

# Villa Madeleine

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

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## Overview

Villa Madeleine is a contemporary villa with a wonderful garden and swimming pool, a leisurely stroll (partially along country lanes) from a bustling Provençal village and restaurants, ideal for visiting the idyllic landscapes of Les Alpilles.

Make the most of the open-plan living spaces in this architect-designed villa with doors leading out to the gorgeously decked terrace and garden. Sleeping up to 10 guests, each of the five modern bedrooms has its own bathroom and most feature air-conditioning, including the master double upstairs.

Outside, it's perfect for families and friends alike with ample opportunities for dining by the barbecue or chatting on warm summer evenings in the al-fresco lounge. Across the other side of the garden, the swimming pool will delight all ages, surrounded by a scattering of olive trees so typical of this part of Provence.

Indeed, the local village is famous for its olive oil which you can sample in one of the original mills. Enjoy lunch out in a pizzeria or gastronomic restaurant and visit the weekly market on a Thursday morning. Just a short drive away, book a table at Le Bistrot du Paradou, one of Provence's most iconic restaurants, recently visited by Rick Stein.

The popular village of Les Baux-de-Provence is only 5km away, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with its historic château – get there early to avoid the summer day-trippers, admire the incredible vistas around you, then follow one of the walking trails through the olive groves and hills.

Arles, Avignon and even Aix-en-Provence await, as do picture-perfect places such as Eygalières, Saint-Rémy-de-



Provence and the archetypal perched villages of the Luberon. Cycle past summer sunflowers and lavender, sample wines from the Rhône valley, seek antique treasures in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and follow the footsteps of Van Gogh in this captivating part of Provence.

## Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Tennis Nearby • Laptop Friendly  
Workspace • Villa • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Chef/Cook Available •  
Modern • Zoo • Kid-friendly excursions • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available •  
Amusement park • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available •  
Transfers Available • Forest park/High-rope course • Babysitting Available  
• Butler Available • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Pets on Request •  
Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • All Bedrooms  
En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking  
Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes  
• Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (250m<sup>2</sup>)

### Ground Floor (split-level)

- Open-plan lounge and dining area
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped
- Laundry room
- Office area (at entrance)
- 3 x bedrooms with double bed (160x200cm), air-conditioning and bathroom with shower
- Bedroom (north-facing) with double bed (140cm), fan and bathroom with shower

### First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed (180cm), air-conditioning dressing, door leading to roof terrace (low wall). Bathroom

## Outside Grounds (2500m<sup>2</sup>, enclosed)

- Swimming pool (15x3.5m, depth: 1.4m) with alarm
- South-facing terrace with pergola
- Weber style barbecue
- Garden (sloping and terraced in parts)
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (four bedrooms)
- Fan (in bedroom without a/c)





## Location & Local Information

In the Bouches-du-Rhône department of southern France, Villa Madeleine is located on the edge of a bustling village in Les Alpilles.

You can stroll along quiet lanes (with no pavement at times) into the village where you will find a handful of places to eat from pizzerias to traditional French restaurants, alongside nice shops and a grocery store. The weekly market takes place on the main square on Thursday mornings selling seasonal produce of Provence and you can sample the village's famous AOP olive oil in one of its two mills.

The much-loved village of Les Baux-de-Provence (5km) sits on a hilltop looking out over olive groves and landscapes of Les Alpilles below, a wonderful area for walking. One of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', visit its famous chateau and potter around the historic lanes. Also take time to stop off in the much quieter village of Paradou (2km), home of Le Bistrot du Paradou, an iconic French establishment that changes its fixed menu each day.

Visit Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (11km) on a Wednesday morning for its bustling market which attracts visitors from across the region whilst picture-perfect Eygalières (19km) hosts a pretty Friday morning market. You are also well located for venturing to the old riverside town of Tarascon (17km) and historic Arles (18km), the gateway to the landscapes of the Camargue.

The UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon (32km) are also worthy of a grand day out – combine with a boat trip across to the peaceful île de la Barthelasse or soak up the ambience of one of the city's many markets. Heading east, Aix-en-Provence (65km) is only an hour by car, a charming and artistic town with such a rich heritage and wonderful ambience.

Then there's the perched villages of the Luberon such as Bonnieux, Gordes and Ménerbes, all around an hour away, the antique shops of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (43km),



canoeing/kayaking opportunities in Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (49km) and the wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (52km) and the Rhône valley.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (31km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes (45km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille (70km)
Nearest Train Station	Arles (19km)
Nearest Village	Maussanne-les-Alpilles (500m)
Nearest Restaurant	Maussanne-les-Alpilles (500m)
Nearest Shop	Maussanne-les-Alpilles (1km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (11km)
Nearest Golf	Domaine de Manville (1.5km)
Nearest City	Avignon (32km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club du Paradou (2.5km)

## What we love

- Such a brilliant setting, a short stroll from a bustling Provençal village with excellent restaurants and a weekly market
- There's a great sense of open-plan living and each bedroom has its own bathroom
- The decked terrace is perfect for al-fresco lunches before spending an afternoon by the swimming pool
- One of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', Les Baux-de-Provence, is only 5km away
- A great base for visiting Avignon, Arles, Aix-en-Provence and other highlights of Provence

## What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in four of the five bedrooms.
- As you can see from the photo, the top-floor terrace isn't suitable for young children.
- It's approximately 1km to the charming local village; if you are walking, bear in mind that the surrounding lanes and roads may be unlit and without pavements at times.
- 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 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:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner (no cats).
- **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.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, and 3 hours mid-stay cleaning included. 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.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before arrival.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **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.