Villa Les Fontaines Du Luberon

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

After an afternoon by the swimming pool, sip an evening *apéritif* by the lavender and olive trees before dining al-fresco with loved ones beneath the century-old plane trees, no doubt enjoying local specialities from nearby Apt's historic market. Also close to the village of Saignon, this beautiful bastide in Provence allows guests to experience the Luberon's landscapes, picture-perfect villages and truly idyllic scenery.

This sensitively restored Provençal *mas* dates back to the 18th century and welcomes up to 14 guests across seven bedrooms, all with private bathrooms. There are two parts of Villa Les Fontaines Du Luberon, starting off with the spacious bastide with its gorgeous lounge and fireplace with bay windows allowing light to flood in, alongside the open kitchen with a fireplace and dining area. Each of the six bedrooms in this part of the house offer private shower rooms and dressing areas.

Part of the same building, the smaller 'bastidon' has a charming living space, a kitchen-diner and doors leading to the herb garden and terrace. Another two guests can sleep here in an attractive bedroom with its own shower room.

The 1.5-hectare grounds feature all the sights, sounds and scents of Provence with characterful stone walls, cypresses, oaks, fig and cherry trees alongside gorgeous terraces with lavender and other herbs, a pretty fountain and ancient plane trees for ample shade. The large swimming pool can be heated (for a supplement) during certain months and there is *boules* for early evening entertainment as the sun sets. Families will also appreciate table tennis!

All this nature yet you are only a short drive from the









historic town of Apt, loved especially for its Saturday morning market, the largest in the Luberon. Then there's picturesque Saignon and its medieval lanes, café terraces and incredible views from its perched position.

The many gems of the Luberon can be easily reached from villages such as Gordes, Ménerbes and Lourmarin to slightly lesser known jewels including Joucas, Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt and Cucuron. On your travels look out for cherry orchards, vineyards and wine châteaux as well as a wealth of wonderful restaurants (some with Michelin stars).

If you feel like exploring more, choose between the riverside cafes and antique stores of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon, the cycling routes from Mont Ventoux, the lavender fields of Sault and the enchantment of Aix-en-Provence only an hour away from your beautiful Luberon abode.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • France250 • Villa • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Ideal for Kids • Golf Nearby • Recommended • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Cots (Cribs) • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Parking Space • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Tumble Dryer • Microwave • Outdoor Games • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









House Interiors (450m2 over various floors)

Main part of the house - Bastide

- Main entrance
- Living room with Provençal stone fireplace, bay windows and adjoining dining room
- Laundry room with washing machine, dryer and second fridge
- Open-plan and well-equipped kitchen-diner with bay window and French windows opening to south-facing terrace

First Floor

- Bedroom 1 (14m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and dressing area. En suite bathroom (9m2)
- Bedroom 2 (19m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin) and dressing area. En suite bathroom (6m2)
- Bedroom 3 (18m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and dressing area. En suite bathroom (9m2)
- Bedroom 4 (18m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and dressing area. En suite bathroom (4m2)
- 2 x separate WC

Second Floor

- TV lounge and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom 6 (14m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and dressing area. En suite bathroom (6m2)
- Bedroom 7 (18m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and dressing area. En suite bathroom (5m2)
- Separate WC

Bastidon (Annexe) Interiors

Part of the same building, this is the ground floor section, accessed via a second entrance or by going down from the first floor.

- Small lounge with French doors opening to terrace
- Kitchen and dining area with oven, fridge, microwave, washing machine and dryer
- Bedroom 5 (12m2) with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be split as twin beds) and shower room (5m2) and separate WC

Outside Grounds (1.5 hectares)

- Swimming pool (12x5.5m) with safety alarm and retractable cover. Can be heated (for a supplement) in April, May, September and October
- Outdoor WC
- Al-fresco dining terrace beneath the plane trees
- Fountain terrace with lavender and olive trees
- Herb garden with terrace
- Large garden with Provençal plants and trees (some different levels and steps)

- Boules, table tennis and badminton set
- Parking on site
- West facing terrace with fountain
- North facing terrace at front of property
- South facing terrace at rear of property, ideal for dining
- Barbecue

Other Facilities

- 2 x laundry rooms each with washing machine and dryer
- Ground floor WC
- Yoga mats
- 2 cots
- 3 highchairs
- Ground floor underfloor heating

Location & Local Information

This beautiful Provençal home is located close to the gorgeous village of Saignon and the handsome market town of Apt in the heart Luberon National Park, a great base for visiting the beautiful villages, vineyards and landscapes of this part of Provence. Arrive via Marseille/Avignon Airports or take the fast-speed train (2 hours 40 minutes) from Paris to Gare d'Avignon TGV, just over an hour away by car.

The house is set in glorious grounds just off the road leading north to Apt (2.5km) – it is handy being just a short drive from the town for large supermarkets and other useful amenities. The historic centre is very attractive with cobbled streets, tree-lined squares, handsome buildings and a great choice of restaurants and shops. On a Saturday morning, visit the 900-year old Provençal market, the largest and one of the best in the Luberon – head there early to join locals picking up wonderful seasonal produce and specialities (candied fruit, strawberries, cherries, melons, lavender products, honey, olives and so much more).

Hilltop Saignon (3.5km) is also not to be missed, such an enchanting medieval village with stunning Luberon vistas – you can even see as far as Mont Ventoux on a clear day. Sit out on a shady café terrace with a coffee or evening apéritif and soak up the lovely ambience of this hidden gem. When summer arrives, admire lavender fields beneath the perched village.

Of course, there are so many other highlights of Provence. The cherry orchards, vineyards and wine châteaux near Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (11km), the cobbled streets and cafes of Goult (17km) and the '*Plus Beaux Villages*' of Ménerbes, Gordes, Roussillon and Bonnieux, all within half an hour. Driving south, come across the medieval villages of Lourmarin, Cucuron and Ansouis with their Michelin starred restaurants or venture further towards the romance of Aix-en-Provence (58km), just over an hour away.

Heading towards Avignon instead, canoe/kayak along the Sorgue near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (35km), seek treasures at the Sunday morning brocante in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (35km), count historic fountains in Pernes-les-Fontaines (45km) and visit the summer evening Farmer's market in Velleron (44km).

Not to mention cycling trails, hiking paths, horse-riding, wine tasting, rock-climbing and visits to historic caves and castles across the Luberon and beyond during your stay in this captivating part of Provence.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (48km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (83km)**
Nearest City	**Avignon (56km)**









Nearest Golf	**Golf de Saumane/Pierrevert Golf Course (35km/38km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Apt/Saignon (2.5km/3.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarché SUPER Apt (2.5km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Just outside Apt (5km)**
Nearest Town	**Apt (2.5km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (35km/58km)**
Nearest Village	**Saignon (3.5km)**

What we love

- Such a beautifully restored bastide where you can truly relax and experience authentic Provence
- Dine together beneath the century-old plane trees on long summer evenings
- The garden is filled with the sights, sounds and scents of the Luberon with cypresses, olive, cherry and fig trees, lavender and other aromatic herbs alongside the trickling fountain
- Visit the Luberon's largest market on a Saturday morning in Apt just a 5-minute drive away
- Potter around the picture-perfect perched village of Saignon, a hidden jewel of the region only 3.5km by car

What you should know...

- There are two parts of this beautiful Provençal home – the main part (bastide) with six bedrooms and the bastidon (on the ground floor) with one further bedroom. Please see the Floorplans and "Layout" tab for details.
- The swimming pool can be heated (for a supplement) in certain months – please see the "T&Cs" for further information.
- If travelling with small children, please note that there are some unfenced ponds in the grounds - please keep an eye on little explorers around these areas. The housekeeper will show all ponds to guests upon arrival.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 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:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Cot and highchair available on request. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon arrival.

- **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:** Weekend cleaning included if staying multiple weeks.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating is available from May onwards for an extra charge of €500 per week in May and no other charge in other months, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. 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.