

# Bastide Hercule

**Region:** French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 14

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## Overview

There's a charming, laid-back ambience at 18th century Bastide Hercule, a blue-shuttered villa with a private swimming pool, just a short walk from a little bay, restaurants and marina on the French Riviera between Carqueiranne and Toulon.

A fine holiday home for spending relaxed times with family or friends, guests will appreciate the bastide's characterful interiors with its double-height hallway, tiled floors, inviting lounge and cosy family kitchen. Somewhat vintage in style, it was renovated by an Italian count and English Lord in the mid 20th century - it was even rumoured that Brigitte Bardot once danced the night away at one of the owners' parties! Nowadays, up to 14 guests can sleep across six individually styled bedrooms which are split across two wings of the first floor, ranging from a spacious double with frescoed ceilings to a simple children's quad room.

At Bastide Hercule it's all about outdoor living with its delightful al-fresco dining table beneath the vine-covered pergola, the rustic garden with Mediterranean plants and shaded tables as well as the glorious outdoor lounge, hammock in the trees and children's play area. Not to mention the swimming pool for lazy summer afternoons.

Set in a wooded residential area alongside other holiday homes, wander down the narrow country lane and steps to reach a gorgeous little bay, marina and a small handful of summer restaurants. Keen walkers take note that the hiking paths of the Colle Noire Massif are also very close by. There are other idyllic bays dotted along this part of the coastline and it's only a 7km drive to the pretty port at Carqueiranne and the swaying pine trees at Plage des Pins Penchés.

Find a wealth of watersports along the Giens Peninsula,



take a boat ride across to the beautiful Îles d'Hyères, soak up the charm of Hyères and spend the day exploring the maritime city of Toulon with its historic architecture, bustling markets, wonderful restaurants and family-friendly beach at Plage du Mourillon.

## Facilities

Watersports • Walk to Beach • TV • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wi-Fi/Internet • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Sailing • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Coffee Machine • Chef/Cook Available • Table Tennis • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Swings • Slide • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Bastide Interiors (400m<sup>2</sup>, over two levels and two wings)

- Entrance hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen, well-equipped including kitchen table
- 5 x bedrooms with double bed
- Children's bedroom with four single beds
- 3 x bathrooms with bath and WC
- Shower room



## Outside Grounds (1.5 hectares)

- Swimming pool (15x5m) with safety gate/enclosure
- Pergola for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue
- Garden
- Pétanque court
- Table tennis
- Children's play area





# Location & Local Information

On the French Riviera between Carqueiranne and Toulon, Bastide Hercule is set in a residential wooded area within a short walk of a pretty bay and marina with a handful of summer restaurants.

Just stroll out of your gated grounds and wander along the country lane, passing a neighbouring holiday residence and other villas, then you will reach a set of fairly steep steps that will take you down to the sea. Continuing on, there is a little pebbly bay and a small yet bustling marina with a handful of seasonal restaurants. The sunsets from this bay are especially impressive.

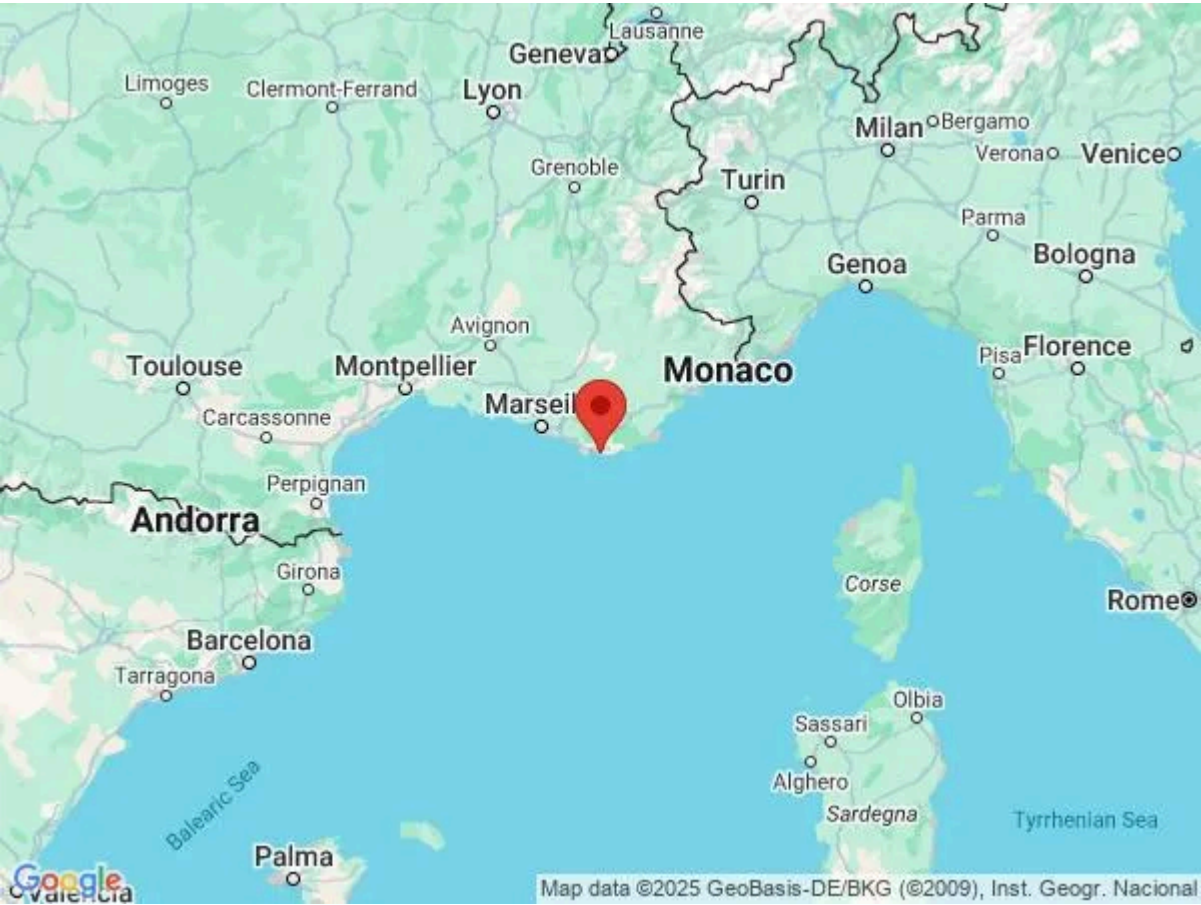
A second small beach, grocery store and watersports centre is around 1km away by car (if walking, part of the road does not have a pavement). There are plenty more beaches dotted along this coastline reached within a short drive (some via forested paths and/or steps), all with gorgeous clear water perfect for swimming and snorkelling. An easily accessible family-friendly option is Plage du Mourillon (10km), the city beach in Toulon, with sandy shores and summer watersports. In the other direction is the Giens Peninsula (17km) for wind-surfing and kite-surfing on one side and gentler water-based activities on the other.

From the end of the Giens Peninsula, catch a ferry or taxi boat across to the very beautiful Îles d'Hyères. The main island, Porquerolles, is car-free so hire a bike from the port and cycle to your hearts content across the gorgeous landscapes of vineyards, olive trees, pine forests and eucalyptus trees, coming across idyllic Caribbean-style beaches.

Back on the mainland, find restaurants, bars and other handy amenities in the local village of Le Pradet (3km) or continue onwards to the great city of Toulon (12km). Toulon is a fantastic day out with its harbour, boat tours, bustling indoor and outdoor markets, excellent restaurants, museums and the cable-car ride up to Mont Faron.

Beyond Toulon are other lovely seaside towns and resorts of the French Riviera such as La Seyne-sur-Mer (18km), Les Sablettes (21km) with its summer beachside markets, characterful Sanary-sur-Mer (23km) known for its characterful harbour and beaches for watersports and the authentic French Riviera town of Bandol (29km).

Heading east, you could even venture as far as Saint-Tropez and Pampelonne Beach for a fantastic day out, around a 80-minute drive away. Keen cyclists also note that the villa is close to the Toulon – Saint-Tropez cycling route whilst there are also plenty of coastal walking opportunities nearby.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (15km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (100km)

Nearest Restaurant	Summer restaurant by the marina (650m including steps)
Nearest Beach	Small bay by the marina (500m including steps)
Nearest Shop	(1km)
Nearest Village	Le Pradet (3km)
Nearest City	Toulon (12km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Toulon TGV (12km)

## What we love

- An 18th century bastide with bright blue shuttered windows, there's such a Mediterranean ambience across this characterful holiday home
- How wonderful to be able to stroll down to a gorgeous little beach, marina and summer restaurants!
- Dine al-fresco beneath the pergola then spend the afternoon lazing by the pool – youngsters will also love the outdoor play area
- It's a walker's paradise with hiking paths to the Colle Noire Massif very close by
- As well as many beautiful beaches close by, enjoy trips to Carqueiranne, Toulon and the Îles d'Hyères

## What you should know...

- Perched in a residential wooded area above the coast, guests will need to be able to manage the fairly steep steps down to the beach and marina if walking (there is a another beach around 1km away).
- 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 by the owner one month before 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. A cot and highchair are available on request. 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.
- **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.
- **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.