Villa Lauriole

Region: Languedoc **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Set against the rolling hills and framed by wide skies that stretch all the way to the Pyrénées, Villa Lauriole is a contemporary villa set in vast grounds. Stylish interiors meet sociable terraces and fragrant pine trees, creating a space that's beautiful as well as modern. From the gardens, the views are panoramic, each sunset casting soft golds and purples across the valley.

Inside, the villa is designed for ease and comfort, with an open-plan kitchen and living area that spills out onto two separate terrace. Air-conditioning runs throughout, and a Smart TV with Netflix and Wi-Fi ensure relaxation indoors is just as inviting.

Four bedrooms across the main house and an air-conditioned pool house offer flexible sleeping arrangements for 8 to 10 guests, ideal for family holidays or a group of friends seeking space to reconnect. The charming little pool house, home to the fifth bedroom, is included in peak season rate (or is otherwise available for a supplement).

Outside, life centres around the 10-metre private pool, complete with Roman steps, sun loungers and an outdoor shower. A jacuzzi bubbles beside the pine trees, and terraces invite leisurely lunches, barbecue evenings or late-night stargazing. Younger guests will love the swings and teepee hideout, while adults will appreciate savouring local wines with uninterrupted views of the valley and distant mountains.

Just over 600 metres from the enigmatic 'Curiosity of Lauriole', a mind-bending optical illusion in the road, the villa sits near the edge of the Languedoc National Park. Local villages such as Siran, Minerve and Olonzac offer charming cafés, street markets and medieval history. For grander adventures, Carcassonne and Narbonne are each a 45-minute drive away, while the Mediterranean beaches of Narbonne Plage await just beyond.

Whether exploring ancient hilltop towns, cycling along the Canal du Midi or lounging beneath the pines, Villa Lauriole offers an effortless blend of style and sunshine. For those in search of a contemporary countryside escape with soul, this villa is the perfect place to press pause.









Facilities

<1hr to Airport • Pure France • Villa • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • TV • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Swings

Interior & Grounds

Main House Interiors

- Open-plan living area with large sofa, Smart TV (with Netflix), Wi-Fi and view on the valley and the Pyrénées. Doors lead to dining terrace with table and benches
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, well-equipped including oven and hob, microwave, fridge-freezer, dishwasher and washing machine. Doors open to another dining terrace (with long table and chairs) and garden area
- Bedroom 1 with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath/shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom 2 with two single beds
- Separate bathroom with WC, shower and sink

First Floor

- Bedroom 3 with double bed
- Bedroom 4 with two single beds
- Separate bathroom with WC, shower and sink

Pool House (only included in July/August rate, otherwise subject to a supplement)

- Small kitchen with oven and hob, microwave, fridge-freezer
- Raised mezzanine (via steps) with sofa bed
- Bedroom 5 with two single beds
- Separate bathroom with WC, shower and sink

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (10x5m) with Roman steps
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and poolside shower
- Covered dining terrace (off kitchen, pool side) with large table and chairs
- Barbecue/plancha
- Jacuzzi
- Further dining terrace (off living area) with picnic tables and panoramic views
- Seating areas with cushions
- Play area with swings and wooden teepee (with two day beds, two chairs) and view over the valley, pine forest and Pyrénées
- Mediterranean garden (7000 m²) with pine trees and rugged terrain/different levels
- Private parking for several cars









Location & Local Information

In the beautiful countryside of southern France, Villa Lauriole is set in a vast garden with Mediterranean pines by the edge of the breathtaking Languedoc National Park. Surrounded by vineyards, panoramic views and charming villages, this overall region offers both remoteness and adventure. Whether you're sipping local wine under the stars or exploring nearby historic sites, this idyllic corner of Occitanie promises an unforgettable stay.

Set just off a country road, the villa is around 650m from the captivating optical illusion known as the Curiosity of Lauriole – a curious stretch of road that appears to defy gravity, whilst just 3km away is a tiny village with a restaurant. Venture a little further south, and you'll find the picturesque village of Siran, where a traditional grocery shop and welcoming café-bar-restaurant provide a taste of everyday French life. For a deeper immersion, head 20 minutes to Olonzac (13km) or La Redorte (15km), bustling with local markets, cosy eateries and essential amenities.

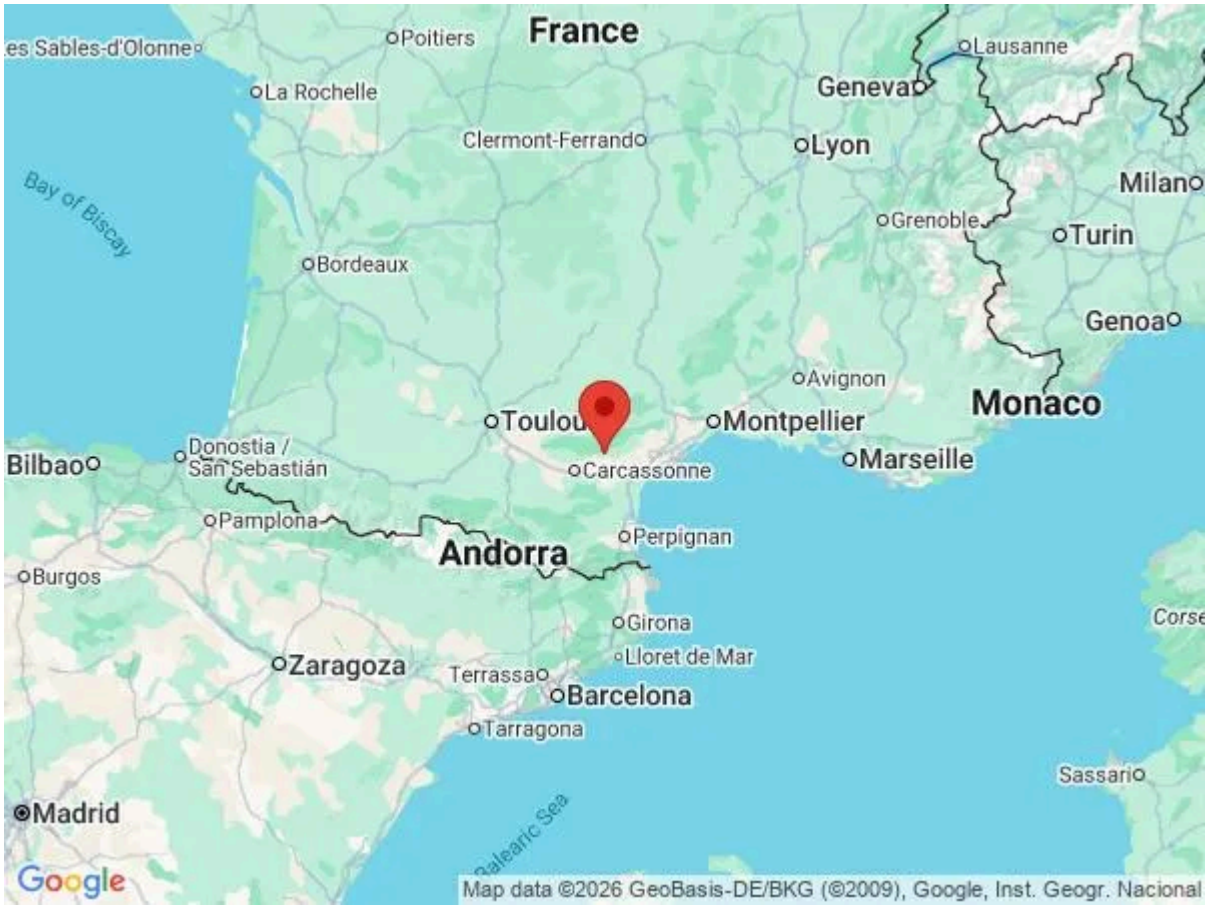
History lovers are spoilt for choice. The medieval village of Minerve, only 11km away, is officially one of the most beautiful in France, perched dramatically above the Gorges du Briant. Rieux-Minervois charms with its rare heptagonal church, while nearby Caunes-Minervois invites exploration with its Benedictine abbey and famed red marble sculptures. Prehistoric wonders await too, with ancient dolmens like the one in Pépieux (11km) offering a window into the region's distant past.

Outdoor pursuits abound. Take a dip or a gentle stroll around Lac de Jouarres (16km), enjoy canal-side picnics in Homps (15km) or ride horseback through the glorious countryside. For more active days, canoeing in Puichéric (19km) and hiking trails across the Black Mountains deliver scenic thrills, while the olive mill at Bize-Minervois (22km) offers a more leisurely (and tasty) excursion.

With the UNESCO-listed citadel of Carcassonne (40km) and the historic town of Narbonne (42km) both within a 45-minute drive, Villa Lauriole places you at the heart of Occitanie's rich tapestry. Whether you're seeking cultural gems, gastronomic delights, or natural beauty, this is a location that truly has it all – perfectly balanced between seclusion and discovery.

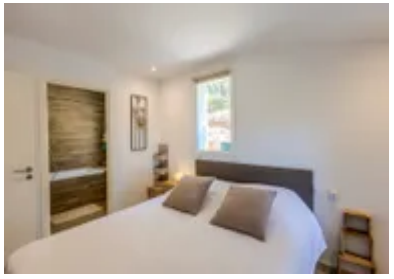
Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Carcassonne Airport (41km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (74.5km)**
Nearest City	**Carcassonne (38km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de la Barouge (46km)**









Nearest Restaurant	**La Livinière (7.5km)**
Nearest Town	**Lézignan-Corbières (23km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Lézignan-Corbières (24km)**
Nearest Village	**La Livinière (7km)**
Nearest Village	**Minerve (11km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Siran (5km)**

What we love

- Set amid vast grounds with sweeping views of the valley and the distant Pyrénées
- Sleek, modern interiors with open-plan living and terraces for sun-drenched dining and savouring local wines
- Cool off in the 10-metre pool and soak in the jacuzzi. Kids will love the swings and teepee hideout with incredible views
- Visit charming villages like Siran and Minerve or head to Homps for cycling along the Canal du Midi
- Further afield, discover Carcassonne, Narbonne and Mediterranean beaches, all wonderful days out

What you should know...

- The rate in peak season (early July to end-August) is for 10 guests and includes the fifth bedroom in the pool house.
- The rate outside of peak season is for 8 guests only (main house only, four bedrooms/three bathrooms), however the pool house can be rented for an additional supplement.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 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:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** The rate in peak season (early July to end-August) is for 10 guests and includes the fifth bedroom in the pool house. The rate outside of peak season is for 8 guests only (main house only - four bedrooms/three bathrooms), however the pool house can be rented for an additional supplement.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.

- **Other 2:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

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

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.

- **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.