

Villa Daxie

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

This pretty holiday home is a few minutes' walk (no pavement) from a small Provençal village which nestles in the valley at the foot of Les Alpilles. You are sure to quickly feel at home in the warm atmosphere of this contemporary and stylish villa which is tastefully furnished with some artistic and quirky touches.

The three comfortable, en suite and air-conditioned double bedrooms are individually designed to promote relaxation and please the eye. Tucked behind the living and dining space is a quaint study area and the well-equipped kitchen is partially open plan.

The mature and well established enclosed Provençal garden is simply glorious with its orderly lawns alongside mature trees, hedges and beds of herbs and lavender. Chill out with a glass of wine and admire the shapes of the olive trees and the bright blossom of the oleander bushes as you listen to the soothing sounds of the water feature.

The terrace next to the house is perfect for sociable al-fresco dining on warm evenings. There are further spacious lounging and seating areas around the heated swimming pool and a covered terrace with tables and chairs in front of the well-equipped pool house.

The village has a small supermarket, shops and restaurants and is surrounded by some superb countryside and hectares of olive groves - don't leave without trying some of the local olive oil on a piece of freshly baked bread. A short drive away is medieval Les Baux-de-Provence, one of France's several plus beaux villages in this area, perched on a plateau with fantastic views.

The small mountains, olive groves, vineyards and forests



of Les Alpilles provide a great environment for family activities such as thyme scented walks, rock climbing, horse riding, golf, hiking and mountain biking. The unique light, sunflowers and cypress trees were an inspiration to artist Vincent Van Gogh who lived in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, a nearby lively market town well worth a visit.

Villa Daxie is an excellent location for a variety of great day trips, maybe starting with the historic cities of Avignon, Nîmes and Arles. Further afield are the wonders of the Luberon and the stunning wilderness of the Camargue with its iconic pink flamingos, white horses, black bulls, sea ponds and sandy beaches.

Facilities

Villa • Hairdryer • Not for little ones • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Coffee Machine • Washing Machine • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Private Pool • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Wow Factor • Maid Service Included • Modern • Ruins • Kid-friendly excursions • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (200m2)

Ground Floor

- Open plan lounge and dining area
- Partially open plan kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, fridge, two freezers, induction hob, oven, microwave, ice-maker, Nespresso machine, cafetière, toaster and kettle
- Office
- Laundry room
- Bedroom with double bed (180cm) and shower room with WC
- Bedroom with double bed (200cm) and bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (180cm or can be split in two) and shower room with WC

Outside Grounds (3000m2, enclosed)

- Heated swimming pool (9x11m, depth: 1-1.65m) with electric safety cover
- Pool house with fridge/freezer, hob, sink, plancha, dishwasher, ice-maker and dining area for 8 people
- Sun-loungers (x6)
- Al-fresco dining and lounge terrace
- 2 x gas barbecues
- Garden
- Water feature
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- TVs (lounge and each bedroom)
- Netflix



- Sonos speaker
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

Villa Daxie is situated near the heart of a pleasant village, just south of Les-Baux-de-Provence and nestled in a valley at the foot of Les Alpilles Natural Park in the Bouche-du-Rhône department of southern France.

The village is surrounded by olive groves and spectacular countryside whilst shops, restaurants and cafés are only a short walk from your holiday home. Don't go home without sampling some of the region's fine olive oil on a piece of fresh baguette.

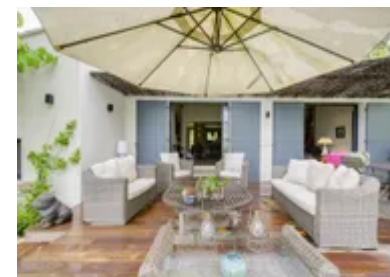
Les Alpilles is a wonderful spot in Provence where picture-perfect villages with plane tree shaded squares huddle around the church. It is the home to small scrub covered mountains, olive groves, pine and oak forests and is a great place for family activities such as rock climbing, golf, horse riding, hiking and mountain biking.

A small drive away is the tiny and delightful village of Paradou which lies at the foot of the mountains, representing Provence in miniature, full of characterful houses, colourful gardens and surrounded by beautiful countryside. It's also the home of Le Bistrot du Paradou, much-loved by Rick Stein.

A short drive northwards is Les Baux-de-Provence, one of France's plus beaux villages, perched on a hilltop with fine views towards Arles, the Camargue and the small mountain range of Les Alpilles. Eygalières, one of the prettiest hilltop villages in Provence, adored by a handful of A-list celebrities, is only a half hour drive away.

The fine quality of light, iconic sunflowers and cypress trees inspired artist Vincent Van Gogh who lived in nearby Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, a vibrant market town on the northern edge of the Les Alpilles. The town still has many resident artists who sell and display their works in the local galleries.

Take the 40-minute drive northwards to the historic city of Avignon to admire its two UNESCO World Heritage sites,



the St Bénézet Bridge and the Pope's Palace. It is shorter 24km drive south westwards towards Arles, renowned for its fine Roman remains - it's a magical experience dining at a restaurant terrace beneath the plane trees in Place du Forum, where Van Gogh once painted "Café Terrace at Night".

Beyond Arles is the magnificent Camargue with its wild white horses, black bulls, pink flamingos, lagoons and red salt-pans reaching out towards the Mediterranean. There are so many exciting opportunities to experience here including jeep tours, horse-riding, walking, quad biking and even a visit to one of its sandy beaches.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (29km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nîmes (44km)
Nearest Airport 3	Marseille (55km)
Nearest Train Station	Arles/Avignon TGV (18km/31km)
Nearest Village	Mausanne-les-Alpilles (700m)
Nearest Shop	Mausanne-les-Alpilles (700m)
Nearest Restaurant	Mausanne-les-Alpilles (700m)
Nearest Golf	Golf des Baux de Provence (1.5km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (10km)
Nearest City	Arles/Avignon (19km/30km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club du Paradou (3km)

What we love

- A pretty house just a few steps from the heart of a picturesque village in wonderful Les Alpilles Natural Park
- Dine al-fresco on one of the terraces or take a dip in the heated pool after a day of sightseeing in this amazing region
- How fantastic to be able to experience daily life in the heart of an authentic Provençal village – don't miss the weekly market too!
- An ideal location for day trips to many fascinating places such as Avignon, Nîmes, Arles and the wild Camargue

What you should know...

- Only children aged 10+ are allowed to stay in this villa.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- It's under 1km to the nearby village; if you are walking, bear in mind that the surrounding lanes and roads may be unlit and without pavements.
- 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:** €2500 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, towels changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** 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. Only children aged 10+ are allowed to stay in this villa. Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, and daily cleaning included (3hrs). 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:** 14 nights in July, August & September. 7 nights during all other periods.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Extra €250 per week, payable locally. 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.