

Villa Ecarlate

Region: Ile de Re **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

A true gem of a villa, Villa Écarlate is a stylish abode situated just a short walk from the beautiful sandy beaches of Île de Ré, an island off the west coast of France known for its unique landscape full of salt marshes and sand dunes.

All the ingredients for a dreamy island stay are here – think contemporary interiors boasting modern comforts that offer pleasure for the eye, a decked-out terrace with a pool and an abundance of space for al-fresco soirées.

Bathed in light all day thanks to the large bay windows that don't obstruct the views, the holiday home accommodates up to 8 guests in 4 bedrooms spread out across one floor. Pale interiors pair harmoniously with Moroccan rugs and textured furnishings, with the occasional blue lending a refreshing pop of colour to the otherwise pared-back space. Cook your meals in the state-of-the-art kitchen superbly equipped for any budding chef, and enjoy precious downtime over a glass of wine in the dining room or on one of the terraces outside.

The outdoor spaces create a sense of relaxation, with a sleek pool and wooden deck fringed by palm trees and typical Mediterranean greenery. Here you can truly forget the sense of time as you lounge and work on your tan. On balmy afternoons, curl up on the snug roofed terrace or escape the crowd by finding a quiet space to read in the inner courtyard. When you're ready to go exploring, all it takes is to hop on one of the bikes provided by the property to start ticking must-see places and attractions off your list.

You're in the heart of Le Bois-Plage-en-Ré, a small seaside village full of charming cafés and cobbled streets excellent for sunny strolls. The closest beach can be reached in just 10 minutes on foot and hosts a lively beach club and abundant space for relaxing in the sun.

On other days, head to one of the neighbouring villages, such as La Couarde-sur-Mer or Sainte-Marie-de-Ré, offering a change of scenery. The historic town of Saint-Martin-de-Ré, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is excellent for a day out with its fortresses, buzzing restaurants and a lovely harbour while being only a 10-minute drive away.

Alternatively, hop in the car to explore the coastal town of La Rochelle with its picturesque old harbour and a colossal marina, as well as an old town decorated with mediaeval houses and Renaissance architecture.



Facilities

Villa • Walking/Hiking Paths • Washing Machine • Watersports •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • TV •

Scuba Diving • Walk to Beach • Boat Trips • Wine Tasting • Hairdryer • Coffee Machine • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Beach Nearby • Walk to Village • Kid-friendly excursions • Board games • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Hot Tub • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (150m2)

- Living room with sofas, armchairs, TV and fireplace
- Kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, induction hob, dishwasher, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster and coffee machine
- Dining area with a dining table and chairs
- Bedroom with a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with a double bed and doors opening to the terrace
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bathroom with a shower/bath and WC

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (8m x 4m). Open approximately May to September
- Pool terrace with sun loungers, bean bags and garden furniture
- Outdoor dining table and chairs
- Covered lounge area with lounge furniture, chairs and fireplace
- Jacuzzi with a hang-out area with chairs
- Inner courtyard with garden furniture
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue
- Plancha
- Parking space for 1 car

Facilities

- Sound system
- Iron and ironing board



Location & Local Information

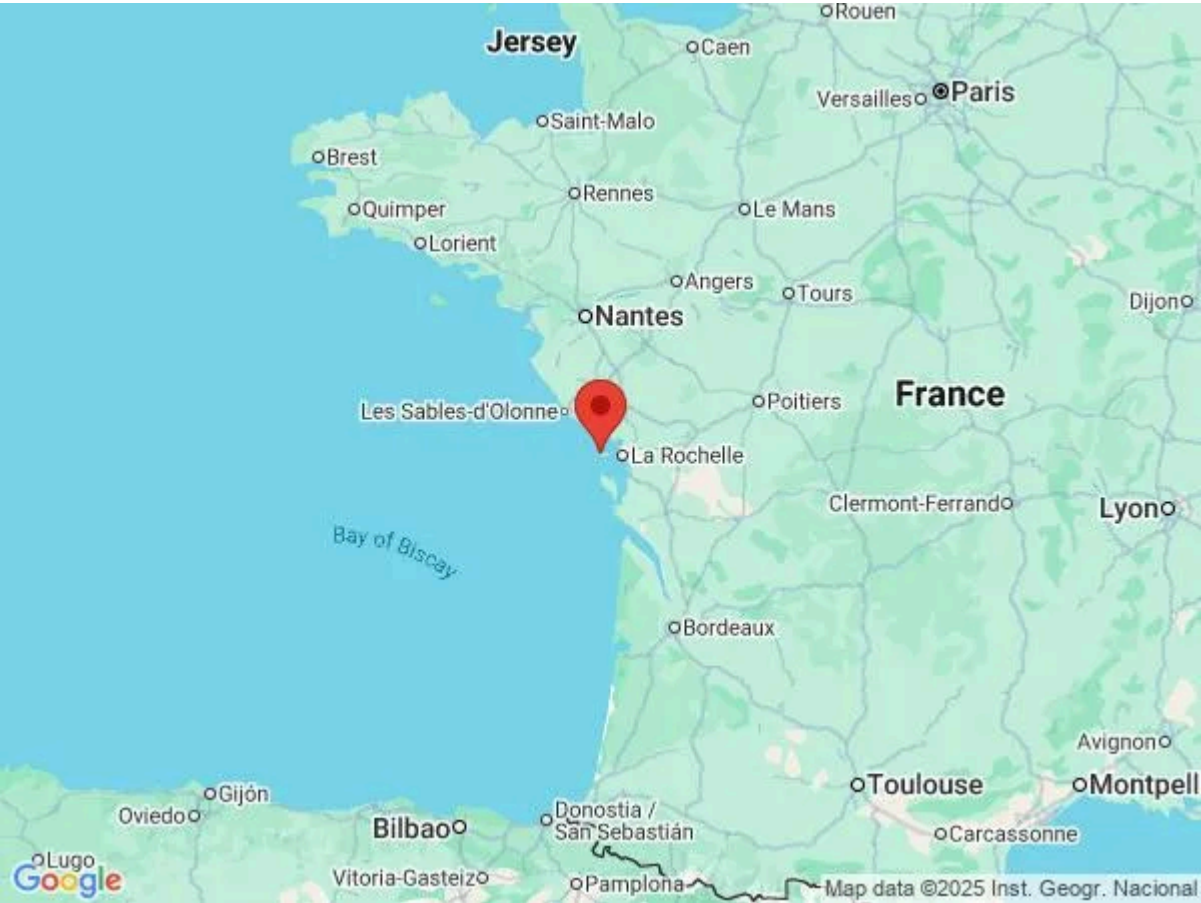
In a quiet residential area, Villa Écarlate is just a short stroll away from the pretty local village Le Bois-Plage-en-Ré and equally far away from Plage des Gollandières with its vast, sandy shores made for sunbathing, swimming and relaxing. The French island of Île de Ré is famed for its beaches and salt marshes, with this location being perfect for exploring all the hidden and not-so-hidden gems.

Step outside to follow a path down to the beach, where you can stretch your legs in the honey-hued sand and enjoy moments of well-deserved relaxation. Alternatively, hire paddle boards to explore the coast from the opposite side or bicycles to travel swiftly and more comfortably around the island. Luckily, other iconic strips of sand, such as Plage des Prises, are just a short stroll away, offering more amenities and picturesque views.

You're also just a 10-minute walk to the village's lovely central square and streets filled with small boutiques, cafés and restaurants. Here you can also find a supermarket to stock up on groceries, while a local bakery can be reached in just 5 minutes on foot – ideal for picking up fresh pastries with your coffee in the morning.

Your trip to this stunning little island should include visiting its salt marshes on the west coast. These unique natural pools are composed of three main basins: the mudflat, the evaporation reservoir and the marshland. These basins were expertly carved into the natural clay so that water could flow through them by simple gravity. While there's a museum dedicated to this local natural heritage, Maison du Fier, there are also tranquil strips of sand, such as Plage du Petit Bec, waiting to be discovered. A little bit further, Conche des Baleines is a white sandy beach with a lighthouse and sands dunes, popular for swimming and thrilling water sports. From here, you can take a scenic walk to the Phare des Baleines lighthouse, built from limestone in the mid-1850s and climb to its octagonal tower offering far-reaching views.

If you're happy to swap harmonious island life for a bit of the hustle and bustle, head to La Rochelle – a coastal city just across a bridge on the mainland. Only 30 minutes away by car, this sunny seaside city offers plenty of opportunities for an enjoyable day trip. Its maritime past is reflected in its Vieux Port (old harbour) and huge, modern Les Minimes marina. In the old town, you can admire the half-timbered mediaeval houses and Renaissance architecture, including passageways covered by 17th-century arches. A couple of museums will save the day in case of bad weather, although it barely ever rains here, and there is an abundance of restaurants, cafés and bars where to sample the local cuisine too.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	La Rochelle (19km)
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Nearest Train Station	La Rochelle (26km)
Nearest Village	Le Bois-Plage-en-Ré (1km)
Nearest City	La Rochelle (26km)
Nearest Beach	Plage des Gollandières (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Le Bois-Plage-en-Ré (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Le Bois-Plage-en-Ré (1km)
Nearest Tennis	(6km)
Nearest Golf	(23km)

What we love

- The stylish home offers modern comforts alongside contemporary touches for an unforgettable stay
- You'll want to spend all the time on the sun-flooded terrace, either dipping your toes in the pool, kicking back in a bean bag or relaxing in the jacuzzi
- You're just a short stroll or bike ride away from the island's stunning beaches and secluded coves
- Discover the fascinating salt marches that are part of the island's natural heritage in just 20 minutes by car

What you should know...

- Please note that hiring a car is highly recommended for exploring the island.
- 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 by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m
- **Departure time:** 9.00 a.m
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes during May-September. Extra cost, payable locally, during October-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 Éclarte 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:** Saturday - all other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra €320, 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.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. The pool is heated from approximately May to September. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **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 opening dates?:** The pool is open 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.
- **Beach towels included?:** No, €8 per beach towel.