Villa Olivara

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Set within four hectares of Provençal landscapes, Villa Olivara offers a rare sense of stillness, where glorious views stretch across the Luberon. The approach reveals a recently renovated home designed for comfort in every season, with cool interiors in summer and a welcoming warmth when the fireplace is lit in the cooler months. Here, days unfold at an unhurried pace, shaped by sunlight, fresh air and the gentle rhythm of nature.

Inside, generous volumes and light-filled spaces create an effortless flow between kitchen and living area, where floor to ceiling windows frame the surrounding scenery. Contemporary styling is balanced by the presence of a historic stone fireplace, adding character and depth. Six thoughtfully arranged bedrooms provide flexibility for families or groups, each with air conditioning, while high speed internet ensures seamless connectivity throughout the house.

Outdoor living is at the heart of the experience. A shaded terrace looks out towards the Grand Luberon, perfect for long summer lunches, while a second terrace sits quietly beside olive trees and pine forest. The expansive pool area, set around 40m from the house, invites long afternoons by the water, with a heated pool, stylish sun terrace and a pergola lounge for relaxed evenings. Leisure comes naturally here, with pétanque, table tennis, badminton, table football and swings, alongside walking trails that begin directly from the grounds.

Positioned within the Parc du Luberon, the villa enjoys a privileged location surrounded by protected landscapes. Around 5km away, Saint Martin de Castillon offers an authentic glimpse of Provençal village life, while Céreste-en-Luberon provides local shops and a lively weekly market. Further afield, Apt, Viens and the ochre hills of the Colorado Provençal reveal the rich character of the region.

For those seeking space, privacy and a deep connection to Provence, Villa Olivara offers a setting where each day feels quietly extraordinary.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Historical Sites • Cycling • Ideal for Kids • Villa • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Heated Pool • Has Discount • Special Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Pool Safety Feature • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Dishwasher • Microwave • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Forest park/High-rope course • Swings

• Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (200m2)

- Open-plan living space with fireplace, air-conditioning and doors opening to terrace with pergola
- Open-plan kitchen, equipped with high-end appliances
- TV lounge/office with air-conditioning
- 5 x bedrooms with double bed (1.6m) and air-conditioning
- Bedroom with two single beds (0.9m each) and air-conditioning
- 3 x bathrooms

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (5x14m) with electric shutter, open approximately early May to late September. Pool lit in the evening. Pool area is fenced and accessed via safety gate
- Poolside terrace and shaded outdoor dining area with table and chairs for 10 guests
- Table football
- Outdoor terrace (by house) with summer pergola, dining area and seating
- Table and chairs near olive grove
- Gas plancha
- Badminton net and shuttlecocks
- Pétanque court and boules set
- Table tennis
- Swing set
- 4-hectare grounds (some different levels and steps)

Additional Facilities

- Air-conditioning (TV lounge/office, living room and bedrooms)

Location & Local Information

Set within the unspoilt heart of the Luberon, Villa Olivara offers a sense of seclusion, surrounded by over four hectares of sweeping countryside and uninterrupted panoramic views. With occasional passing deer, wild boar or hare, this is a place where nature takes centre stage. From the doorstep, a network of hiking trails invites you to explore the varied landscapes of the Parc du Luberon.

The estate is located in a rural hamlet and the house itself enjoys a private setting with no immediate neighbours. Just 5km away, Saint-Martin-de-Castillon is a quintessential Luberon village, cherished for its rural authenticity and breathtaking valley vistas. Its sleepy charm and traditional character make it a delightful spot to wander and soak up the atmosphere of Provençal village life. This seems far away from the more touristy Luberon villages to the west.

Céreste-en-Luberon (8km) offers everyday conveniences including a boulangerie, butcher, pharmacy and small supermarket, alongside a vibrant Thursday morning market. With origins dating back to the 12th century, its medieval lanes, fountains and ancient ramparts provide a captivating glimpse into the past.

Exploring slightly further afield, the perched village of Viens (12.5km) enchants with its timeless appeal, surrounded by rugged scenery, vineyards, forests and summer lavender fields. During the peak season, the wider region celebrates this iconic bloom with festivals in Sault (45km) and Valensole (50km), offering a colourful and sensory experience.

The historic town of Apt (15km) is a lively hub famed for its renowned Saturday morning market, the largest in the Luberon. Its cobbled streets are lined with shops and inviting patisseries showcasing the region's rich culinary heritage. earby, the Colorado Provençal (21km) reveals striking ochre landscapes and interesting walking trails. For a change of pace, Forcalquier (31km) to the east charms visitors with its medieval character, panoramic citadel views and bustling Monday market.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Avignon Airport (59km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (86km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Saint-Martin-de-Castillon (5km)**
Nearest City	**Avignon (68km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Du Luberon (26km)**

Nearest Restaurant	**Saint-Martin-de-Castillon (5km)**
Nearest Shop	**Grocery store in Saint-Martin-de-Castillon (5km)**
Nearest Town	**Apt (15km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Manosque-Gréoux (31km)**
Nearest Village	**Saint-Martin-de-Castillon (5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Large supermarkets near Apt (13.5km)**

What we love

- Set within four hectares of beautiful Provençal countryside, offering breathtaking views across the Luberon.
- The house itself is delightful – pretty in pink with spacious living area, historic fireplace, air-conditioned bedrooms and lovely garden terraces.
- Relax beside the heated swimming pool with the most stunning vistas from its idyllic poolside terrace.
- The vast grounds are exquisite with summer lavender, roses, olive trees and pines adding to the aromas of Provence.
- Enjoy on-site family leisure with pétanque, table tennis, badminton, table football and swings as well as walking trails direct from the grounds.
- Explore this less touristy side of the Luberon with pretty villages, lavender fields and incredible hiking opportunities nearby.

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in all bedrooms as well as the living room and TV lounge/office.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 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:** 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
 Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
 Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
 Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Smoking and vaping are not permitted.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 4 nights during all other periods.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included between May and September. 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.

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately early-May to late-September. 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.