and even pop into the Corsica Zoo.

Venture back to your holiday home where you can be served a delicious home-cooked meal, served al-fresco on the terrace with unrivalled views towards the twinkling lights of St Florent bay.

Facilities

Air-Con • Fishing • Boat Trips • Wine Tasting • Scuba Diving • Private Pool • Sailing • Cycling • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Chef/Cook Included • Special Offer • Has Discount • Wow Factor • Walk to Beach • Heated Pool • Maid Service Included • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Seaview • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • DVD • Wine Cellar • Breakfast Available

Interior & Grounds



Villa Interiors

The two villas are connected via a large patio and roof

Villa I

Main Floor

- Open plan lounge with sofas, fireplace and sea view
- Open plan kitchen with two dishwashers, two ovens, induction hob, microwave, fridge and ice-maker

Upper Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed (can be made up as twins), desk and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, two sinks and separate WC
- Bedroom with sea/St Florent view, king-size double bed and bathroom (beneath, off the corridor) with bath, sink and WC
- Small bedroom for baby/young child

Basement

- Laundry
- Wine cellar
- Storage rooms/areas with freezer

Villa II

Ground Floor

- Bedroom with sea-view, double bed (160cm, can be made up as twin) and small bathroom with shower and sink. Access via patio hallway or small terrace
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm, can be made up as twin) and bathroom with bath (best suited to children)

First Floor

- Bedroom (access via terrace) with king-size four poster bed, terrace with lovely view and small bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Garden Level

- Bedroom (independent access via large stairs) with queen-size double bed and small bathroom with shower and WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (15x3m), can be heated on request
- Large covered patio (80m2) with al-fresco lounge and dining area
- Second west-facing al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Terraced grounds (including steps and horizontal railings)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV and DVD player
- Books
- Hi-Fi
- Small sailing boat/kayak
- Washing machine (x2) and dryer

Location & Local Information

Villa Lapis enjoys a unique and remote setting west of St Florent in the northern part of Corsica, around 34km from Bastia Airport.

Facing north-east with gorgeous views towards St Florent and the Cap Corse mountains, the villa is part of a huge *domaine* (with security guard) featuring six other villas spread across many acres - your nearest neighbour is 200m away. The villa is reached via a 2.2km long dirt track (a suitable car is needed) and it is perched around 50m above the sea. The grounds tumble all the way down towards the coast where you will come across rocky shores and little bays, idyllic for swimming from late spring to autumn.

The small harbourside town of St Florent is reached in around fifteen minutes (including 2.2km of dirt track) or a short boat ride from the shores in front of the property grounds (small motorboat hire is possible in advance with strict conditions). St Florent is a very attractive place to potter around - enjoy a meal out in an authentic restaurant and wander by the marina.

St Florent's main beach is Plage de la Roya, a sandy beach with clear waters amongst the rocks, ideal for paddling, swimming and snorkelling as well as seasonal watersports from jet-skiing to paddle-boarding.

This area is an experienced hiker's paradise, whether walking from the villa towards swimming spots and beaches in the remote Désert des Agriates, coming across Genovese towers or just admiring the views from the coastal footpath. Two of the most famous beaches in the Désert des Agriates are Plage du Lotu and Plage de Saleccia, both only accessible on foot or via boat from St Florent (boat excursions depart from St Florent's marina).

The Cap Corse is another area with wonderful walking opportunities or drive around the peninsula to discover its rugged landscapes, little fishing harbours and wine-producing villages. Erbalunga (40km) is especially

picturesque on the east coast or slightly closer to home are the ancient houses of Nonza (25km).

Just a short drive from St Florent, Patrimonio (15km) is especially well known for its vineyards or travel to the pretty hillside village of Oletta (13km) to appreciate Corsica's beauty and heritage.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bastia Airport (34km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Calvi Airport (72km)**
Nearest Town	**St Florent (6km - partly dirt track)**
Nearest Beach	**Small beaches/rocky shore (Within 500m)**
Nearest Restaurant	**St Florent (6km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**St Florent (6.5km)**
Nearest City	**Bastia (30km)**
Nearest Golf	**Borgo Golf Club (33km)**

What we love

- Admire the most gorgeous views towards St Florent, Cap Corse and the Mediterranean
- Designed by a famous French Architect, high-end materials have been used such as century-old oak parquet and blue raw stone
- The services of a cook are included to prepare two meals on most days
- Perched above the sea, walk down to the shores for idyllic swimming and scenery
- Experienced hikers will be able to walk to stunning beaches in the remote Désert des Agriates, otherwise only reached by boat.
- The charming harbourside town of St Florent is 6km away

What you should know...

- The rooms are on various floors, split across two houses which are connected via a long roof and covered summer terrace. Please see the “Layout” tab for details.
- Perched above the sea, the villa is set across terraced grounds with steps and there are various levels and terraces within the house, as you can see from the photos. Young children will need extra supervision.
- The cook is available six days a week (excluding public holidays) to prepare two meals a day – guests have to pay for the cost of all groceries/drinks.
- The property is around a 15-minute drive from St Florent, the last 2.2km is via an unmade road so a suitable car is needed.
- 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:** €4000 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 11.00 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.
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- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Daily cleaning (excluding Sunday) also included

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.

- **Other 2:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **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.

- **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 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.

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