Villa Benat

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

As you wake up in the morning, look out towards the yachts sailing by on the glistening Mediterranean. The views from the sea-facing terraces at Villa Benat are simply magical - it is wonderful being a short walk from a beach and only 5km from the lovely French Riviera town of Le Lavandou.

Set in a private *domaine* with its own tennis courts (available to book at an additional charge), *épicerie* and beach, all the houses have been created from local stone with natural surroundings as borders. Villa Benat is a gorgeous home, designed by professionals with contemporary décor and a relaxing vibe. You can see the sea from all four bedrooms (three doubles and a triple room), as well as the gorgeous terraces across the various levels.

There is space to dine al-fresco beneath the twinkling lights on the decked terrace and relax on the outdoor lounge with a glass of chilled rosé. There is even a little swimming pool for cooling off on those warm summer days or you can choose to walk down the path to the estate's beach (in just under 10 minutes on foot). Stop off at the *épicerie* for picnic supplies, not far from the estate's tennis courts.

Le Lavandou is an attractive harbourfront town with restaurants, markets, lively summer bars and some glorious beaches including Plage d'Aiguebelle and Plage de Cavalière. Come across all sorts of watersports and admire the beautiful scenery as you follow Le Sentier du Littoral hiking path along this stunning coastline.

Take time to potter around the picture-perfect village of Bormes-les-Mimosas with flower-filled lanes, pretty squares, fountains and atmospheric café terraces. You









could even venture to the hilltop villages of Gassin, Grimaud and Ramatuelle or spend time in Saint-Tropez itself soaking up the glamour of this colourful former fishing village, now one of the Côte d'Azur's most desirable destinations.

Discover yet more beauty as you sail to the idyllic Les Îles d'Hyères, a short summer ferry trip from Le Lavandou. Cycle across Porquerolles passing vineyards, olive groves and eucalyptus trees to reach Caribbean-style beaches or follow the signposted footpaths in Port Cros, a National Park loved for its hiking, snorkelling and incredible nature.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • France250 • Villa • Boat Trips • Paragliding • Scuba Diving • Not for little ones • Sailing • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Watersports • Horse Riding • Exclusive • <1hr to Airport • Romantic • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Fishing • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Walk to Beach • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Beach Nearby • Modern • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Seaview • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Villa Interiors

Main Level

- Living room with door opening out to sea-facing terrace
- Open kitchen, fully-equipped
- Bedroom with double bed and door opening out to sea-facing terrace
- Children's bedroom with three single beds and door opening out to sea-facing terrace
- Bathroom

Upper Level

- Bedroom with double bed, sea-view and open en suite bathroom

Lower Level

- Small TV lounge

Annexe (accessed independently via lower terrace)

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom

Outside Grounds

- Small swimming pool
- Al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue
- Outdoor lounges
- Terraced grounds (with some low walls/open sides/horizontal railings)
- Landscaped Mediterranean garden (unenclosed)
- Parking
- Access to estate's shared tennis courts (additional charge)

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (two bedrooms only)

Location & Local Information

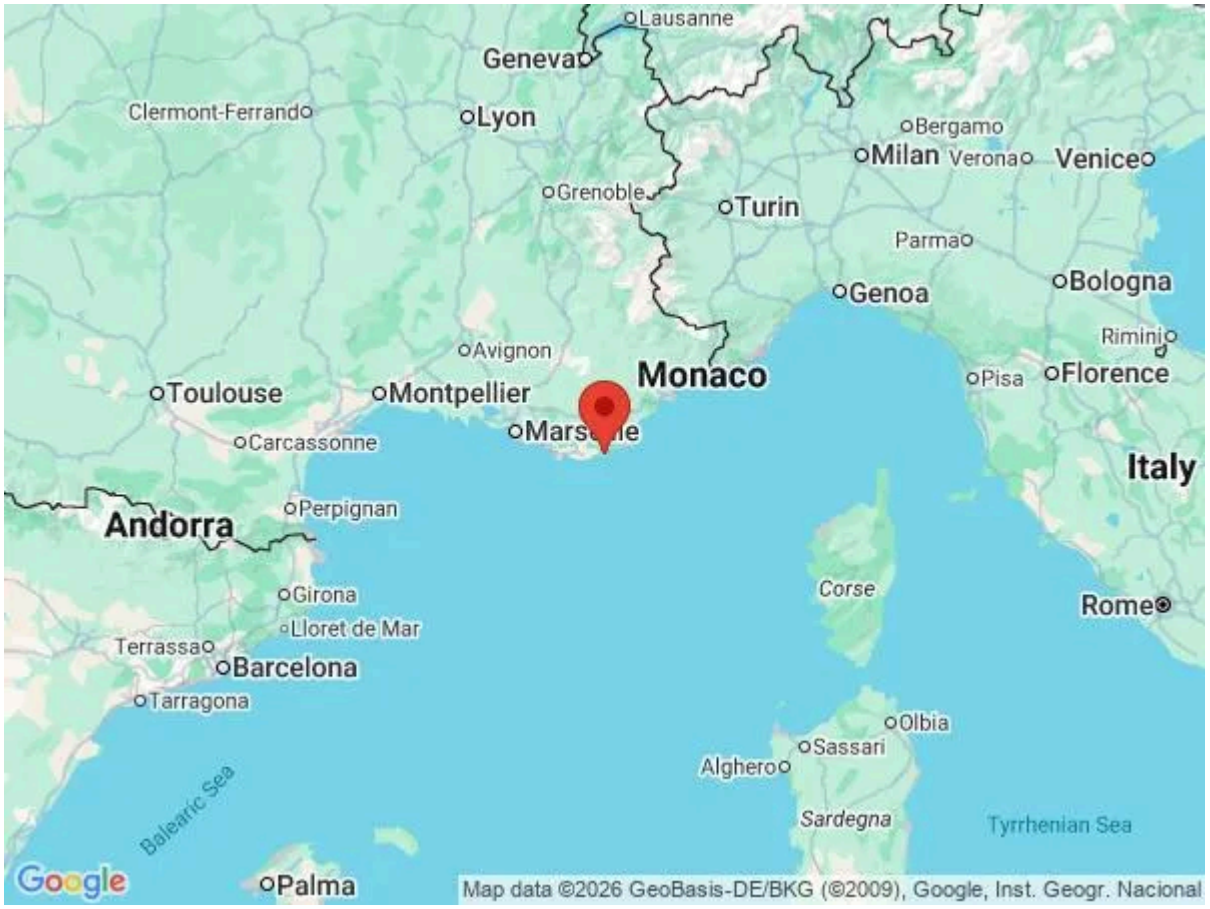
Villa Benat is located within a private *domaine* on the French Riviera south of Le Lavandou. The nearest airport is Toulon Hyères (26km) or TGV train services arrive into Gare de Toulon (43km).

The *domaine* features a collection of private homes made from local stone with natural borders of plants between each house. The views towards the Mediterranean coast and Îles d'Hyères are amazing. Guests have access to the estate's tennis courts and there is a small beach down the hill within walking distance (around 7 minutes on foot). The *domaine* also has its own épicerie selling bread and other groceries (check opening dates if travelling outside high season) whilst there are larger supermarkets on the outskirts of Le Lavandou less than 5km away.

Nearby Le Lavandou is a French Riviera seaside town with an attractive old town, Thursday morning market and a great range of restaurants. Summer evenings are especially atmospheric with harbourfront bars and nightlife. The beaches around Le Lavandou are beautiful such as Plage de Saint-Clair, Plage d'Aiguebelle and Plage de Cavalière, some offering summer watersports. What's more, Le Sentier du Littoral offers wonderful hiking opportunities across this stunning coastline.

In the hills behind Le Lavandou, don't miss the idyllic village of Bormes-les-Mimosas (7km) with its flower-filled medieval lanes, bougainvillea-clad houses and pretty squares with fountains and café terraces. Admire picture-perfect houses, inviting boutiques and glorious views of the surrounding landscapes from the highest point in the village.

From Le Lavandou, seasonal boats whisk you away to Les Îles d'Hyères. Porquerolles is the largest island – it's virtually car free so when you arrive hire bikes and cycle across the island passing vineyards, eucalyptus trees and pine forests coming across Caribbean-style beaches and beautiful scenery. Ferries also depart to the wildest of the islands, Port Cros, a National Park with signposted









footpaths crossing the incredible landscapes, a paradise for hikers and snorkelling/diving enthusiasts with its underwater flora and fauna.

Further afield, spend the day soaking up the allure of Saint-Tropez (42km), visit the exclusive beach clubs of Pampelonne Beach (43km) and spend time in one of the picture-perfect hilltop villages of Gassin (34km), Ramatuelle (36km) and Grimaud (36km) with glorious views of the Mediterranean.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Toulon Hyères Airport (26km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (133km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Nice Airport (157km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Gare de Hyères/Gare de Toulon (25km/43km)**
Nearest Shop	**Small grocery store/bakery within the domaine (Short walk downhill)**
Nearest Beach	**Within the domaine (Short walk downhill)**
Nearest Tennis	**Within the domaine (Short walk downhill)**
Nearest Restaurant	**In and around Le Lavandou (Within 4-5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Just outside Le Lavandou (4km)**
Nearest Town	**Le Lavandou (Within 5km)**
Nearest City	**Toulon (43km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Valcros La Londe (17km)**

What we love

- The glistening Mediterranean views from the sea-facing terraces are truly wonderful
- Part of a private *domaine*, there are tennis courts on site and you can walk down to a beautiful beach
- Le Lavandou is such a lovely seaside town with gorgeous beaches and boat trips across to Les Îles d'Hyères
- Visit the idyllic hilltop village of Bormes-les-Mimosas with its bougainvillea-clad houses and pretty squares with fountains and café terraces
- Saint-Tropez and the exclusive beach clubs of Plage de Pampelonne are less than an hour away

What you should know...

- Only children over the age of 8 are allowed to stay at Villa Benat.
- Villa Benat sleeps 6 adults + 3 children across 4 bedrooms.
- The terraced grounds are idyllic with lovely sea views – please be aware that some terraces are open so care should be taken by all guests.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1200 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels 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. Please note that if guests depart before 10:00 a.m. without arranging an early check-out in advance, this may affect any subsequent security deposit claims, as a check-out inspection will not have taken place.

- **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. Air-conditioning is only featured in two bedrooms. L'Air Marin sleeps 6 adults + 3 children across 4 bedrooms. Only children over the age of 8 are allowed to stay at L'Air Marin. Cot and high chair available on request.

- **Changeover day:** Sunday - 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.

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

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax 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.