Bastide Henri

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

A typical stone bastide on the edge of a picturesque Provençal village, step inside and be amazed by Bastide Henri's bold interiors and its vast collection of artwork across the house and its beautiful terraced gardens.

This vibrant villa is a paradise for art lovers thanks to its eclectic décor and works of art in every room. Sleeping up to 12 guests, bedrooms are scattered across the main house and its separate annexe, each one individually designed and featuring a private bath or shower room. The main living room is just as impressive whilst the annexe's lounge has a picture-book window making the most of the valley views. Both the house and annexe feature excellent kitchen and dining areas whilst there is plenty of space to dine al-fresco across the vast gardens and terraces.

The artistic ambience continues outside as you stroll through the hectare of grounds with romantic cypress trees, summer colours of Provence, sculptures, terracotta pots and olive trees. The rather elegant salt-water swimming pool is heated and there is an arched pool house, a gorgeous spot to unwind by the poolside terrace. Find another corner of the garden where you can gaze out to the wonderful views towards Les Baux valley.

In a residential area on the edge of a village in Le Parc Naturel Régional des Alpilles, it's just a short stroll to café terraces, little shops, inviting restaurants and the main square which hosts a charming Thursday morning market. Les Baux-de-Provence, one of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*', is only 5km away by car whilst other gems of this region include Eygalières and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

Beyond Les Alpilles, discover the idyllic perched villages of the Luberon such as Ménerbes and Gordes, drive

through the landscapes of the Camargue, follow Van Gogh's footsteps in Arles and spend the day in Avignon with its remarkable UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Facilities

Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Villa • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Walk to Village • Private Pool • Quirky (Unique) • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Saltwater Pool • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Dishwasher • Microwave • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Zoo • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Amusement park • Water park

Interior & Grounds

Bastide Interiors

Main Floor

- Lounge, office area and library
- Dining room
- Vaulted TV lounge
- Kitchen, well-equipped including a dining area and bar with doors leading to garden
- Laundry/cellar
- WC with sink
- Bedroom with double bed (200x200cm) in a recess area (via steps). Bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC

Upper Floors (via open-tread and steep stairs)

- Bedroom with double bed (200x200cm) and bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each, can be joined to make a double), adjoining shower room and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (200x200cm) and bathroom with bath, shower and WC

Separate Annexe (access via steps)

- Open-plan kitchen, lounge and dining area
- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and private shower room with WC
- Bedroom with double bed (200x200cm) and private bathroom with bath, two sinks and WC

Outside Grounds (one hectare)

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (13x5m, depth: up to 2m) with safety perimeter alarm. Plus small pool (approximately 3x4m, depth: 90cm)
- Poolside terrace
- Pergola for al-fresco dining
- Barbecue
- Large garden
- Stone fountain
- Old well
- Sculptures, benches , paths
- Large private parking area
- Electric gate

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV (x4)
- Home-cinema
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information

Bastide Henri is on the edge of a Provençal village in the Parc Naturel Régional des Alpilles, located in the Bouches-du-Rhône department of southern France, 32km south of Avignon.

Just wander up to the main road and within 700m you are in the heart of a picturesque village with a variety of inviting café and restaurant terraces, little shops, a grocery store and a Thursday morning market. It's a charming place to spend time with its pretty fountain and main square and it is especially well known for its olive oil produced from the many groves surrounding the village.

In the other direction, around 1.3km by car, is a renowned French bistro loved by Rick Stein (book ahead) whilst the hilltop village of Les Baux-de-Provence is only 5km away, classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. The views from Les Baux' impressive château are remarkable, taking in the glorious landscapes of Les Alpilles, a wonderful part of Provence.

As well as cycling and long walks through the region's orchards and forests, find wine-tasting and olive-oil sampling at local vineyards and farms as well as opportunities for rock-climbing and pony trekking. The neighbouring Luberon area is also waiting to be explored with its perched villages (Ménerbes, Lourmarin and Gordes for example) and beautiful scenery around an hour away by car.

The vibrant and artistic town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (12km) is a great trip out, especially on a Wednesday morning with its fantastic market selling a wealth of seasonal produce and artisan crafts. Meanwhile, art-lovers will also adore Arles (18km), home to the Place du Forum where Van Gogh painted 'Café Terrace at Night'.

Heading north, admire the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon (32km) or spend a day in Nîmes (45km) with its magnificently preserved Roman sites. The romantic University town of Aix-en-Provence (65km) is just an hour

away or venture towards the waterwheels and antique stores of charming L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (42km) with its famous Sunday morning *brocante*.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (30km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Nimes Airport (43km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Marseille Airport (59km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Saint Martin De Crau/Avignon TGV (13km/30km)**
Nearest Village	**Maussanne-les-Alpilles (700m)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Near village centre (250-700m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Small supermarket in village (750m)**
Nearest Town	**Saint-Rémy-de-Provence/Saint-Martin-de-Crau (11km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf des Baux de Provence (2km)**
Nearest City	**Avignon (32km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club du Paradou (2km)**

What we love

- A unique, elegant and vibrant house with eclectic design and bold artwork in every room
- Swim in the heated swimming pool, admire the sculptures dotted across the terraced grounds and gaze at the glorious views of the Baux valley
- Stroll to a picturesque Provençal village with a range of restaurants, café terraces and a Thursday morning market
- Discover the beauty of Les Alpilles as you explore gorgeous hilltop villages, olive groves, forests and more
- Avignon, Nîmes and Aix-en-Provence are all fine days out whilst the mesmerising landscapes of the Camargue are also easily reached

What you should know...

- Sleeping a maximum of 12 guests (including children), only six bedrooms and bathrooms (out of seven) will be made available to guests - you can request which ones you prefer in advance.
- There are four bedrooms in the main part of the house and three bedrooms in a separate annexe.
- As well as bold artwork and sculptures, this unique house features various levels including open-tread stairs as well as some low terraced levels outside – children will need to be supervised.
- 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:** €3000 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?:** 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.
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 Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** A compulsory €250 fee for daily cleaning (4 hours per day, 5 days per week) is payable to Oliver's Travels with the final balance

- **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. All other durations on request.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. 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?:** 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.