

Le Gingembre

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

Overview

Le Gingembre is a historic stone home situated in the heart of an idyllic village encircled by the green hills of Provence. With the village amenities, vineyards and mountain walking trails close to the villa, you have everything you need on hand for a relaxing break.

The house is quintessentially Provençal; it is a traditional stone building with blue window shutters outside, while indoors you can still find the original beams, floor tiles and impressive stone fire place. The antique furniture and cosy décor reflect the rich history of the home, which was once used as a meeting house during the French Revolution where the Republicans rallied together against the royalists.

The villa is spread over three floors; on the ground floor there is an open-plan living and dining room with comfy sofas, a feature fireplace and a large dining table for chatting the night away over dinner. The room is flooded with natural light from the large windows and from the doors that lead out on to the internal courtyard. Downstairs there is also a fully-fitted kitchen and an alcove with a table which is great for board games.

The first floor of the house boasts a fantastic master suite which has a dressing room, a seating area and a spacious en-suite bathroom with an inviting bath tub. There are also two further double bedrooms on this floor with pretty décor. The two remaining bedrooms are situated on the second floor; one is a double room and the other can be set up with a double bed or two twin beds, offering flexibility to your party. If you need to work while away then there is also an office space on the second floor.

Despite being set in the middle of the village, the home has two amazing outdoor areas. You can either lounge in



the internal courtyard or you could take in the staggering views and cook at the summer kitchen on the roof terrace. There is even a garage available for parking.

When you want to dine out in the evening or pick up some groceries, you will find a range of amenities in the village including a fine dining restaurant. It is a delightful place to stay and is noted as one of France's most beautiful villages; where you can enjoy strolling through picturesque streets and squares and shopping at the bustling market held every Sunday. There are also a number of attractions here such as the medieval castle, 12th century church and a few museums. On the outskirts of the village there are countless woodland walking trails, cycling routes and serene picnic locations as well as a selection of family run vineyards and lavender farms which offer tours to visitors.

The surrounding area is home to a wide range of enchanting, hilltop villages that you should also add to your itinerary. Among them is Lourmarin, and its incredible castle Château de Lourmarin, which is 10km away, Bonnieux, which is 22km away and was an inspiration to Impressionist painters, and Ménerbes, which is 32km away and was the setting for the famous book "A Year in Provence" by Peter Mayle.

If you would like to spend a day in the city then you can visit Aix-en-Provence with ease as it is just 30km away by car. This is a gorgeous city which is a hub for art and culture lovers who will love perusing the endless stream of museums and galleries. Those who prefer shopping and lazy brunches are also well-provided for in the city as you can wander around the streets lined with boutique stores and sit out in one of the fountain-filled squares to dine-alfresco.

Facilities

Hairdryer • Canoeing/Kayaking • Watersports • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Wi-Fi/Internet • Tennis Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Boat Trips • Coffee Machine • Villa • Washing Machine • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Village • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Living and dining room with air-conditioning, sofas, fireplace, TV and dining table
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge/freezer, dishwasher, microwave and coffee machine
- Alcove with table and chairs
- Guest WC

First Floor

- Master bedroom with king-sized bed, air-conditioning, TV, dressing room with seating area and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC
- 2 x bedrooms with queen-sized beds, air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms with baths, showers, sinks and WCs
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and air-conditioning (can be made into 2 single beds)
- Bedroom with double bed and air-conditioning
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Workspace

Outside Grounds

- Inner courtyard with outdoor armchairs, coffee table and fountain
- Roof terrace with comfortable seating and a summer kitchen with barbecue, fridge, sink and microwave
- Garage parking

Facilities

- Iron



Location & Local Information

This family home is set within a row of charming historic houses looking out over the streets of one of the most beautiful villages in the Vaucluse area. With shops and eateries on your doorstep plus open countryside close by, this is a wonderful place to stay on your trip to Provence.

Le Gingembre is located within a lovely hilltop village which is dotted with honey-hued medieval stone buildings and encircled by verdant fields and vineyards. In the centre you will find a boutique shops, a bakery, bar and a Michelin-starred restaurant which offers fresh, seasonal menus for lunch and dinner.

The village is topped by a 12th-century castle and the neighbouring St Martin Church. The castle is privately owned but is open for tours where you can learn more about the history of the castle from the middle-ages onwards. The unique castle is one of two halves; the old medieval side with ramparts and turrets which was used for defence and the Renaissance side which was added later which is filled with tapestries and luxurious Versaille-esque décor. Outdoors, the grounds of the Château are vast and filled with roses and pristine hedges.

Another great attraction can be found on the outskirts of the village which is a museum of wine. At the museum you can learn about the history of wine making "from vine to wine", learn about bottle making and the wine press and walk around the five-room exhibition. You will be glad to hear that the museum is located within Château Turcan - a vineyard where you can sample wines and see the cellars.

This area is also surrounded by rolling fields and expansive parkland where you can enjoy time in nature. Leading out from the alleys of the village you can find yourself on picturesque walking trails. Whether you wish to hike over the nearby hills or just fancy a circular stroll, there is something for everyone. There are lots of stunning natural spots near to the villa which you could visit to spend a lazy day; one of these is the l'Etang de la Bonde, which is a tranquil lake which is just 5km away. The lake is a fabulous place for a day trip and sits in dense pine woodlands with beaches, picnic areas and a snack bar. There is also a lifeguard on duty in summer months when the locals love to come for a cooling swim.

Provence is home to countless hilltop villages with historic buildings, shops, restaurants and bustling markets, each with their own histories to tell. Some of the fantastic villages nearby include: Bonnieux which is 22km away, Lourmarin which is 10km away and Ménerbes which is 30km away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille (55km)
Nearest Airport	Avignon (63km)



Nearest Village	Ansouis (0km)
Nearest Town/City	Aix-en-Provence (31km)
Nearest Restaurant	Village restaurant (0km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Village bar (0km)
Nearest Beach	Prado Beach (68km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis club Cucuron Vaugines (5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Du Luberon (26km)

What we love

- Le Gingembre is a historic home at the heart of a village which is renowned for its beauty
- The home can sleep up to ten guests in spacious rooms including a master suite with a dressing room and en-suite bathroom
- The villa offers two outdoor areas; a pretty courtyard and a roof terrace with a summer kitchen and incredible views
- The shops and eateries in the local village are just a stone's throw away from the house, including a wonderful Michelin-starred restaurant

What you should know...

- The villa is located over three floors and connected by stairs so would not suit people with reduced mobility.
- The home is in the centre of a lovely village and has neighbouring homes and shops nearby.
- 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:** €700 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to 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:** 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. A cot and highchair are available on request. 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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €150 per week, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.