

# Villa Les Vignes

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 8

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## Overview

After strolling to the village to pick up fresh croissants, serve breakfast on the pretty terrace overlooking the vineyards before venturing out to explore the Luberon. This attractive villa in Provence is perfectly located away from the tourist crowds yet near some of the Luberon's most famous villages including Gordes and Roussillon.

Villa Les Vignes was once an ancient *bergerie*, made out of local stone and located at the foot of the authentic village of Joucas. It's wonderful to sit out in the south-facing garden (meaning you are protected from the mistral) overlooking vineyards and beautiful Luberon landscapes. The swimming pool is especially inviting in the warm summer months and there is a picturesque terrace for al-fresco dining in the shade. As evening approaches, the sunsets over the vines are idyllic.

Inside, the thick stone walls keep the villa cool in the summer and comfortable during winter months although there is also air-conditioning throughout. Admire characterful features such as exposed wood beams, Provençal ceilings and the lounge's grand fireplace, alongside a blend of modern and classic furnishings. The garden room is a relaxing place for your morning coffee overlooking the garden and countryside beyond.

The villa sleeps up to 8 guests across four bedrooms – three doubles and a quad with four single beds. There are also three bathrooms – one en suite (downstairs) and another two on the first floor.

It really is lovely to be able to easily wander to the hilltop village to explore its flower-filled lanes and come across old stone houses, sculptures and a striking windmill on the edge of the village (do visit inside). The village is home to a couple of restaurants and a delightful *épicerie* with a good



range of products and fresh bread. There are some great walks from the village including a challenging hike through the Gorges du Véroncle.

Meanwhile, the iconic hilltop villages of Gordes and Roussillon are just 6km away, both classified as two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. Other Luberon gems nearby include Ménerbes and Bonnieux or head a little further south to the likes of Lourmarin, Ansouis and Cucuron (all three with Michelin starred restaurants!).

Discover canoeing along the Sorgue near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, horse-riding, cycling and yet more atmospheric markets in local villages and towns. Don't miss L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue's Sunday morning brocante and Velleron's Farmer's market most summer evenings.

Furthermore, if you can find the time, visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon or soak up the romance of Aix-en-Provence, both brilliant days out from your holiday home in the Luberon.

## Facilities

Coffee Machine • Exclusive • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Villa • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Village • Caves/Pre-historic site • Theme park • Forest park/High-rope course • Pool Safety Feature • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (two levels)

- Living room with traditional provencal fireplace
- Open-plan dining area
- Kitchen, fully-equipped
- Garden room with doors leading to al-fresco dining terrace and swimming pool
- Bedroom with double bed, doors leading to terrace and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with four single beds (can be pushed together to create two doubles)
- 2 x bathrooms

*There are some steps on ground level. Three bedrooms/two bathrooms are located upstairs.*

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m) with safety alarm.
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Garden area
- Private parking

## Other Facilities

- Laundry facilities
- 2 x coffee machines (Nespresso with 4-6 pods on arrival and filter)





## Location & Local Information

In the Luberon region of Provence, Villa Les Vignes enjoys beautiful vineyard views on the edge of a small village, only 6km from the famous perched village of Gordes. The nearest airports are Avignon, Marseille and Nîmes or arrive by train into Gare d'Avignon TGV (fast trains from Paris to Avignon take 2 hours 40 minutes).

It's fantastic being able to stroll to Joucas, an authentic small village with a little épicerie for a nice range of groceries and bread as well as a couple of restaurants. There is also a tennis court and small children's play area within walking distance. Joucas is very well located a short drive from many Luberon highlights but the village is also away from the usual tourist trail. Explore the village's narrow lanes, old houses and colourful flowers, then venture further afield with some wonderful hikes within easy reach including Les Gorges de Véroncle.

You are almost equidistant between the red-hued village of Roussillon (6km) and artistic Gordes (6km), both officially classified as two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. Across both villages look out for wonderful restaurants, atmospheric weekly markets, art galleries (especially in Gordes) and stunning views. Just outside Roussillon, walk along Le Sentier des Ocres to admire the everchanging red colours against the verdant pine trees and Provençal blue skies.

Other gems of the region include Ménerbes (15km), Bonnieux (15km) and Oppède le Vieux (18km) whilst market lovers won't want to miss the atmospheric stalls across Apt (16km) on a Saturday morning (the largest market in the region) and Coustellet (12km) on a Sunday.

Discover landscapes of vineyards, orchards and forests as you explore the many walking and cycling trails or admire the scenery on horseback – carriage rides are also possible through the Luberon countryside.

Beyond the Luberon, head to the lavender fields of Sault (30km), the antique stores of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (22km),



the hiking trails near Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (23km) and the Sorgue River for canoeing/kayaking in glorious surroundings. Golf lovers can tee off at Golf de Saumane (22km) only half an hour by car.

Meanwhile, visit the wine-bars, markets and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Avignon (42km) or venture as far as Les Alpilles for Roman ruins, endless olive groves and picture-perfect villages including Eygalières (35km) and Les Baux-de-Provence (50km).

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (35km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Airport (75km)
Nearest Airport 3	Nimes Airport (92km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (22km/45km)
Nearest Village	Joucas (Short walk)
Nearest Restaurant	Joucas (Short walk)
Nearest Shop	Small grocery store (Short walk)
Nearest Supermarket	Coustellet (12km)
Nearest Town	Apt (17km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (22km)
Nearest Tennis	On the edge of Joucas (Short walk)

## What we love

- Once an ancient *bergerie*, Villa Les Vignes has been lovingly renovated into a fine holiday home
- Here you are away from the tourist crowds yet only 6km from the iconic Luberon villages of Gordes and Roussillon
- It's wonderful to have vistas of vineyards from your swimming pool terrace yet also be just a short stroll to an authentic hilltop village
- The charming historic village is home to a grocery store/bakery, a couple of restaurants and a tennis court
- So many jewels of Provence can be visited for the day from Avignon and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue to the lavender fields of Sault and the foothills of Mont Ventoux

## What you should know...

- Villa Les Vignes sleeps up to 8 guests across four bedrooms including a quad bedroom with four single beds.
- There is a bedroom and en suite bathroom on the ground floor but do note guests will need to be able to manage some steps within the property.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €600 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. Villa Les Vignes sleeps up to 8 guests across four bedrooms including a quad bedroom with four single beds. Cot and high chair available on request.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday - all other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean and weekend cleaning are included if staying multiple weeks. 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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **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.