

Villa Des Peintres

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 9

Overview

Indulge in all the holiday pleasures you've ever dreamt of as you stay in the impressive Villa Des Peintres in the heart of the Luberon in central Provence.

Built in the 17th century by one of the most influential families in Avignon, it later became the home of an American patron of the arts. Today, the home showcases a vast array of art and acts as a gallery that occasionally welcomes artists - and guests who stay here will benefit from access to all temporary shows and openings held on the grounds.

As you step through the front door, you'll be transported back in time by the traditional features such as ornate chandeliers, stone tiles and authentic Provençal furniture. This, combined with the colourful paintings which hang on the walls, the arched ceilings and beautiful architecture, give the villa an Italian Palazzo feel.

The villa's elegant communal areas include a spacious living room with refined furnishings, vintage decor and a fireplace, as well as a gorgeous country-style kitchen and formal dining room. Three double bedrooms and one lovely suite with a double and single bed can comfortably accommodate up to 9 guests. Each room is equally striking with valance beds, patterned wallpaper, and a real sense of character.

The outdoor terrace is surrounded by cypress trees and framed by flowering hedges and is an idyllic place to spend long summer days. Imagine having your breakfast on the terrace while listening to the soothing melody of birds nestled in the nearby trees. Cool down in the pool on a warm day or tuck into a novel as you recline on a sun lounger before dining al-fresco in the balmy evening air.

Nearby Ménerbes is an artists' village which invites you to stroll through its pretty, winding streets and glimpse its historic past still visible in its grand architecture. Satisfy your shopping cravings in the many shops and restaurants, and let breathtaking views dance in front of your eyes when enjoying the atmosphere in lovely squares and cafés.

Keen walkers can venture to the outstanding countryside waiting outside, such as La Forêt des Cedres de Bonnieux or take a hike to the Colorado Provençal. Wine connoisseurs will probably prefer to start their trip with a wine circuit, and luckily, many Luberon vineyards are very close to Ménerbes. In less than one hour by car, you can reach the Vallée-du-Rhone, while there are also many other wineries around worth visiting, such as Domaine de La Citadelle or Domaine La Garelle.



Facilities

Villa • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Rural Location • Walk to Village • Watersports • Tennis Nearby • Wow Factor • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Climbing • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Amusement park • Forest park/High-rope course • Breakfast Included • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Coffee Machine • All Bedrooms En-Suite • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

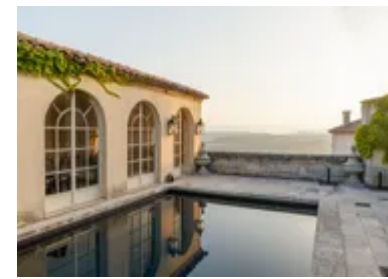
- Entrance hall
- Kitchen fully-equipped with table and chairs
- Living room with a sofa, armchairs and fireplace
- Library room with a table and chairs
- Dining room with a dining table and chairs
- 3 x bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms with baths/showers and WCs
- Suite with a double bed and single bed with an en-suite bathroom with WC

Outside Grounds

- Pool (3m x 7m), fenced. Open approximately May to September
- Pool terrace with sun loungers
- Lounge furniture
- Orangerie with kitchen fitted with a fridge, microwave, stove and dishwasher

Facilities

- Speaker



Location & Local Information

In the heart of Luberon in the magical Provence region in the South of France, Villa Des Peintres is just a short stroll away from the hilltop village of Ménerbes, a classic hilltop village officially classed as one of the Most Beautiful Villages in France.

This idyllic location makes it a superb base for exploring the Luberon Valley and its medieval villages, incredible towns and diverse landscape, while enjoying a restful holiday in a one-of-a-kind setting.

Make the most of the on-site facilities and borrow bikes to cycle down the country roads until you reach the centre of the Ménerbes. You will find a great variety of ambient French bistros and restaurants alongside charming patisseries, bakeries and shops here, and you'll be able to soak up excellent views everywhere you go. Wander around the snaking lanes and historic buildings, or visit the bustling Thursday market to shop for cheeses, fruit jams and other local delicacies to take home. Ménerbes comes to life in the summer months when it's more frequented by tourists and hosts its annual festival of classical music.

The surrounding hills and plains are sprinkled with other alluring villages, each buzzing with its unique character and therefore worth exploring. Nearby, Gordes is another stunning place and has a wonderful castle showcasing a link between the architecture of the Middle Ages and the golden Renaissance period, le Château de Gordes. Just like all the other villages around, Gordes also hosts a popular market every Tuesday, allowing you to wander through stalls set in the shadow of the magnificent castle and pick up souvenirs and ingredients while basking in the Provençal sunshine.

Lacoste lures visitors to its ruined medieval castle, now a thriving cultural venue, that once belonged to the infamous Marquis de Sade – then bought and rescued by Pierre Cardin in 2001. Lourmarin also has its unique charm and is full of typical Provencal boutiques, antique stores, galleries and cafés, as well as the stunning Renaissance Château, originally a 12th-century fortress.

The famous city of Avignon, full of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, is only a 45-minute drive away and is definitely worth a visit during your holiday in Provence. Some of its most stunning historic landmarks include the Papal Palace – one of Europe's largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings, as well as the Cathedral of Notre-Dame des Doms. If you're dreaming about more art and culture, visit the Musée du Petit Palais located inside the palace or head to one of the oldest museums in the city housed in a spectacular 18th-century hotel, Musée Calvet.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence (77km)



Nearest Shop	(<500m)
Nearest Village	Within village
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (15km)
Nearest City	Avignon (40km)
Nearest Restaurant	(<500m)
Nearest Golf	(11km)

What we love

- Villa Des Peintres is an elegant 17th-century home displaying exquisite art, stunning architecture and a truly enchanting outdoor setting
- Enjoy al-fresco meals on the picturesque terrace, swimming in the gorgeous pool and sunset picnics in the grounds of this stunning Italian palazzo-style villa
- A delicious breakfast is included to make your stay here even more hassle-free!
- The charming centre of Ménerbes, one of France's Most Beautiful Villages, is just a short walk away
- You are ideally located for visiting other idyllic Provençal villages, including Gordes, Lacoste and Bonnieux
- Avignon, with its incredible UNESCO World Heritage Sites, is only a 45-minute drive away, perfect for exploring

What you should know...

- A car is recommended to be able to explore everything this beautiful region has to offer
- The main kitchen is not yet functional - therefore another kitchen has been fitted in the Orangerie for guests to use. Please refer to the 'Features' tab for full 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
- Please note that rates for bookings during the Olympic Games may differ and are on request only

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 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:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **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. A cot and highchair are available on request. Please note that rates for bookings during the Olympic Games may differ and are on request only.

- **Changeover day:** Any day except Sunday.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately May to September. 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.