Villa La Badelle

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

This is picture-perfect Provence with lavender, roses, cypresses and idyllic views of the surrounding Luberon countryside. With charming stone walls and such inviting interiors, Villa La Badelle is near the iconic perched villages of Gordes and Roussillon.

This traditional stone house is immaculate in so many ways. We love the attractive lounge with its Provençal fireplace (perfect for winter stays), comfortable furnishings and French windows opening out to the terraces and garden. The kitchen is perfectly equipped for meals *chez vous*, best enjoyed al-fresco beneath the pergola on the gorgeous dining terrace overlooking the garden.

The ground floor is home to three pretty double bedrooms, two with doors opening out to the terrace, alongside two bathrooms. At the top of the stairs, a fourth double can be found in the loft beneath the sloping eaves, allowing Villa La Badelle to welcome up to 8 guests.

The garden is simply wonderful – listen to the trickle of the swimming pool as you enjoy your morning coffee beneath the huge tree overlooking the lavender or watch kids splash around from the shade of the pool house lounge. The raised stone terraces add to the Provençal charm and the vistas towards the Luberon countryside are glorious. This really is an enchanting setting at any time of year.

Following the country roads, a little hamlet is around 1.7km away with a well-regarded bistro serving a seasonal menu accompanied by good wine. You are also just over a 5-minute drive from Goult, an old and very charming Luberon village with restaurants, a handful of useful shops (grocery store, *pain de depot*, cheesemongers) and a lovely market on a Thursday morning.

In the other direction is Gordes, 6km by car, officially classified as one of France's most beautiful villages with its winding lanes, art galleries, excellent restaurants, Tuesday morning market and incredible vistas from its hilltop setting.

Other iconic perched villages of the Luberon include Roussillon, Ménerbes and Bonnieux, all within a 15-minute drive. There are also so many amazing hiking trails and cycling routes nearby passing poppy fields, vineyards, cherry orchards and dense forest – this really is a stunning region of Provence.

Beyond the Luberon, another gem of Provence is L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue with its riverside cafes and antique stores, not far from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, a paradise for hikers and canoeing enthusiasts. Avignon is another fantastic day out or venture to Les Alpilles for art galleries, olive groves and pretty hilltop villages near Saint-Rémy, Les Baux-de-Provence and Arles.









Facilities

Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Canoeing/Kayaking • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Villa • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • France250 • Has Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Special Offer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Caves/Pre-historic site • Kid-friendly excursions • Forest park/High-rope course • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living-dining room with Provençal fireplace and doors opening to terrace and garden with lovely views
- Kitchen, well-equipped, and doors leading to garden
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and doors leading to terrace
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and doors leading to terrace
- Bedroom with double bed and air-conditioning
- Bathroom
- Shower room

Upstairs

- Open loft bedroom with double bed, air conditioning and low sloping ceiling

Stairs lead straight into the loft/mezzanine bedroom – it may be best suited to children because of the low sloping ceiling.

Outside Grounds

- Private swimming pool (10x4m, heated on request for an additional charge)
- Pool house with outdoor lounge
- Raised stone terraces around the house
- Pergola with al-fresco dining table and chairs
- Barbecue
- Garden
- Parking

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (in bedrooms only)
- Underfloor heating
- Laundry facilities
- Iron

Location & Local Information

In the Luberon region, Villa La Badelle is superbly located for exploring this captivating part of Provence. What's more, it is only 6km from Gordes, one of France's most beautiful villages.

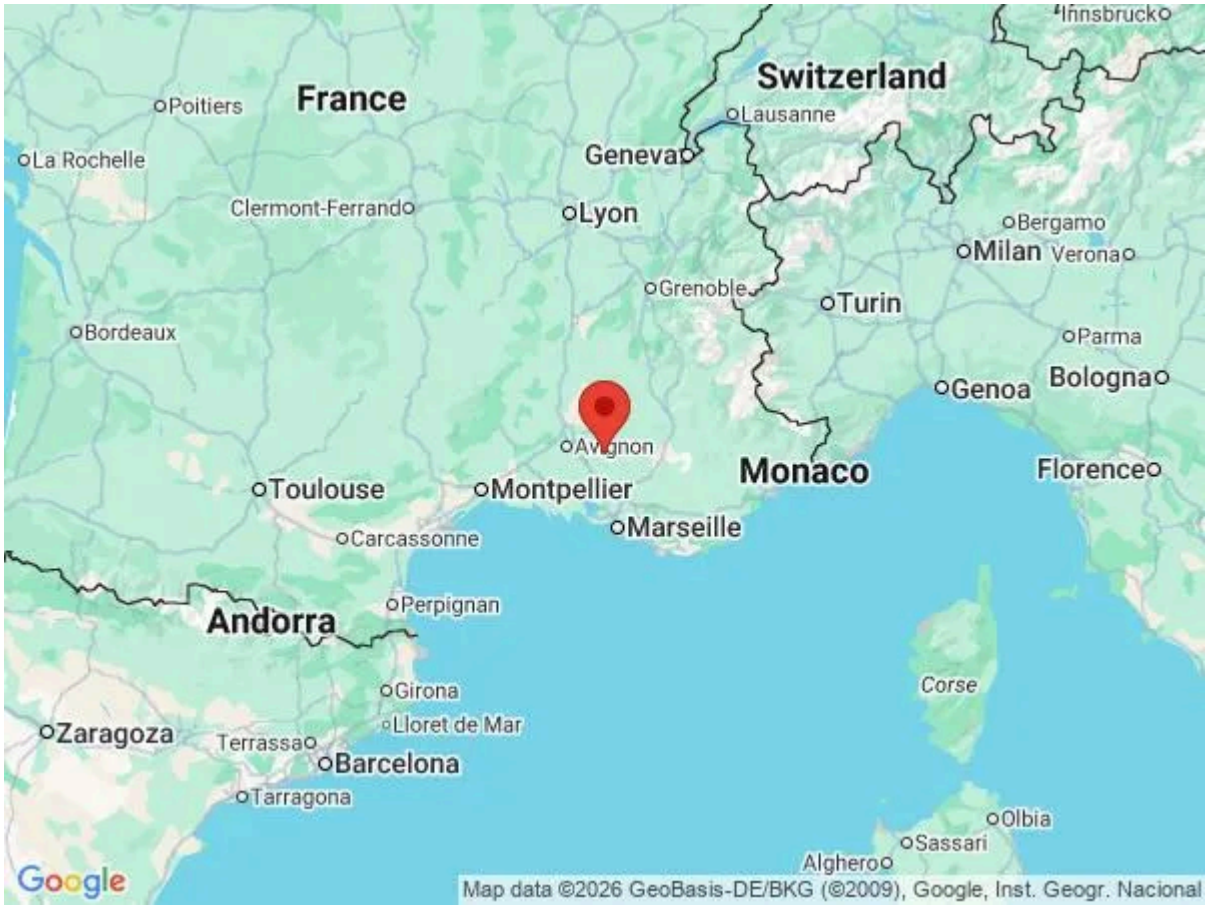
The nearest three airports are Avignon (30km), Marseille (71km) and Nimes (83km) or arrive by train into Gare d'Avignon TGV (40km) – Paris to Avignon is around 2 hours 40 minutes by train.

The house enjoys a rural setting just off a country road – you can walk (no pavements) to a little hamlet around 2km away with a highly regarded Provençal bistro serving seasonal produce and good wine. The charming old village of Goult is only 4km by car with more lovely restaurants as well as little shops (an épicerie, cheese shop, bakery etc) and a delightful market on a Thursday morning.

Hilltop Gordes (6km) is officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and hosts its wonderful market on a Tuesday morning. Artists have been inspired by Gordes' surrounding landscapes for years – potter around the village's art studios and galleries, dine out in one of Gordes' many restaurants and visit Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque for more photogenic scenery.

Other iconic perched villages of the Luberon are also easily reached including Ménerbes (10km), Bonnieux (12km) and red-hued Roussillon (8km). A little further afield, follow Camus' footsteps in Lourmarin (25km), buy local cherries in Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (17km) and experience the huge Saturday morning market in Apt (19km).

Beyond the Luberon, don't miss the famous Sunday morning brocante in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (18km), canoe or kayak along the Sorgue River near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (18.5km), admire the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon (40km) and visit the lavender fields of Sault (35km), usually in bloom around late June to early August.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (30km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (71km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Nîmes Airport (83km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (18km/40km)**
Nearest Village	**Goult/Gordes (4km/6km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Bistro in local hamlet (2km)**
Nearest Shop	**Bakery, butchers and cheese shop in Goult (4km)**
Nearest Town	**Apt (19km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Super U et Drive, Coustellet (9km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club de Cabrières d'Avignon (7km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Saumane (17km)**

What we love

- This pretty stone house in the Luberon is incredibly popular with the loveliest of reviews
- Admire lavender, roses, cypress trees and the most glorious Luberon vistas from the beautiful garden and terraces
- The light-filled living room is gorgeous with its Provençal fireplace, elegant décor and French windows opening to the terrace and garden
- There's a highly regarded bistro in a little hamlet just 1.7km away whilst the old village of Goult, one of the Luberon's hidden gems, is just over 5 minutes by car
- 6km in the other direction is Gordes, officially classified as one of France's most beautiful villages

What you should know...

- The fourth double bedroom is in the loft and has sloping ceilings – because of this it may suit children better (as long as they can manage the stairs leading straight into the bedroom).
- The nearest restaurant is a fantastic bistro in a local hamlet just 1.7km away - it is within walking distance following local country roads (no pavement) or a short drive.

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?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. Conditions may apply including a pet supplement cost to cover additional cleaning and pets must be leashed or inside during pool maintenance visits.

- **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.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €250 per week payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment, in April, May, September & October. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **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.