

Villa Pamplémousse

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 6

Overview

This light-filled contemporary villa is surrounded by picture-perfect vineyards below the perched village of Oppède le Vieux in the idyllic Luberon region of Provence.

In the calmness of a vast wine estate which is owned by Ridley Scott and family, guests at Villa Pamplémousse can truly embrace the authentic essence of Provence. A modern abode sleeping up to 6 guests, there is a great sense of space across the Provençal lounge and sleek kitchen with doors opening out to the covered terrace.

Alongside high-end features such as air-conditioning, a Smart TV and iPod dock, guests can appreciate artwork across the home, stylish furnishings and even occasional props from the owner's films making this beautiful villa unique in its own special way.

Upstairs you will find two sumptuous king-size double bedrooms, one with a gorgeous bathroom and the other with an elegant shower room. There's a third en suite bedroom situated in an annexe by the swimming pool. If you are looking for further bedrooms, consider 3-bedroom Villa Grenade (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/villa-grenade/>) next door – see Villa Pamplémousse and Villa Grenade (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/villa-pamplémousse-and-villa-grenade/>) for more information.

The pretty garden outside features a swimming pool which is gently heated from May to September alongside a summer kitchen and barbecue area looking out towards the olive trees. Relax on one of the terraces with a glass of the estate's own wine as you soak up the tranquil vibe of this wonderful house.



A one-hour winery tour and tasting of all the different wines is included where you can learn about the Luberon AOP and the various stages of wine-making. The estate has a rich heritage dating back over two hundred years and is now a multi-generational project where Provençal winemaking traditions are followed.

Be inspired by the breathtaking beauty all around you as you explore nearby villages and landscapes of the Luberon. You can stroll to the local village, around 20 minutes on foot, with its épicerie, boulangerie, café and restaurants whilst the medieval hilltop gems of Oppède le Vieux, Lacoste and Ménerbes are a very short drive away. Visit charming markets for summer cherries, Cavaillon melons, olive oil and wine alongside a wealth of lavender products and potter around other villages of the Luberon such as Gordes, Bonnieux and Roussillon.

Canoe or kayak along the Sorgue River near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, seek antiques at the Sunday morning brocante in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, follow Van Gogh's footsteps in bustling Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and be captivated by the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon, the capital of Vaucluse and just one of the many historic jewels of this alluring region in southern France.

Facilities

Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Villa • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Canoeing/Kayaking • Wine Tasting • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Private Pool • Cycling • Not for little ones • Special Offer • Heated Pool • Has Discount • Instagrammable • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Modern • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Wine-Tasting Available • Board games • Boules/Petanque

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (approximately 150m²)

Ground Floor

- Living room with doors opening out to al-fresco dining terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, espresso machine and toaster
- Guest WC

First-Floor

- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink and WC
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Separate Garden Annexe (accessed via steps)

- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split into twin), access to garden and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (11x5m, depth: 0.87-1.9m) with safety alarm (movement alarm on side of the pool). Open and heated approximately May to September
- Poolside shower
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and parasols
- Shaded dining terrace
- Gas barbecue
- Shady car parking area (three cars)
- Petanque court

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Smart TV
- iPod dock
- Board games/puzzles
- Bathrobes
- Hairdryer
- Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

Villa Pamplémousse is located in the Luberon region of Provence, in a large wine-estate owned by Ridley Scott and family. The three closest airports are Avignon (29km) and Marseille (68km) whilst Gare d'Avignon TGV (42km) is just under an hour away – direct trains from Paris Gare de Lyon take around 2 hours 40 minutes.

The wine estate consists of approximately thirty hectares of vines – the owners follow the traditional Provençal method of winegrowing with respect for the estate's biodiversity and they produce the wine in their modern cellar. The estate's shop and winery (a couple of minutes away on foot) is open seven days a week from June to September (closed Sundays and Mondays in low season) and a one-hour 'classic' wine tour and tasting is included in the villa rental.

There is a small Luberon village around 1.5km away – a 20-minute walk along country roads (no pavement) or a short drive. Here you will find a *boulangerie*, a couple of restaurants and a small grocery store whilst there are larger supermarkets in Coustellet (6.5km), also home to a handful of artisan shops and a Sunday morning Farmer's market. The Lavender Museum is in Coustellet and you may pass the Musée de l'Huile d'Olive (3.5km) en route.

The incredible perched village of Oppède le Vieux (3km) is close by – it's like a step back in time as you explore its medieval centre and soak up its rich heritage whilst admiring the magnificent views all around. There are spectacular walks in and around the village – the hike up to Église Notre-Dame Dalidon is especially rewarding.

Other iconic villages of the Luberon include hilltop Ménerbes (3.5km), the place that inspired Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence', and red-hued Roussillon (18km), a village of extraordinary beauty and history. Visit lovely local markets in places such as artistic Gordes (12km) on a Tuesday morning and historic Apt (24km) on a Saturday morning looking out for regional specialities such as cherries, Cavaillon melons, candied fruit, olive oil, wine



and, of course, lavender products.

L'Isle sur La Sorgue (17km) is famous for its Sunday morning market and brocante and it is a delightful Provençal town any day of the week with its waterways and antique stores. Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (21km) is a paradise for hiking enthusiasts and you will find canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Sorgue. There are of course many wonderful walks and challenging hikes across the Luberon alongside cycling trails, mountain biking, horse-riding and rock-climbing.

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon (37km), sample the wines of the Rhône valley in and around Châteauneuf-du-Pape (50km), follow Van Gogh's footsteps in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (35km) or Arles (65km) and admire the landscapes that so inspired Cézanne near Aix-en-Provence (65km), just over an hour away by car.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (29km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (68km)
Nearest City	Avignon (37km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (16km)
Nearest Restaurant	Oppède (1.5km)
Nearest Shop	Bakery and grocery store in Oppède (1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Coustellet (6km)
Nearest Tennis	Oppède (1.5km)
Nearest Town	Cavaillon (12km)

Nearest Train Station **Gare de Cavailon/Gare d'Avignon TGV**
(13km/42km)

Nearest Village **Oppède**
(1.5km)

What we love

- Stay within a beautiful and tranquil Luberon wine estate owned by Ridley Scott and family
- This contemporary air-conditioned abode is so stylish and filled with light showcasing unique artwork and even the occasional film prop
- Enjoy the estate's wine as you dine al-fresco by the summer kitchen overlooking the heated swimming pool and olive trees
- A complimentary winery tour and wine-tasting is included in your stay
- It's only 1.5km to the local village's *boulangerie*, grocery store, café and restaurants
- The iconic perched villages of Oppède le Vieux and Ménerbes are both within a very short drive

What you should know...

- Villa Pamplemousse is next door to 3-bedroom Villa Grenade (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/villa-grenade/>) and they can both be rented together for up to 12 guests. Please see Villa Pamplemousse and Villa Grenade (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/villa-pamplemousse-and-villa-grenade/>).
- The gorgeous Le Soleil D'Or (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/le-soleil-dor/>) is also within the same wine estate, around 200m away.
- This villa is not suitable for children under the age of 12 – this is due to various reasons including the fact that there are works of art and unique furnishings/pieces across the home as well as the desire to create a calm ambience across the grounds with neighbouring Villa Grenade.
- Please note the attentive Property Manager is usually on-site in her office (just across the road) on week days.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation before arrival (taken by Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment) and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Additional linen and towel changes can be requested at extra cost.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Children under the age of 12 are not allowed to stay at this villa. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Friday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay clean on a Monday morning. 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. Extra cleaning can be requested at €35/hr
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **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.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **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 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?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is gently heated 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.