

# Villa Mika

**Region:** Provence-Alpes   **Sleeps:** 8

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## Overview

Located just outside Villars, this imaginatively restored farmhouse is a fantastic choice for those seeking the unique ambience of Provence with a touch of contemporary style. Fusing modern living with spectacular hillside views, this stylish house will enchant you as soon as you arrive.

The open-plan living space showcases awe-inspiring views of the nearby Vaucluse hills courtesy of grand floor-to-ceiling windows. Recline on the sofa, uncork a bottle of Luberon wine, and drink in the incredible scenery synonymous with Southern France. A workstation sits just up the three steps, also positioned for a stunning view while you type. Quirky and diverse artwork from around the world adorns this elegant interior, with a beautifully hand-painted scooter and rider's helmet arguably stealing the show.

This meticulously curated living space continues to a charming wooden dining table, seating up to eight people and a superbly equipped kitchen, where you can get creative with some of Provence's incredible produce. The kitchen features a central island - for extra preparation space, an induction hob and a ceiling-suspended extractor fan. Tasteful cabinets frame the integrated oven and microwave. The washing machine and large American-style fridge/freezer sit discreetly in a utility room at the end of the kitchen.

When in Provence, you can truly understand the meaning of 'relax and unwind'. In keeping with that mood, you can be assured of a blissful night of sleep at Villa Mika, which sleeps up to eight guests, with all bedrooms at ground level. The master bedroom features a fabulously comfortable large double bed, a chaise longue and en-suite bathroom with a free-standing bathtub. Continue through the en-suite to discover a sauna with a floor-to-ceiling window and shower room. The second bedroom also has a large double bed, which can be separated into two singles. An additional double sofa bed is available in the office, which also features a desk and chair.

The third bedroom in this delightfully appointed property lies within its additional apartment, whose contemporary interior complements the building's history. The apartment walls retain parts of its previous incarnation as a Provençal farmhouse, blending modern design with architectural culture. Two guests can enjoy a comfortable open-plan living space, a dining table, and a well-appointed kitchen. A walk-in shower room completes the interior of this hideaway, with a private terrace, gas plancha and dining table outside - perfect for dining outdoors on balmy nights.

Of course, staying in the Provence countryside is mostly about soaking up the magnificent scenery and ambience. Villa Mika's rear terrace alone epitomises this spirit quite beautifully, with sun loungers on which to while away the hours, gazing contentedly at the phenomenal views, not to mention its irresistible, superbly designed pool. With its walls built from some of the ruins of the farmhouse that occupied this enchanting location many years ago, this pool incorporates a lounging area and infinity edge, from which you can immerse yourself.



# Facilities

Cycling • Walking/Hiking Paths • Coffee Machine • Villa • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Washing Machine • Tennis Nearby • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Hairdryer • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Rural Location • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Amusement park • Forest park/High-rope course • Pool Safety Feature • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Sauna/Steam • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

Villa only - 6-guest price

Villa and Apartment - 8-guest price

## Villa Interior

### Main House

- Open plan living area with sofa, armchair and a workspace with desk and chair
- Fully equipped kitchen with integrated oven, microwave, Nespresso coffee machine, SodaStream maker and dining table seating 8 guests
- Utility room with American-style fridge/freezer and washing machine
- Master bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), chaise longue and en-suite bathroom with shower, free-standing bathtub, double basin and bidet
- Sauna with adjacent shower room with basin
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm - can be separated into two individual beds)
- Office with double sofa bed and workspace
- Bathroom with a walk-in shower, WC and basin

### Apartment

- Open-plan room with living area and kitchenette with 2 hobs, fridge, toaster and Nespresso machine
- Double bedroom (160x200cm)
- Bathroom shower, WC and basin

## Outside Grounds

- Infinity swimming pool (1.6 x 2.5m)
- Pool terrace with sun loungers
- Courtyard garden
- Barbecue
- Parking for several cars

## Facilities

- Ironing facilities



# Location & Local Information

Villa Mika is just south of the sleepy Luberon village of Villars, whose ochre-coloured architecture epitomises the history and charm of the Provence countryside. During a visit to Villars, there are three restaurants to choose from, all of which serve excellent local food. There is also a village bar, where you can relax with a glass of local wine while admiring the view from the hillside.

Slightly larger but no less stunning villages are all within a thirty-minute drive too. Roussillon, Menerbes and Gordes, in particular, all have a lot more in the way of independent shops, art galleries and eateries, as well as the chance to soak in a multitude of awe-inspiring views as you meander along the hilly streets.

If you wish to sample some traditional Provençal hospitality, you will be truly spoiled for choice. However, if home cooking is more your thing, the area is well-served with fresh produce stores, with two supermarkets also short distances away. If your stay incorporates a Tuesday morning, the vibrant and colourful weekly market at the castle square in Gordes is an absolute treat. Wonderfully fragrant soaps made with local lavender, clothes and fabrics feature prominently and a spectacular selection of artisanal bread, cheese, olive oil and much more.

A little over ten minutes away from Villa Mika and open between March and October, the Mines de Bruoux in Gargas offers a showcase of the Provençal region's natural beauty and fascinating insights into the history of these stunning ochre quarries. Guided tours are available, taking you on a stunning route through underground galleries with centuries of rich history. Children under six can visit free of charge, while more mature visitors can partake in a 'Wine and Adventure' session, including a guided tour followed by wine tasting.

If you crave an adrenaline-fuelled experience in this tranquil region, look no further than Colorado Adventures, which opens between April and early November. Here, just a twenty-minute drive from Villa Mika, you can head up on the treetop adventure course, enjoy a fun game of laser tag, take a bungee jump, or even be propelled from a human catapult!

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille Airport (91km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nimes Airport (110km)
Nearest City	Avignon (58km)
Nearest Golf	Bill Owens Golf (32km)



Nearest Restaurant	(2km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery shop (5km)
Nearest Tennis	T.C. St-Saturnin-D'Apt (7km)
Nearest Town	Apt (8km)
Nearest Village	Villars (2km)

## What we love

- Taking in the panoramic vista of the Vaucluse hills while cooling off in the beautiful infinity pool is not to be missed – don't forget a bottle of local wine to enjoy on the sun-kissed terrace afterwards!
- The apartment is a great option for those seeking more privacy over the holiday.
- With a wealth of fabulous options in the surrounding villages, you are only a twenty-minute drive from some of the best local restaurants the Luberon offers.
- On a Tuesday, we highly recommend loading a basket with goodies from Gordes market, then heading north to Murs to enjoy a picnic lunch with astonishing views.

## What you should know...

- This property sleeps up to 8 guests. 4 guests will be accommodated in 2 double bedrooms in the main house, a further 2 guests on a double sofa bed in the office, and the final 2 guests in a self-contained apartment.
- Please note that the apartment is only available when booking the 8-guest price.
- Unless you bring your vehicle, car hire is a must for getting around during your stay in this tranquil location.
- Three steps and a handrail lead down to the main living space and kitchen from a slightly elevated upper level.
- The outdoor space features a terrific infinity pool, so younger children should be supervised outside.
- 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:** €1000 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.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 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. This property sleeps up to 8 guests. 4 guests will be accommodated in 2 double bedrooms in the main house, a further 2 guests on a double sofa bed in the office, and the final 2 guests in a self-contained apartment. Please note that the apartment is only available when booking the 8-guest price.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €220, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. 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 cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included in rental price.
- **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.