Villa Grand Gordes

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 15

Overview

Pass the 500-year old oak tree as you approach Villa Grand Gordes via its long driveway. This setting is extraordinary, on a hilltop surrounded by dense forest, fruit trees and fields of lavender so typical of the Luberon. For guests seeking solitude, the views from the swimming pool are glorious. Yet you are only a 10-minute drive from the famous hilltop village of Gordes.

Villa Grand Gordes exudes character and charm with a rich history – this beautiful bastide was built on the foundations of a building that once belonged to Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque. Be enchanted by the Provençal stone walls, central round tower and rose-clad doorways. Be mesmerised by the far-reaching Luberon landscapes – you can even see as far as Mont Sainte-Victoire on a clear day.

Villa Grand Gordes sleeps up to 15 guests across its eight bedrooms, most with private bathrooms, scattered across the wings of the house. The bastide's décor is elegant - it is a genuine home so very well appointed with everything you may need. There is so much space to spread out whether reading in the grand living area, relaxing in the TV lounge, working out in the fitness room or creating Provençal feasts in the professionally equipped kitchen with its Lacanche range. Many of the living spaces open out to terraces to make the most of the stunning scenery.

The extensive grounds are home to truffle oaks, almond and fruit trees, lavender and vistas of the surrounding forest. There's table tennis and *boules* to keep all ages entertained alongside the summer infinity swimming pool. Truly embrace the serenity of this location in one of Provence's most beautiful regions.

There are of course some wonderful walks straight from the estate. Photogenic Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque is only 5km to the south, especially idyllic in the summer months when the lavender is at its best. The tiny village of Murs is less than a 10-minute drive away, home to a delightful *épicerie* selling regional produce, whilst Van Gogh's beloved Gordes, one of France's official '*Plus Beaux Villages*', is 5km by car. Visit on a Tuesday morning to experience Gordes' atmospheric market.

If you feel like exploring further, consider the antique stores and riverside café terraces of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon and the huge Saturday morning market in historic Apt. Not to mention so many other Luberon gems from the cherry orchards of Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt, the vineyards of Ménerbes and the red-hued houses of Roussillon across this incredible part of Provence.









Facilities

France250 • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tennis Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Cycling • Villa • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Golf Nearby • Has Discount • Special Offer • Has Offer • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Games Room • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Outdoor Games • Kid-friendly excursions • Amusement park • Forest park/High-rope course • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Villa Interiors

Ground Floor

- Hallway and guest WC
- Living area (60m2) with doors opening to large covered terrace
- Dining area with fireplace
- Kitchen, professionally equipped including Lacanche cooker and American-style fridge freezer and doors leading to covered terrace
- Large TV/Games room
- Fitness room with access to north terrace
- Utility and laundry room

Bedroom Wing

- Bedroom 1 with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), desk, door leading to terrace, extra external entrance and bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom 2 with king-size double bed (180x200cm), fireplace, door leading to terrace and bathroom with shower, bidet and WC
- Library (connecting bedrooms 1 and 2)

Upstairs

- Bedroom 3 with king-size double bed (180x200cm), attached children's bedroom and bathroom with shower, bath and WC
- Family suite. Bedroom 4 with queen-size double bed (160x200cm). Bedroom 5 with two single beds. Bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bedroom 6 with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as two singles) and bathroom with shower and separate WC
- Bedroom 7 with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as two singles) and bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom 8 with queen-size double bed (160x200cm), antique children's bed, extra external entrance and bathroom with bath, shower, bidet and WC

Outside Grounds

- Natural shaped swimming pool
- Covered dining terrace and barbecue
- Large garden
- Table tennis
- Boules court
- 30-hectare estate with lavender field, orchard and forest
- Long gravel driveway
- Parking

Facilities

- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

Enjoy uninterrupted Luberon vistas from Villa Grand Gordes' incredible setting on a hilltop above Gordes, just 5km north of Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque. Avignon and Marseille are the two closest airports or take the fast train to Gare d'Avignon TGV (35km) taking only 2 hours 40 minutes from Paris.

There are walks and hikes from your doorstep from this remote setting surrounded by lavender, orchards and forest. Follow the winding roads to the charming little village of Murs (5km) home to a restaurant and *épicerie* or head to Gordes (5km), one of the Luberon's most popular villages due to its historic charm, atmospheric restaurants, galleries, shops and pretty Tuesday morning market.

A little further afield, Coustellet (13km) is a good place to stock up on groceries with its supermarkets and Sunday morning Farmer's market or drive south-east to the historic market town of Apt (22km) which hosts the Luberon's largest market on a Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, other charming villages nearby include Goult (14km), Joucas (10km), Venasque (10km) and Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (18km) as well as some of the iconic perched gems of the Luberon such as Ménerbes, Bonnieux and Roussillon, all within a 20 to 30-minute drive. As you explore the Luberon, come across forests, vineyards, cherry trees and hills – this region is perfect for walking, hiking, cycling, horse-riding and soaking up the beauty of Provence.

What's more, the foothills of Mont Ventoux are also close enough to explore as you venture north, once again passing vines, forest and medieval villages. Bédoin (30km), a mecca for cyclists, is just 40 minutes away or spend time in Mormoiron, Saint-Didier and Mazan, all picturesque Vaucluse villages with rich history and incredible landscapes.

Local Amenities









Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (35km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Airport (75km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Nimes Airport (87km)**
Nearest Train Station	**L'Isle-sur-Sorgue/Avignon TGV (24km/50km)**
Nearest Village	**Murs/Gordes (4.5km/5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Gordes (5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Coustellet (13km)**
Nearest Town	**Apt (22km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Saumane (22km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club de Cabrières d'Avignon (12km)**

What we love

- For guests seeking true solitude, you are surrounded by forest, fruit trees, a 500-year old oak tree and fields of lavender
- The swimming pool is quite idyllic with the most beautiful views of the Luberon landscapes
- The house itself is rich in history with its Provençal stone walls and traditional round tower
- How wonderful to be just a 10-minute drive from Gordes, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'

What you should know...

- You'll need a car to stay here, as the villa is reached via a track and isn't accessible by public transport.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **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 and mid-stay cleaning are 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 (and weekend cleaning if staying 2 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.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **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.