

# La Pivoine

**Region:** French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 12

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## Overview

Appreciate both the authenticity and glamour of the French Riviera at La Pivoine, a beautiful home set in stunning gardens with vineyard views close to medieval Gassin yet also near the allure of Saint-Tropez.

This is a special place where you can choose to relax and truly get away from it all or explore the Côte d'Azur to your heart's content. Set amongst the vines of a nearby wine châteaux, your natural surroundings are idyllic. The interiors are characterful yet refined with six inviting bedrooms (five of which are en suite) and air-conditioning. We adore the traditionally tiled floors of the living-dining room with arched French windows opening out to the terrace and swimming pool. The Provençal kitchen is full of charm – a chef can be arranged on request.

The bougainvillea-clad villa is set within 5000m<sup>2</sup> of landscaped grounds including gorgeous terraces, a pétanque court amongst the trees and a huge sculpture as well as the heated swimming pool. Sit within the courtyard garden with a chilled glass of local Côtes de Provence accompanied by the gentle sound of the trickling fountain. Discover the day bed overlooking the surrounding vines and enjoy al-fresco meals on the main terrace at any time of the day. As you wander around the garden, admire lavender, oleander, roses, jasmine and citrus trees alongside other Mediterranean colours and scents.

Hilltop Gassin is only 1.5km by car, a delightful village with a handy grocery store, restaurant terraces and glorious vistas of the sea – it is officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. In the other direction, head towards Port Grimaud with its little canals, often called the 'Venice of the Côte d'Azur'. Flower-filled Grimaud and Ramatuelle are two other French Riviera gems not to be



missed whilst the forests of the Maures hills are waiting to be explored – this area is wonderful for hiking, cycling and horse-riding.

Of course the main attraction of the region has to be Saint-Tropez, one of southern France's most famous destinations. As well as soaking up its glitzy ambience, take time to explore its medieval lanes and experience the bustling twice-weekly Provençal market at Place des Lices. You can also charter your very own yacht and skipper, an amazing way to tour this spectacular part of the French Riviera coastline.

## Facilities

Villa • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • TV • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Sailing • Wine Tasting • Go-Karting • Scuba Diving • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Paragliding • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Boat Trips • Wow Factor • Maid Service Included • Rural Location • Maid Service Available • Beach Nearby • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • On-Site Concierge • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Kids • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

- Living and dining room with doors opening out to poolside terrace
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped

### Ground Floor Bedrooms

- Master bedroom with king-size double bed, doors opening to poolside terrace/garden and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and door opening to poolside terrace

### First Floor Bedrooms

- Bedroom with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be combined as double), small sea view and en suite shower room

### Independent Courtyard Bedrooms

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed, TV (French channels), door leading to courtyard and en suite shower room
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## Outside Grounds (5000m<sup>2</sup> estate)

- Heated swimming pool (10x5m) with safety alarm
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Various other terraces
- Inner courtyard and large fountain
- Old well and small fountain
- Sculpture
- Pétanque
- Garden and surrounding grounds (some different levels and steps)
- Gated entrance

## Facilities

- WiFi
- Air conditioning





# Location & Local Information

Enjoying a stunning setting surrounded by vineyards, La Pivoine is set just off the road leading to the hilltop village of Gassin, only 6.5km from Saint-Tropez.

There is a good French restaurant with a terrace overlooking the vineyards around 500m away (walking distance - no pavement) whilst the hilltop village of Gassin (1.5km) is less than a 5-minute drive away, a delightful place to explore with its narrow lanes, pretty cafes and restaurant terraces. It is also handy having a small grocery store in the village whilst there are larger supermarkets towards Port Cogolin and Saint-Tropez including a hypermarket only 4km by car.

Within a 15-minute drive (summer traffic dependent) you can be wandering around Saint-Tropez (6.5km) admiring its impressive marina, upmarket restaurants and high-end boutiques. Loved by the rich and famous, get to know the more authentic side of this former fishing village as you explore its old quarter and experience the twice-weekly Provençal market at Place des Lices.

So many boat trips depart Saint-Tropez or you can charter your own yacht for a fantastic day out, an unforgettable way to tour the French Riviera coastline – do always book well in advance.

Port Grimaud (5km) is another wonderful place to discover with its canals, best explored by boat, and weekly summer night market. Meanwhile, flower-filled Grimaud (10km) will enchant you with its rich heritage, historic charm and glorious views of Saint-Tropez bay.

Venturing further afield, partake in a range of outdoor activities across the Maures hills and forests including cycling, mountain biking, hiking and horse-riding passing oak and chestnut forests. Come across pretty villages such as La Garde-Freinet (20km) or continue towards the Var landscapes and wine châteaux around Lorgues (50km) for a truly Provençal experience.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	La Môle – Saint-Tropez Airport (14km)
Nearest Airport 2	Toulon Hyères Airport (49km)
Nearest Airport 3	Nice Airport (103km)
Nearest Train Station	Les Arcs-Dranguin (41km)
Nearest Village	Gassin (1.5km)



Nearest Town	<b>Saint-Tropez (6.5km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Toulon (67km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Local restaurant (600m)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Small convenience store (1.5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(4km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Plage de Cogolin (4km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Club Saint-Tropez (3km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Tennis Club Saint-Tropez (6km)</b>

## What we love

- A true gem of the French Riviera – refined yet characterful with beautiful interiors, just a short drive from Saint-Tropez
- Gaze at the surrounding vineyard as you swim in the heated swimming pool or dine al-fresco on the terrace
- The landscaped gardens are idyllic with bougainvillea, jasmine, roses, pretty fountains and a huge sculpture atmospherically lit up at night
- Hilltop Gassin is only 1.5km away, classified as one of France's *'Plus Beaux Villages'*
- Experience the allure and charm of Saint-Tropez and perhaps charter a yacht to explore this spectacular part of the Côte d'Azur

## What you should know...

- Two of the bedrooms are independent to the main house, accessed via the villa's pretty courtyard.
- There are a further two bedrooms and one bathroom in the basement (no view), suitable for a nanny or other accompanying staff. Please enquire for more details.
- We recommend hiring a car to explore this beautiful region.
- 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:** €10,000 paid via bank transfer to the owner 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:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. 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. Cot and high chair available on request for an additional €50 per week. Two of the bedrooms are independent to the main house, accessed via the villa's pretty courtyard.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €800, payable in advance by bank transfer to the owner. This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests should be respectful of the property and leave the accommodation in a clean and tidy condition. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included during high season, additional cost during all other periods. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable in advance via bank transfer to the owner (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.