

# Maison Beaubois

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

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## Overview

Nestled on a prime hillside spot on the edge of the endearing village of La Garde-Freinet, this delightful four-bedroom villa offers classic Provençal interiors, delightful views of the verdant forested hills towards Grimaud and the Gulf of Saint Tropez and an outdoor swimming pool.

Maison Beaubois is a peaceful retreat in the hills, thirty minutes' drive away from Saint-Tropez and the bustling Riviera crowds. It enjoys a split-level ground floor where most of the rooms are located and a first floor which is home to one double bedroom with an en-suite bathroom. The open-plan living space enjoys an open fireplace, comfortable sofas, a dining area and a country kitchen. All in dazzling white, it is a bright and airy space with vibrant colour splashes coming from scatter cushions, contemporary art and warm terracotta tiles. French doors open to a shaded deck with a barbecue and alfresco dining and lounging. There are steps up to a double bedroom which enjoys far-reaching views from its balcony window. There is also a delightful seaside-themed twin bedroom and guests staying in these rooms share a family bathroom.

Spiral stairs lead from the dining area to the lower ground floor where you will discover a summer living room with a screen and DVD player and a double bedroom which boasts an en-suite bathroom. French doors open on to the terrace which overlooks the swimming pool.

Though the interiors are charming, you will want to spend much of your time outside, enjoying the sunshine and the glorious views. The grounds are terraced with a refreshing pool, surrounded by sun loungers, which can be heated on request. You can always find a quiet corner at Maison Beaubois to read your holiday book or have an afternoon snooze.



The ancient village of La Garde-Freinet is under 2km away and carries the very essence of Provence with its narrow streets, tiny stone houses, bakeries, butchers, grocers, antique shops, art galleries, boutiques and its fine selection of restaurants and bars. It hosts a colourful, jolly market twice a week and has an open-air swimming pool which is open from June to August each year. There are some wonderful festivals including October's Chestnut Festival, the mid-July ball and Bastille Day, when the mayor serves wine and hors d'oeuvres in the town square.

There are some wonderful vineyards nearby where you can taste and buy fine wines and golf is an all-year pastime. For guests that enjoy hiking, there are nine marked walking trails. The charming medieval village of Grimaud (9km) is nestled between the Gulf of Saint Tropez and the Maures Massif and its 11th-century castle offers a stunning view of the coast.

## Facilities

Paragliding • Cycling • Historical Sites • Watersports • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Sailing • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Special Offer • <1hr to Airport • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Transfers Available • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Maison Interior

### Ground Floor (split level)

- Open plan living/dining room with TV, DVD player, CD player, dining table, open fireplace and French doors leading outside. Well-equipped kitchen including oven, hob, dishwasher and kettle
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm) and balcony window
- Bedroom with twin beds (90cm each)
- Bathroom
- Guest WC

### Lower Ground Floor (accessed via a spiral staircase)

- Summer living room with screen and DVD player
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), en-suite bathroom and French doors to terrace overlooking pool

### First Floor

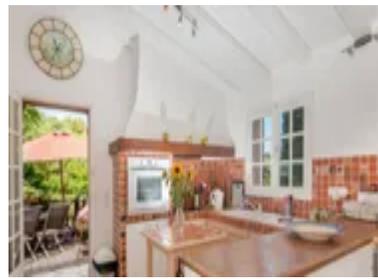
- Double bedroom (160cm), with en-suite shower room

## Outside Grounds

- Private pool (9m x 4m), heated on request (extra cost)
- Sun loungers
- Pergola covered seating area
- AI-fresco dining table
- Gas barbecue
- On-street parking for 1 car

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- DVD player
- CD player
- Fireplace
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)



## Location & Local Information

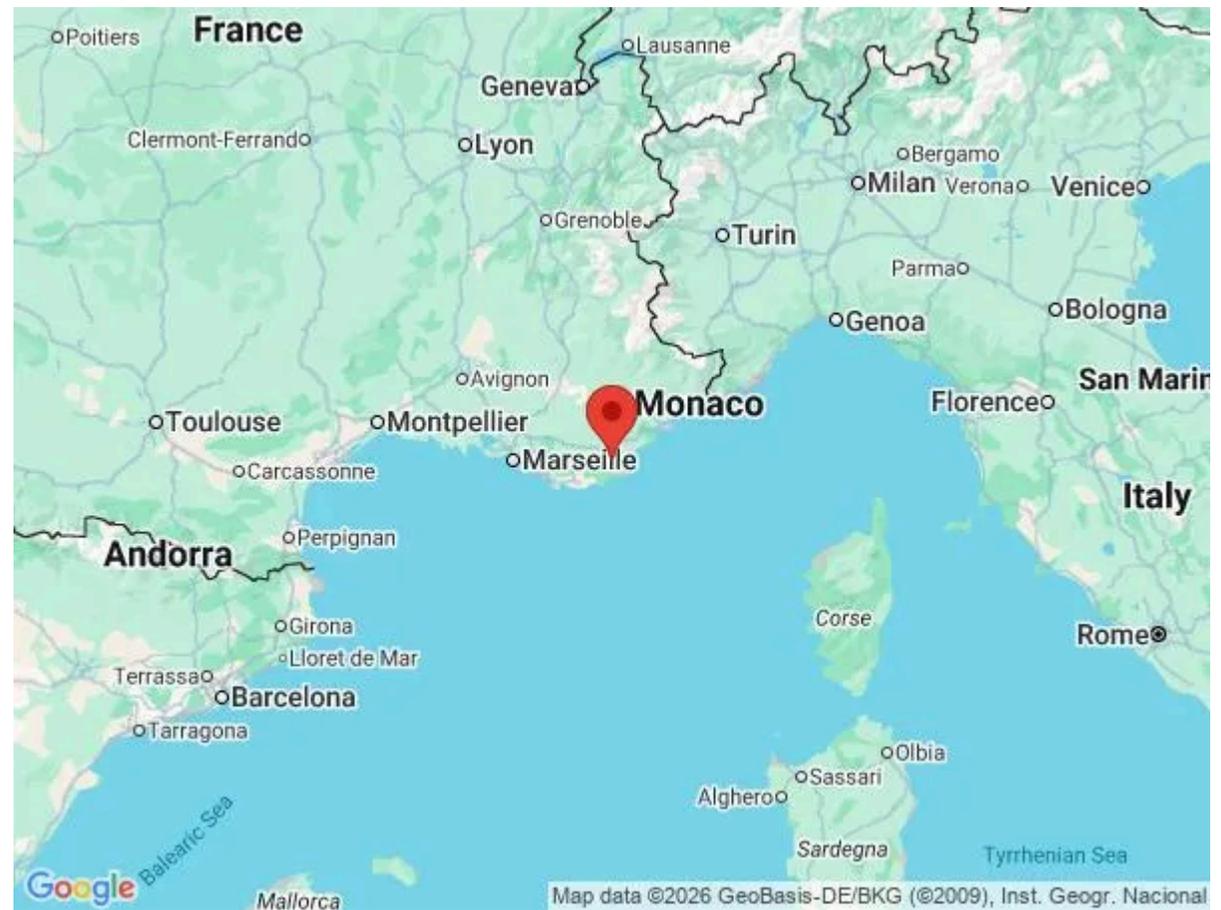
Maison Beaubois is a semi-detached home which enjoys a lovely hillside position surrounded by neighbouring houses just outside the charming village of La Garde-Freinet. It is a wonderful, natural area with plenty to entertain including tennis in the village, hiking, golf at Beauvallon, sailing, surfing, water skiing, horse riding and cycling all available nearby. There are also some fabulous polo matches to watch.

La Garde-Freinet has an excellent range of shops, bars and restaurants. The village dates back to the 8th century and you can still see the ruins. The big cross erected on the hilltop slope is a famous landmark and offers fantastic views. The village enjoyed its golden age in the late 19th century when cork production was the main industry. During the later part of the 20th century, the village became a popular watering hole for international celebrities.

There are plenty of excellent beaches within easy reach including the beautiful Pampelonne Beach, and Saint-Tropez' three beaches: La Glaye, La Ponche and La Fontanette in the oldest part of Saint-Tropez.

Proud of its well-preserved heritage, Grimaud is a maze of pretty cobblestone streets adorned with colourful flowers. There are many restored period homes, village squares and archways. Its castle was built in the 11th century and some ruins remain, offering wonderful views of the coast and the wooded forests of the Maures Massif. The Church of St Michael dates back to the 12th century. There is a lovely walk that starts at the Saint Roch mill and goes to the Fairy Bridge, delighting hikers, or you can take a parasailing trip to enjoy the dramatic Les Maures mountain range and the Esterel red rocks.

A little further north, across the Gulf of Saint-Tropez, Sainte-Maxime is a fabulous place with over 11km of fine sandy beaches and crystal clear, turquoise waters where you can try your hand at water skiing, jet skiing, paddle boards, fly boards and some inflatables. The historical



town centre offers a warren of cobbled lanes lined with unique shops, monuments and fantastic gastro restaurants. You will discover a lively square where you can enjoy supper under plane trees, enjoying the warm and welcoming ambience that Sainte-Maxime is so proud of. There are some wonderful festivals and events including the Sainte-Maxime Free Flight World Masters, the Var Rally, the Mimosa Floral Parade and Christmas and New Year festivities.

Saint-Tropez came to fame in the 1950s with Brigitte Bardot starring in the 1956 'And God Created Woman'. Overnight, Saint-Tropez became a sizzling jet-set playground though in low season the town still enjoys its mesmerising quaint beauty. Visitors can meander its cobbled lanes in the old fishing quarter of La Ponche, sip pastis in charming cafes, watch locals playing pétanque and walk slowly along the coastal paths.

Saint-Tropez is a shopper's paradise, packed with trendy boutiques. The streets around Rue Gambetta and Rue Allard are sprinkled with shoe shops, chocolate shops, boutiques, antique emporiums and art galleries. If you visit on a Tuesday or Saturday morning, you will be treated to wonderful open-air stalls at Place des Lices where you can stock up on freshly baked bread and delicious local produce. Fine wine is big in Saint-Tropez.

In Gassin, one of the 'Plus Beaux Villages de France', Chateau Barbeyrolles is one of the best vineyards in the village. Red and white wines have been added to their delicious rose wines and visitors can taste and buy wines every day except Sundays.

La Croix-Valmer, in the heart of the Saint-Tropez peninsula, is a jewel of nature nestled in the national park, an area known for its walking, cycling and mountain bike paths, its scenic landscapes, amazing fauna and flora, breathtaking views, lively Sunday market and its surrounding vineyards.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (97km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille Provence Airport (148km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(1km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Saint-Tropez (21km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(650m)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>(800m)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Up (13km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>(9km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Plage de Grimaud (15km)</b>

## What we love

- The outdoor pool is perfect for cooling down on a hot day, but can also be heated at cooler times of the year
- The summer living room is the ideal spot for taking a break from the heat and spending time together as a group
- The home is situated in a wonderful hillside location on the edge of a charming ancient village and close to Grimaud and Saint-Tropez

## What you should know...

- Due to the semi-detached property being perched on the hillside, the house and terraced grounds are on different levels (including a spiral staircase inside) - please bear in mind if travelling with children or guests with restricted mobility.
- Air-conditioning is available in the bedrooms only.
- 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:** £1500 charged to client's credit card one month before 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.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchair are available on request. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. 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. 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Extra £100/week, on request, and payable to Oliver's Travels prior to travel. 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?:** 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.