Villa Des Ocres

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Close to the authentic village of Rustrel and the incredible landscapes of Colorado Provençal, this artistic home is a unique and inspiring getaway in a great location for hiking, tree-top adventures and sight-seeing in the Luberon region of Provence.

At Villa Des Ocres guests can appreciate the Provençal charm of the villa's wood-beamed ceilings and thick stone walls keeping the home cool in the summer and warm in spring/autumn. Indeed, the house has been extensively renovated in recent years and the result is a traditional and welcoming French home with striking modern interiors.

Bold works of art adorn the walls whilst contemporary furnishings, fixtures and fittings add to the eclectic yet comfortable style. The cosy lounge and impressive kitchen-diner all open out to the main terrace allowing for long and lazy days cooling off in the swimming pool and enjoying al-fresco meals prepared in the brilliantly equipped kitchen.

This unique yet inviting home welcomes 6 guests. On the main floor there are two double bedrooms and two attractive bathrooms alongside a reading area with a sofa-bed. Upstairs beneath the eaves there is another double, a twin and a gorgeous bathroom with a freestanding tub. The mezzanine also has a useful office space with fast Wi-Fi, good to know if you need to work at all during your stay.

Despite being in the heart of the Luberon, the surroundings do not feel remote - the house is set in a quartier/neighbourhood with a handful of other holiday rentals, a seasonal pizzeria (Wednesday to Sunday), campsite and tree-top adventure centre. The most energetic could even walk to Rustrel around 2km away with its traditional café-restaurants, small grocery store, olive oil mill and 17th century château.

It is just a short drive to the stunning scenery of Colorado Provençal, a former ochre quarry and a site of extraordinary beauty with its array of colours and shapes. Follow marked walking and hiking trails through the outstanding landscapes – the GR7 hiking route also passes through.

Elsewhere, admire vineyards, cherry orchards, lavender fields and forest as you drive to Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt, Roussillon, Gordes and Bonnieux, all picture-perfect hilltop villages. What's more, soak up the Saturday morning ambience of the region's largest market in Apt and bring home olives, strawberries, wine, cherries, melons, figs, herbs and so many other seasonal delights of the Luberon.

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Facilities

Walk to Village • France250 • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Special Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Has Offer • Has Discount • Pets on Request • Ideal for Teens • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Zoo • Caves/Pre-historic site • Ruins • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Mas Interiors

Main Entrance Level

- Partially open-plan living room with decorative fireplace (not in use) and doors leading to the terrace
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped, with doors leading to the terrace
- Open-plan dining area with doors leading to the terrace
- Bedroom with double bed
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- Reading room with double sofa-bed
- 2 x shower rooms

Loft Level (with sloping ceilings)

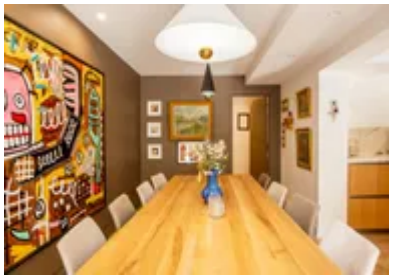
- Mezzanine level with office space
- Children's play room
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds (90x200cm each)
- Bathroom

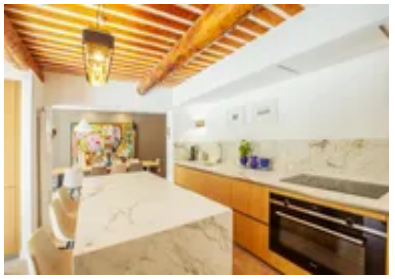
Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (8.5x4.5m)
- Covered terrace for al-fresco dining
- Garden
- Parking

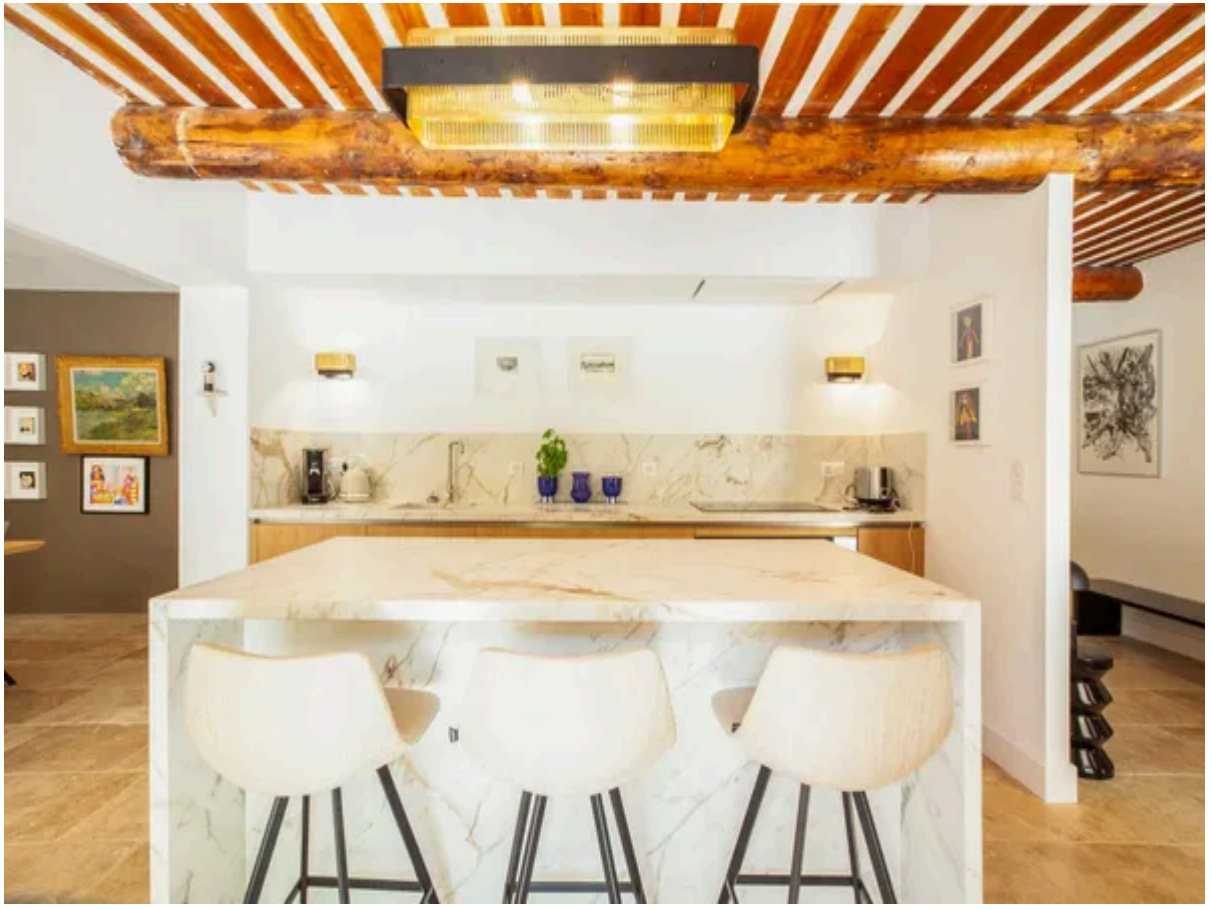
Maison 70

A creative space dedicated to art and craftsmanship. Here, you'll have the opportunity to explore your creativity through drawing, painting, and watercolour courses, as well as ceramics workshops where you can learn turning and pottery-making techniques.









Location & Local Information

Villa Des Ocres is in the Luberon region of Provence close to the village of Rustrel and the incredible landscapes of the Colorado Provençal. Both Marseille and Avignon airports are around a 90-minute drive away, as is Gare d'Avignon TGV with direct arrivals from Lille and Paris.

The villa is semi-detached and located in a small neighbourhood of villas/gîtes/chambre d'hôtes etc within walking distance to a seasonal pizzeria (open five days a week), campsite and tree-top adventure centre. Guests could also walk to the heart of Rustel (2km, no pavement) in around 30 minutes, an authentic working village with a handful of cafes-restaurants, a small grocery store, a wonderful boulangerie, an olive oil mill and a beautiful 17th century château. You can also hire bikes here.

To the south of the village is the stunning scenery of the Colorado Provençal (3km), a former ochre quarry showcasing such wonderful shapes and colours – this is a true gem of the Luberon. The marked hikes through the unique landscapes are amazing (if staying in the height of the summer be aware that access can occasionally be forbidden in case of forest fires). The GR6 hiking trail passes through Rustrel and Colorado Provençal.

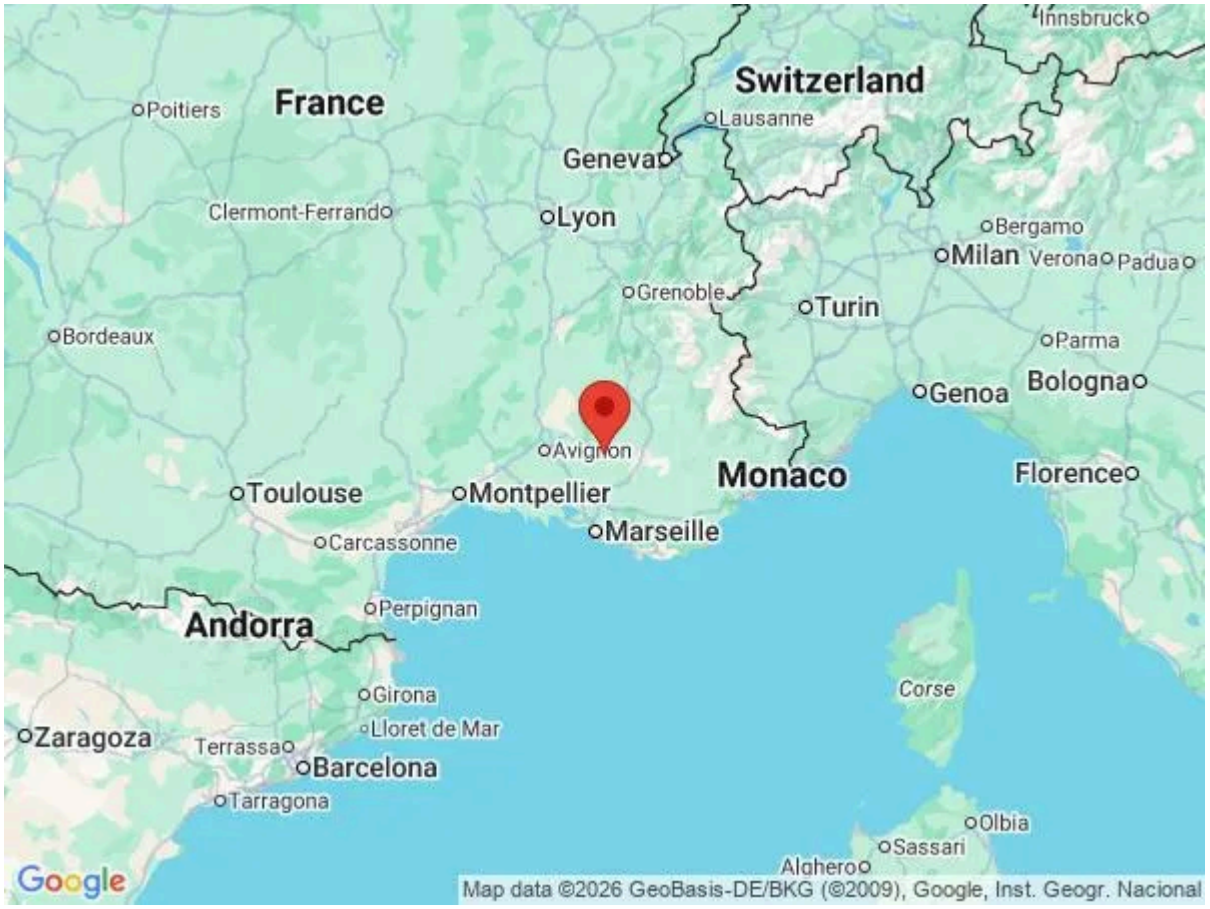
Within half an hour is red-hued Roussillon (19km), one of the Luberon's iconic perched villages and classified as a 'Plus Beau Village' alongside Ménerbes (33km), Gordes (26km) and Bonnieux (27km). Another gorgeous village even closer is Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (10km), famed for its vineyards and cherry orchards – don't miss the lovely Tuesday morning market here.

The handsome town of Apt (11km) is also close by. Visit on a Saturday to experience the region's largest market showcasing a wealth of delights from the Luberon and beyond including candied fruit, strawberries, melons, garlic, tomatoes, cherries, wine, olives, lavender products, fabrics, clothes and so much more.

If staying when the lavender is in bloom (usually late June to early August) then venture north to the lavender farms and distilleries near Sault (31km) or look out for picture-perfect lavender fields around Simiane la Rotonde (16km) and Sénanque Abbey (32km) near Gordes.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (56km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (102km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Cavaillon/ L'Isle-sur-Sorgue - Fontaine-V (43km/45km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Pizzeria (Short walk)**









Nearest Village	**Rustrel (2km)**
Nearest Town	**Apt (11km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Apt (11km)**
Nearest City	**Avignon (66km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Saumane (43km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Near Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (11km)**

What we love

- Alongside bold works of modern art and eclectic design, embrace the Provençal charm of this unique and welcoming abode
- Spend lazy summer afternoons relaxing by the swimming pool and enjoy al-fresco meals with family and friends
- In the summer months it is great having a pizzeria and tree-top adventure centre within walking distance whilst Rustrel is only 2km away
- Admire the incredible landscapes of the Colorado Provençal, a paradise for hiking enthusiasts (the GR6 passes closeby)
- Don't miss the wonderful Saturday morning market in nearby Apt, the largest in the region
- Pass vineyards, cherry orchards, lavender and forest as you explore the Luberon and its idyllic villages

What you should know...

- There is a seasonal pizzeria within walking distance (open five days a week) and the little village of Rustrel is only 2km away. A car is essential across this region.
- Part of the local main road leading to Apt and Rustrel is closed for repair work until 2024 but diversions are in place.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to 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?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchair are available on request.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean included if staying multiple weeks

- **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.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.

- **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.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.