

Grande Camargue

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 10

Overview

In the countryside only 12km from Arles, Grande Camargue is a beautiful 5-bedroom villa with stylish interiors and a heated swimming pool set in its vast grounds, perfectly located for exploring the Camargue's magnificent landscapes and the picturesque villages of Les Alpilles.

This stunning Provençal farmhouse dates back to the 19th century and has been wonderfully restored whilst retaining its historic charm. Be enchanted by the villa's exquisite floor tiles, exposed stone walls and oak wood beams alongside elegant furnishings and objets d'art. There is an impressive sense of space across the ground floor with its spacious hallway leading to the salon, dining room, superb kitchen and TV lounge.

Upstairs, there's a more contemporary vibe with four air-conditioned bedrooms, yet there's still a feeling of understated luxury with its graceful style. Three of the doubles feature gorgeous bathrooms and even the children's twin has been attractively decorated. In another wing of the house, reached via a striking glass staircase, a fifth bedroom awaits with its own private bathroom.

The heated swimming pool is ideal for long summer days or you may prefer to just relax in the dappled shade of the ancient plane trees before dining al-fresco; making the most of the plancha-style barbecue.

A short drive takes you to the local village's *boulangerie*, café-restaurant and handy supermarket, and don't miss the Friday morning market in the attractive town of Saint-Martin-de-Crau. Arles is also easily reached with its artistic and Roman heritage and UNESCO World Heritage sites. Stopping off in one of the café terraces at Place du Forum is surely a must for Van Gogh lovers.



The Camargue is wonderful for long walks, bike rides, horse-riding and boat trips, not to mention its glorious beaches for swimming in the Mediterranean. Then there's the idyllic villages of Les Alpilles from Eygalières to Les Baux-de-Provence, as well as the characterful town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, also known for its close associations with Vincent Van Gogh who so adored this part of Provence.

Facilities

TV • Villa • Coffee Machine • Washing Machine • Hairdryer • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Maid Service Available • Saltwater Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Rural Location • Private Pool • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Electric Car Charger • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (450m2)

Ground Floor

- Large entrance hall
- Lounge with fireplace
- TV lounge and office
- Dining room
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including induction hob, American fridge-freezer, wine cabinet, electric oven and dishwasher
- Cellar/laundry room

First Floor (reached via open-tread glass stairs from TV lounge)

- Bedroom (45m2) with double bed (180x200cm) and independent bathroom with shower, bath and WC

First Floor (main staircase)

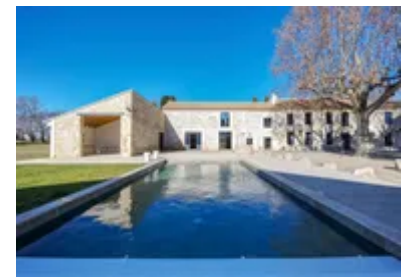
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed (180x200cm), reversible air-conditioning and bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm), reversible air-conditioning and shower room with Italian shower and WC
- Children's bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm) and reversible air-conditioning

Some of the bathrooms are partially open plan to the bedrooms

Outside Grounds (one hectare)

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (12x6m, depth: 1.45m) with safety alarm
- Al-fresco dining terrace and lounge area
- Plancha-style barbecue
- Covered parking

Facilities



- Wi-Fi
- Reversible air-conditioning (four bedrooms only)
- TV
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer
- Electric Vehicle Charging Point (available at an extra cost)

Location & Local Information

Grand Camargue is located between Arles and Saint-Martin-de-Crau in the Bouches-du-Rhône department of Provence, an ideal setting for visiting the gorgeous villages of Les Alpilles and the captivating landscapes of the Camargue.

Despite the villa's rural setting surrounded by hay fields, there is a small village just over 2km by car which is home to a boulangerie, café-restaurant and useful supermarket. Larger supermarkets and further restaurants can be found in the attractive town of Saint-Martin-de-Crau (7km). The countryside around Saint-Martin-de-Crau is dedicated to farming with many roaming sheep as well as orchards and greenhouses producing nectarines, peaches, tomatoes and peppers – look out for a wealth of delicious seasonal produce at local markets, including Saint-Martin-de-Crau on a Friday morning.

Arles (12km), on the banks of the Rhône, is another great highlight of the region, with its Roman amphitheatre, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Place du Forum where Vincent Van Gogh painted 'Café Terrace at Night' in the late 19th century. Art-lovers should see what exhibitions are taking place at the Fondation Vincent Van Gogh and follow the artist's trail around the town. Stop off for a coffee near Place de la République and admire the beautiful buildings around you. The square's Cathédrale Saint-Trophime is yet another UNESCO World Heritage site in Arles.

This is the gateway to the Camargue Regional Park, France's largest area of wetlands where you will find the most mesmerising scenery of lagoons, rice fields and salt plains. With thousands of migrating birds (including iconic pink flamingos), it's a paradise for nature lovers and there are ample opportunities for hiking, cycling, pony-trekking and horse-riding – the area is famous for its white horses. Look out for river cruises on Le Petit Rhône and you can even drive to some of the region's glorious beaches such as Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, 45 minutes away.



Heading north, visit picture-perfect villages and towns dotted across Les Alpilles Regional Nature Park such as artistic Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (26km), idyllic Eygalières (32km) and Les Baux-de-Provence (20km), classified as one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages'. Sample olive oil in Maussane-les-Alpilles (16km), dine out in Paradou (17km) or admire the windmills of nearby Fontvieille (12km). There are many outdoor activities and hiking trails, a great way to appreciate this wonderful part of Provence.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nîmes (36km)
Nearest Airport 2	Avignon (45km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille (56km)
Nearest Train Station	Saint-Martin-de-Crau (9km)
Nearest Village	Local village (2km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar in local village (2.2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Cafe-restaurant in local village (2.2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Local village (2.5km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Martin-de-Crau/Arles (7km/12km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saint-Martin-de-Crau (5.5km)
Nearest Beach	Fos-sur-Mer (31km)

What we love

- A stunning restoration of a 19th century Provençal farmhouse with exquisite original features and contemporary elegance
- Spend summer days relaxing beneath the shady plain trees or dipping into the heated salt-water swimming pool
- This is the gateway to the Camargue with its gorgeous landscapes, rich nature and beautiful beaches
- Follow Van Gogh's footsteps in Arles and visit the many idyllic villages of Les Alpilles

What you should know...

- Reversible air-conditioning is only featured in four bedrooms – please see the 'Property Layout' tab for details.
- 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:** €5000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m. Late arrivals after 9.00 p.m. may be charged a late arrival fee of €120.
- **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.
- **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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Please note that the EV charging point is available at an extra cost of €20 per day.
- **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.
- **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 from May to September - 2 nights during all other periods.
- **Pool heating charge?:** 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-€10 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.