

# Villa L'Oree Du Paradis

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 10

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## Overview

Villa L'Orée Du Paradis is for guests seeking authentic nature and a true Provençal ambience alongside the services of a prestigious 5\* hotel and wine château.

This private residence is set within the vast *domaine* of a highly regarded Relais & Châteaux hotel yet enjoys its own heated swimming pool and idyllic grounds dotted with lavender and olive trees. When you are ready to leave your Provençal paradise, you have complimentary access to the hotel's outdoor swimming pools, fitness room and tennis courts whilst spa treatments, cookery lessons and wine-tasting can be arranged. Not to mention the fine-dining opportunities including the hotel's Michelin starred restaurant.

Back at your historic villa, soak up the charm of your natural surroundings as you relax by the heated swimming pool or prepare feasts in the summer kitchen to serve in the shade of the stone pool house. Play a game of pétanque or simply read a book on a peaceful little terrace accompanied by birdsong from the towering pines and olive trees.

The villa's interiors are equally enchanting – the large kitchen is the heart of the home with its long wooden table whilst the elegant living room features exposed wood beams, bold artwork and a library of books with dual aspect French windows allowing light to flood in. Downstairs there's a home-cinema lounge for lazy afternoons escaping the summer sun.

Across the two floors, all five air-conditioned bedrooms feature twin or king-size doubles, TVs, safes and en suite bath or shower rooms, most also with doors opening out to a terrace or garden.



Embrace the nature of this large estate with hiking paths and mountain biking passing vines, orchards, forest, the river and animals roaming free. Beyond the hotel's domaine, discover yet more wonderful walking and cycling routes, canoe or kayak along the Argens River and visit atmospheric villages such as Flayosc, Tourtour and Lorgues. Don't miss Lorgues' bustling Tuesday morning market, one of the largest in the Var region.

If you wish to explore further afield, Lac de Sainte-Croix and the incredible Verdon Natural Park are to the north or you can venture in the other direction towards the French Riviera coast. Dine out in Saint-Tropez, relax on the beaches of Sainte-Maxime, partake in watersports in Fréjus or stroll along La Croisette in Cannes, all wonderful days out in this alluring part of southern France.

## Facilities

Historical Sites • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Watersports • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Tennis Court • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Boat Trips • Wellness • Villa • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Chef/Cook Available • Maid Service Included • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Wow Factor • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Walk to Restaurant • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Spa/Massage • TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Safety Deposit Box • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Zoo • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Water park • Forest park/High-rope course • Butler Included • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (467m2)

### Main Floor

- Large dual-aspect living room with fireplace, library and two sets of doors opening out to terrace/garden
- Kitchen and dining room, fully-equipped including Lacanche cooking range and two sets of doors opening out to terrace/garden
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm), TV, safe and doors opening out to garden. Bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (180x220cm), TV, safe and bathroom with bath, shower and two sinks
- Bedroom with double bed (180x220cm), TV, safe and doors opening out to raised terrace. Bathroom with bath and shower

### Lower Floor (via stairs, no handrail)

- Cinema room with sofas, large TV and doors opening out to garden
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm), TV, safe and doors opening out to small terrace with fountain and old stone steps leading up to the garden. Bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm), TV, safe and door opening out to little terrace and olive tree. Bathroom with shower and WC

## Outside Grounds (five acres)

- Heated swimming pool (14x5m) with safety alarm
- Poolside sunbeds, parasols and olive trees
- Pool house with covered dining area, summer kitchen, fridge and barbecue
- Shower area
- Outdoor lounge
- Large Provençal garden
- Various terraces (some different levels and low stone walls)



- Fountain and separate *bassin*/large pond
- Pétanque court

## Location & Local Information

Surrounded by nature, Villa L'Orée Du Paradis is located within the large domaine of a 5-star Relais & Châteaux hotel just outside the Provençal village of Lorgues. Toulon Hyères (75km) and Nice (92km) are the nearest airports whilst direct trains from Paris (or via Marseille/ Saint-Raphaël) arrive at nearby Les Arcs-Draguignan (16km).

Driving along the forest road, the main part of the hotel is less than five minutes away. This prestigious establishment has a fine reputation for its wine and gastronomy with excellent options for fine dining – a summer terrace restaurant overlooking olive trees, an upmarket bistro and the Michelin starred Le Jardin de Berne. Arrange a cellar tour and wine-tasting of the estate's highly regarded Côtes-de-Provence white and rosé wines. The château's olive oil can also be purchased on site.

Guests have complimentary access to the hotel's two outdoor swimming pools, fitness room and tennis court whilst spa treatments and cookery lessons can be arranged for a supplement. Nature lovers will adore exploring the vast estate with its hiking and biking routes passing vines, farmland, roaming animals, olive trees, orchards and the river.

Beyond the hotel's domaine, discover yet more cycling and walking opportunities as well as river-based watersports along the Argens River. Outdoor adventurers will also appreciate being just an hour from Lac de Sainte-Croix and the edge of the Verdon Natural Park.

Spend time in the charming local village of Lorgues (3km) with its historic lanes, pretty fountains and wonderful Tuesday morning market, one of the largest in the Var region. Other lovely villages close by include Flayosc, Tourtour and Salernes or venture further south through the Maures hills towards La Garde-Freinet (32km), set amongst the chestnut forests, and flower-filled Grimaud (42km) with sweeping coastal views.



Indeed, the allure of the French Riviera awaits with Saint-Tropez (53km) or Cannes (75km) both just over an hour away. Slightly closer is family-friendly Sainte-Maxime (44km) with its glorious beaches and boat trips as well as the Côte d'Azur towns Fréjus (41km) and Saint-Raphaël (43km).

In the other direction, Aix-en-Provence (99km) is less than a 90-minute drive whilst further Mediterranean gems to consider include Bandol (91km) and Cassis (98km), both seaside resorts famed for their beauty, authentic charm, coastal walking trails and vineyards.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Toulon Hyères Airport (75km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (95km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Les Arcs - Draguignan (16km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>At the estate's prestigious hotel (1.7km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>At the estate's hotel (1.5km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Lorgues (3km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Vidauban (13km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Lorgues (3.5km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Salernes (16km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Plage de Fréjus/Sainte-Maxime (42km/44km)</b>

## What we love

- This traditional yet elegant villa is surrounded by nature, set within the estate of the prestigious hotel, Château de Berne
- Alongside the beautiful Provençal kitchen, the dual aspect living room is huge and there's a home-cinema lounge downstairs
- The pool house with its summer kitchen and pizza oven is such a lovely shady spot for al-fresco meals with family and friends
- Guests benefit from complimentary access to the hotel's outdoor swimming pools, fitness room and tennis court. Spa treatments, cookery lessons and wine-tasting can also be arranged
- Gastronomes note that the hotel is home to the Michelin-starred Le Jardin de Berne whilst the nearby village of Lorgues hosts one of the region's largest Provençal markets
- Relax by the French Riviera coast – Saint-Tropez, Saint-Raphaël and even Cannes are all fantastic days out

## What you should know...

- Children will need to be supervised across the beautiful Provençal grounds with a swimming pool as well as a large pond/*bassin* on the other side of the house.
- The house is set within a large estate of a prestigious 5\* hotel – guests have complimentary use of certain hotel facilities and others are available on request (subject to a charge) – see the 'Extras' tab for further information.
- Please reserve ahead when dining at the hotel's excellent restaurants.
- Oliver's Travels also features Bastide Des Rêves (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/bastide-des-reves/>) and Maison Illusion (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/provence-alpes/maison-illusion/>), all close to each other within the same estate.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5000 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 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:** Small weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. A cot and highchair can be requested.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday during July & August - flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and daily cleaning is also included. 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. Short breaks may be available on request outside July and August - please enquire.
- **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 locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **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.