

# Villa Fordy

Region: Provence-Alpes    Sleeps: 18

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## Overview

Experience quintessential Provence at this exceptional villa with private swimming pool set within vast, idyllic gardens just a short stroll from the heart of Saint-Rémy. Villa Fordy is truly one-of-a-kind with its artistic and beautifully styled interiors and unique sleeping quarters so thoughtfully designed to accommodate up to 18 guests.

Its living space is magnificent with a huge white sofa, retractable TV and fireplace for cooler months whilst the striking kitchen-diner is both a chef and wine-lover's dream. Enjoy long al-fresco lunches in the shade of the plane trees and evening glasses of Provençal rose on the rustic wooden apéritif bar.

Sleeping arrangements are both elegant and imaginative with all bedrooms featuring air-conditioning or underfloor cooling. In the main farmhouse, four bedrooms feature queen or king-size beds and en suite bath/shower rooms – we especially love the first-floor master bedroom with its own bathtub on the terrace. There's also a quad bedroom with bunk-beds to delight younger guests (part of a family suite).

Within the vast gardens, a pretty guesthouse annexe sleeps another 2-4 guests with its own living area (with the possibility of two single beds), kitchenette and en suite bedroom. An utterly charming double "roulotte"/caravan welcomes another 2 guests – such a unique and whimsical place to stay!

Outside, the scent of lavender, roses and pine drifts through the air as you enjoy quality time with family or friends. Sip your morning coffee in the greenhouse, check what may be growing in the vegetable garden or set up lunch amongst the olive trees. Youngsters will be enchanted by the little play room in another converted



"roulotte", meanwhile fitness enthusiasts will appreciate the gym.

The centre piece is the stunning swimming pool (that can be heated for a supplement in certain months) and its pool house with summer kitchen featuring a "Braii" barbecue, perfect for long summer feasts together.

Daily housekeeping is included, alongside the presence of an on-site gardien. Concierge is on hand to help with any advice you may need whilst an array of additional services can be arranged at an extra cost such as a private chef, yoga, massages, tourist guides, a driver, childcare, cookery classes, sports coaching and more.

And when the allure of Saint-Rémy calls, you're just moments from its galleries, boutiques and cafés. Start your day with warm pastries from the boulangerie, and end it with fine dining under the stars, all while tracing the footsteps of Van Gogh in one of Provence's most evocative settings.

## Facilities

Historical Sites • Walk to Village • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Villa • Private Pool • Horse Riding • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Special Offer • Quirky (Unique) • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Gym/Fitness Room • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Caretaker/Owner on Site • New Villas 2025

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (600m2)

### Main Farmhouse

#### Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas for 12 guests, fireplace, underfloor cooling and retractable TV
- Open-plan kitchen-diner with air-conditioning and underfloor cooling, well-equipped including pantry, kitchen island, wine cabinet and dining table for 14 guests. Doors open to garden
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180cm, can be split as twin), underfloor cooling and garden access. En suite bathroom with bath and separate WC
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- Caretaker's wing (not available to guests, has its own entrance)
- Laundry room

#### Upstairs

- Master bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm), air-conditioning, terrace with curtained bath tub and access to west terrace and garden. En suite shower room and separate WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180cm, can be split as twin), air-conditioning and direct access to east terrace. En suite bathroom with bath, shower and separate WC. Connecting quad children's bedroom with air-conditioning, two sets of bunk-beds (90x190cm each), baby bed and direct access to east terrace.
- Private room (closed to guests)

### Guesthouse Annexe (located the other side of the swimming pool)

- Living area and open-plan kitchenette (with the possibility of making up two single beds, 90x190cm each)
- Bedroom 6 with queen-size double bed (160cm), air-conditioning and direct terrace access. Shower room and separate WC

### Double "Roulotte" /Caravan (located near the guesthouse annexe)

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm), bath tub and air-conditioning
- Kitchenette, TV corner
- Shower room with WC

### Fitness Room (near the swimming pool)

- Treadmill, elliptical bike, floor mats, weightlifting equipment and other equipment

#### Outside Grounds (10,000m2 plot)

- Swimming pool (6x12m) with safety shutter and wooden fence, open approximately May to mid-October. Can be heated (extra charge applies May, June, September and early October)



- Poolside terrace with cushioned seating areas and sun loungers
- Pool house with summer kitchen, "Brai" barbecue, lounge and dining area for 12 guests
- Plane trees with dining table for 14 guests (near main terrace)
- Tree with aperitif bar
- Greenhouse (36m<sup>2</sup>) with table and chairs
- Vegetable garden
- Rose garden
- Another converted "roulotte" - children's playroom
- Olive grove
- Pétanque
- Little stream (sometimes dry)

#### **Other Facilities**

- Air-conditioning (some rooms only, see above)
- Underfloor cooling (some rooms only, see above)

## Location & Local Information

Villa Fordy is set in beautiful and vast gardens less than 1km from the historic heart of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, around half an hour south of Avignon. You can stroll to the town centre in just over 10 minutes – walk along the tree-lined road and within 800m you could be enjoying a drink on a café terrace near Rue Carnot.

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is indeed the quintessential Provençal town - elegant, atmospheric, and rich with history. Its cobbled lanes wind through a landscape of shuttered townhouses, sun-drenched squares and leafy boulevards. This is a place that invites you to slow down, sip a pastis in a bustling café and soak in the unique rhythm of southern France.

Saint-Rémy boasts a remarkable cultural heritage, perhaps most famously as the place where Vincent van Gogh created over 150 works during his stay at the monastery of Saint-Paul-de-Mausole (2km). Visitors can trace his legacy along a marked walking route that mirrors the landscapes featured in his paintings. Also just outside town, the archaeological site of Glanum (2.2km) unveils the ruins of a once-thriving Greco-Roman city, complete with a triumphal arch and ancient spring sanctuary, an evocative glimpse into Provence's classical past.

The town is also a haven for shoppers and gourmands. Wednesday's weekly market is a riot of colour and flavour, brimming with artisan cheeses, olive oils, local wines, lavender and handmade crafts. Chic boutiques and galleries line the narrow streets, offering everything from Provençal textiles to contemporary art. Fine dining awaits around every corner, with restaurants showcasing the region's sun-blushed produce, truffles and aromatic herbs.

Beyond Saint-Rémy, the rugged Alpilles hills beckon with scenic hiking and cycling routes, olive groves, pine forests and postcard-worthy vineyards. A short drive brings you to the legendary Les Baux-de-Provence (11km), dramatically perched on a rocky outcrop, or to Arles



(25km), famed for its Roman amphitheatre and vibrant festivals.

Whether you're exploring sunlit ruins, sipping rosé at a countryside *domaine* or following in the footsteps of van Gogh, every moment in this corner of Provence feels rich with inspiration.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon Airport</b> (21km)
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Nimes Airport</b> (44km)
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Marseille Airport</b> (62km)
Nearest Train Station	<b>Avignon TGV</b> (21km)
Nearest Town	<b>Saint-Rémy-de-Provence</b> (800m to town centre)
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In and around Saint-Rémy</b> (Around 600m)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Utile</b> (1km)
Nearest City	<b>Avignon</b> (21km)
Nearest Tennis	<b>Tennis Club Saint-Rémy</b> (850m)
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf des Baux de Provence</b> (12km)

## What we love

- An exceptional villa in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence with beautiful, stylish interiors and the most idyllic gardens
- Enjoy morning coffee by the lavender, al-fresco lunches beneath the plane trees and evening feasts by the poolside summer kitchen
- We also love the apéritif bar wrapped around the trees – the perfect spot for a glass of rosé from local vineyards
- Kids will adore the little "roulotte" in the rose garden that has been transformed into a play room, not to mention the glorious swimming pool, spacious grounds and pétanque court
- It's wonderful to be able to stroll to the heart of Saint-Rémy for its bakeries, café terraces, art galleries and high-end restaurants – the Wednesday morning market is another highlight!

## What you should know...

- This beautiful property can sleep up to 18 guests. 8 guests plus 4 children can sleep in the main farmhouse (including a children's bedroom with bunk-beds), 2-4 guests can sleep in a guesthouse annexe (one double bedroom and the possibility of two single beds in the living area) whilst 2 guests can sleep in the double "roulotte"/caravan. Please see the 'Layout' tab for more information.
- Air-conditioning is only featured in the main kitchen-diner and five bedrooms (three first-floor bedrooms, the guest annexe bedroom and "roulotte"/caravan). Underfloor cooling is featured in the two ground floor bedrooms and main living room.
- The *gardien*/caretaker lives on-site in their own accommodation wing located at the end of the farmhouse. They have their own separate entrance (the wing is connected to the main house but this door can remain closed).

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €5,000 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:** 6.00 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. <br> <br> The property sleeps up to 12-14 guests plus 4 children. Please see the "Layout" tab for full details of the different bedrooms across the main farmhouse (including a children's bedroom with bunk-beds), annexe and "roulotte"/caravan. <br> <br> Air-conditioning is only featured in the main kitchen-diner and five bedrooms (three first-floor bedrooms, the guest annexe bedroom and "roulotte"/caravan). Underfloor cooling is featured in the two ground floor bedrooms and main living room. <br> <br> The gardien/caretaker lives on-site in their own accommodation wing located at the end of the farmhouse.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €350, payable locally. This is for a standard changeover clean. Guests should be respectful of the property and leave the accommodation in a clean and tidy condition. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Included in July and August. €250 per week from May to June and from September to October. The pool closes mid-October. Payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.