

# Villa Bastien

**Region:** Ile de Re   **Sleeps:** 8

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## Overview

Whether taking a cycling holiday with friends or seeking a family vacation with easy access to all of the stunning locations on Ile de Ré, the four-bedroomed Villa Bastien welcomes guests to the beautiful port village of Ars en Ré.

The open-plan living space is bright and welcoming, with exposed steel beams offsetting the whitewashed, vaulted ceiling and doors leading to two of the three terraces – ensuring no shortage of natural light during the day. There's no lack of comfortable seating either, with a large sofa in front of the television and stylish chairs next to a wood-burning stove, giving even larger groups a great space to wind down at the end of the day.

Rustic chic meets contemporary family life here, and it looks and feels great - a distressed sideboard sits just alongside a large dining table, with the kitchen's modern countertops and cabinets in tasteful contrast. The superbly appointed kitchen's range cooker and generous marble countertops lend themselves to culinary enthusiasm – no bad thing when you have incredible local produce nearby! The kitchen sink is within an impressive preparation island, which also incorporates a relaxed breakfast bar adjacent to traditionally-styled portes-fenêtres that invite hungry guests to the dining terrace.

Villa Bastien's master bedroom features a large double bed and a bright, well-appointed bathroom. Along with one other bedroom, which has twin beds that can be joined together, guests in this room enjoy direct access to the garden. With two additional bedrooms - one double, one twin – Villa Bastien comfortably delivers a great night of sleep for up to eight guests.

A barbecue is provided – perfect for relaxed dinners with family or friends. In addition to the dining terrace just outside the kitchen, you can recline with a glass of wine in the outdoor lounge, while the terrace outside two of the bedrooms is a great little sun trap – what a fabulous way to start any morning!

## Facilities

Maid Service Available • Villa • Easy By Train • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Beach Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Watersports • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • Kid-friendly excursions • No car required • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips



# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

- Open-plan lounge with television and wood burner
- Dining room
- Kitchen with range oven, microwave, induction hob, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, Nespresso coffee machine, toaster, ice maker, kettle
- Master bedroom with a double bed, garden access, en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, twin sinks and WC
- Bedroom with a double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with bathtub and shower head, twin sinks, WC
- Laundry room

## Outside Grounds (450 m2)

- Garden
- Three terraces
- Barbecue
- Outdoor lounge
- Dining table
- Sun loungers
- Parking space

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating in bedrooms
- TV
- Sound system
- Washing machine
- Iron and board



# Location & Local Information

Classified as one of France’s plus beaux villages, Ars en Ré is a delightfully refined, historic port village in the quieter southwest of Ile de Ré. An air of serenity pervades this picturesque village, with its whitewashed houses and cafés on the village square, whose iconic black and white church spire stands proudly over boutiques, artisanal bakers and charcuteries, galleries and restaurants serving delicious local seafood.

On the bucket lists of many cycling enthusiasts Ile de Ré, with a dedicated cycle path network of over sixty miles across the island. Many enthusiasts consider Ars en Ré to be the best positioned of the island’s villages for a dedicated cycling break, though the casual rider is equally well-catered for. You’ll have the choice of several bike rental outlets in the village, with options to hire road bikes, beach cruisers and even E-Bikes, for as long as you need.

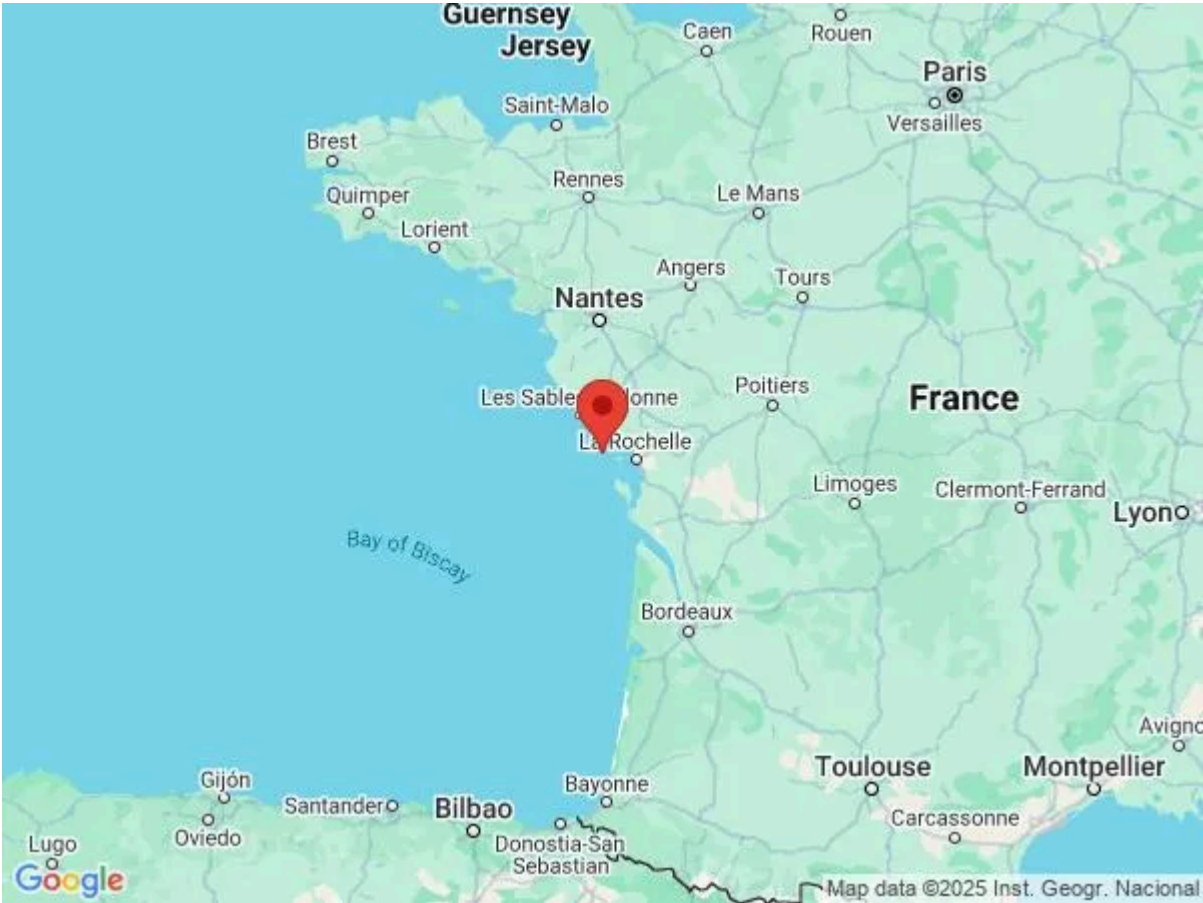
The island’s uniquely varied landscape is at the heart of its agrarian heritage, with oyster farms, vineyards and salt marshes frequently observed while cycling between villages. The Marais Salant Ecomuseum is just over twenty minutes away by bike, at one of Ile de Ré’s salt marshes, where guided tours outline the origins and methods that enable the production of the island’s distinctively flavoured salt.

A little over fifteen minutes away by bike, La Ferme des Baleines is one of the island’s – if not France’s – premier oyster farms. Also producing delicious clams, imperial prawns and sea bream, this thirty-five-hectare farm offers tours of the site, giving fascinating insights into Ile de Ré’s aquaculture. Set alongside the beautiful Lilleau des Niges nature reserve, the farm also offers wine and oyster tasting sessions, all the more enjoyable in such fantastic surroundings.

Head a little further north – nowhere is far away on Ile de Ré! – and discover the Phare des Baleines lighthouse at the northwest tip of the island. Enjoy fantastic walks along golden sands, sample the fabulous frozen macarons and gelatos at La Martinière, and then ascend the iconic lighthouse itself. From the top, you will enjoy views across the island, including, on a clear day, the tip of Ars en Ré’s painted church spire, once used as a day marker for boats approaching the harbour.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport       | La Rochelle<br>(32km) |
| Nearest Airport 2     | Nantes<br>(173km)     |
| Nearest Train Station | La Rochelle<br>(38km) |



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| Nearest Village     | Ars en Ré<br>(1km)          |
| Nearest City        | La Rochelle<br>(38km)       |
| Nearest Supermarket | Ars en Ré<br>(1km)          |
| Nearest Restaurant  | Ars en Ré<br>(1km)          |
| Nearest Beach       | Plage de la Grange<br>(1km) |
| Nearest Tennis      | (1km)                       |
| Nearest Golf        | (11km)                      |



## What we love

- With a south-facing garden and three terraces, you'll have no shortage of cosy spots to unwind outdoors
- This part of the island is very popular with those taking cycling holidays, so be sure to head to one of Ars en Ré's cycle hire outlets and join in the fun
- Just a five-minute ride from Villa Bastien, you'll find the island's astonishing northern coastline – even more impressive when viewed from the lighthouse at Phare des Baleines

## What you should know...

- You'll have private parking space, even though you are likely to explore the island on two wheels!
- 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:** €1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner 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:** 9.00 a.m
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes during May to September. Extra cost, payable locally, during October to April.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Bed and household linens can be hired on site for an extra cost of €47 per person per week, payable prior to arrival.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Villa Bastien is located in a residential area. Loud noise and/or music are prohibited by law from 10.00 p.m. Events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. 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:** Tuesday approximately Christmas and NY, Saturday in April, July, August, September and end-October. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra €250, 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:** 14 nights approximately mid-July to mid-August. 7 nights during all other periods.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Pool towels can be hired on site for an extra cost of €8 per person per week.
- **Beach towels included?:** Beach towels can be hired on site for an extra cost of €8 per person per week.