

L'Ancien Monastere

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 17

Overview

In an enviable position just outside St-Paul-de-Vence, L'Ancien Monastère is a handsome *domaine* offering a superb standard of accommodation for a large group in the very heart of the magnificent Côte d'Azur.

The set-up of this spacious villa and charming cottage is perfect for an extended family holiday or perhaps a reunion of friends with a range of bedrooms and apartments as well as a superb large living room with a roaring fireplace, central kitchen and wonderful outdoor space to gather together to share special moments.

L'Ancien Monastère has the ambience of a traditional Provençal home yet it was built in the late 20th century cleverly using materials from an old monastery to add character and charm, such as the impressive wood beamed ceilings and reclaimed stone flooring in the living space. Throughout you will find high quality furnishings and bold original art-work, making it a superb place to spend time in great comfort. Each of the villa's bedrooms and the cottage have pretty terraces where you can find a moments peace in the vast and beautiful grounds.

Enjoy views of the Mediterranean from many of the rooms in the main villa or step outside and be mesmerised by the mountain and sea landscapes around you. Play a game of *boules* or wander down the enchanting terraced gardens to discover the tennis courts. The swimming pool is surrounded by landscaped lawns where you can lounge in the summer sun and the al-fresco dining terrace with its outdoor kitchen, open fire and bar is an idyllic spot for balmy nights dining by candlelight.

The concierge service is second to none and the owners are willing to assist with anything their guests may need from wine and



champagne in the fridge on arrival, private chefs and restaurant bookings to tennis coaching, sailing lessons and golf reservations.

One of the French Riviera's most famous villages, St-Paul-de-Vence, is just minutes away with its picturesque cobbled lanes filled with art galleries, cafes and restaurants as well as the well-loved Fondation Maeght, a museum of modern art. Discover Matisse's incredible chapel in Vence, just a ten-minute drive away or head a few minutes south to the atmospheric market in the old town of Cagnes-sur-Mer.

The marvellous coastline of the Côte d'Azur is within a short drive with great beaches around Cagnes-sur-Mer, Villeneuve-Loubet as well as Antibes and beyond. Nice and Cannes are also magical places to visit so close or head to some of the French Riviera's idyllic inland villages and towns such as Biot, Opio and Grasse.

L'Ancien Monastère is the perfect oasis from which to discover this incredible region of Côte d'Azur beaches, classic hilltop villages, endless activities and extraordinary landscapes.

Facilities

Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Villa • Horse Riding • Watersports • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Private Pool • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Boat Trips • Sailing • Tennis Court • Weddings • Special Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Pets on Request • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Saltwater Pool • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Indoor Games • DVD • Electric Car Charger • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Catering Available • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Boules/Petanque • Pushchair • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Up to 23 guests can stay if using the sofa-beds in three of the apartments – please enquire for additional prices.

Villa Interiors (various levels)

- Large living room with fireplace
- Dining room
- Snug
- Central kitchen, well-equipped
- Laundry room
- Guest WCs x 2

Apartment One: bedroom with king-size double, shower room, living-dining room with air-conditioning, double sofa-bed, kitchen area, sun-room and terrace

Apartment Two: bedroom with king-size double, shower room, dressing room, living-dining room with air-conditioning, double sofa-bed, kitchen area and terrace

Apartment Three: bedroom with king-size double, shower room, dressing room, living-dining room with air-conditioning, double sofa-bed, kitchen area and terrace

Apartment Four: bedroom with king-size double, smaller bedroom with single bed, shower room, living-dining room with air-conditioning, kitchen area and terrace

- Bedroom with king-size bed, air-conditioning, shower room, dressing room and access to terrace
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Cottage Interiors

Ground Floor

- 2 x bedrooms with king-size beds and en suite bathrooms with air-conditioning

First Floor



- Living-dining room and kitchen with doors leading to a terrace with air-conditioning

Outside Grounds (6500m2)

- Salt-water swimming pool (13mx7m free-form design, depth: 1.5-2.3m). Safety alarm system
- Covered terrace with outdoor kitchen and BBQ
- Al-fresco bar and lounge with wood-burning pizza oven
- Tennis court with equipment
- *Boules* pitch
- Terraced gardens
- Secure video entry
- Electric gates
- Ample parking

Additional Facilities

- Air-conditioning (in all of the bedrooms and suites)
- Games

Location & Local Information

Located in the beautiful Côte d'Azur region, just a 15-minute drive from Nice Airport, L'Ancien Monastère is in a residential setting only 2.5km from the charming village of St-Paul-de-Vence. You can walk to a local *boulangerie* in around fifteen minutes whilst other shops and restaurants are within a short drive.

St-Paul-de-Vence (2.5km) is one of the most famous villages of the French Riviera and is well known for its narrow cobbled lanes filled with art galleries, lovely shops and atmospheric cafes. The Fondation Maeght museum also attracts visitors, as do the excellent restaurants including the renowned La Colombe D'Or. Make sure you visit when the lovely fruit and vegetable market takes place.

Further north, the town of Vence (5km) is another incredible place to spend some time, especially for the amazing Chapelle Matisse/Chapelle du Rosarie which was created by Henri Matisse himself. You can also experience the town's historic ambience, delightful restaurants and cafes, more art galleries and markets.

Easily reached from the nearby road connecting Vence to the coast, Cagnes-sur-Mer (4km) also has a wonderful market in its pretty old town and a lovely museum, Les Collettes, which used to be Renoir's *maison*. Drive down towards the beach where you will find a lovely promenade with restaurants and a long stretch of coastline with some great watersports.

Beach lovers can also head to the beaches around Villeneuve-Loubet (with its delightful village just inland) and Saint Laurent or south towards Antibes (15km), Cannes (27km) and Théoule-sur-Mer (40km). Some of the beaches around Nice, towards Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat (28km) and Beaulieu-sur-Mer (27km) are also wonderful for a day out by the sea in beautiful surroundings.

Boat trips can be enjoyed from many ports along the Côte d'Azur coastline, visiting towns such as Saint-Tropez,



Monaco or the idyllic Sainte-Marguerite Island. You can also drive towards Monaco (40km) and as far as the Italian border with Ventimiglia (59km) under an hour away.

The great city of Nice (18km) is also a brilliant day out or you may prefer to soak up some of the glamour in Cannes (27km).

Heading inland, there are some incredible French Riviera villages to explore such as Tourrettes-sur-Loup (10km) with its artisan craft studios and pretty weekly market as well as Opio (20km) and Biot (14km) or learn all about the perfume heritage in the beautiful town of Grasse (24km) with its lavender fields, olive groves and rolling hills in the surrounding countryside.

There are numerous golf courses across the French Riviera (12 in the area!), the nearest being near Nice and Biot but also the well-known Royal Mougins Golf Course within 30km. For guests who love cycling, this villa is near some of the region's best cycling routes across the Côte d'Azur and horse-riding is also a popular pursuit.

Hikers will find some amazing marked trails including great walks between St Paul de Vence and Vence as well as coastal routes and other paths in the rugged interland near Gourdon (27km). You can swim from the rocks in Gorges du Loup, near Gourdon, or visit the enchanting waterfalls.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nice (10km)
Nearest Beach	Cagnes-sur-Mer (6km)
Nearest Golf	Golf De La Vanade (8km)
Nearest Restaurant	St-Paul-de-Vence (2.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	E.Leclerc Auredis (3.5km)

Nearest Town/City	Cagnes-sur-Mer/Nice (4km/18km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cagnes sur Mer (6km)
Nearest Village	St-Paul-de-Vence (2.5km)

What we love

- Gather together by the pool for wonderful feasts on the al-fresco dining terrace with its own bar, barbecue and open fire
- You're only minutes away from the charming village of St Paul de Vence with its famous restaurants and Fondation Maeght museum
- Experience the charming city of Nice with its art museums, beaches and beautiful old quarter within a short drive.

What you should know...

- This *domaine* is made up of the main villa, featuring four apartments and two bedrooms, and a separate 2-bedroom cottage
- There is also space for an extra 6 people (making 24 guests in total) using the sofa-beds in three of the apartments – supplements apply so please enquire
- Many of the rooms are accessed via stone steps but Apartment One can be reached from the entrance path so may be more suitable for those who have reduced mobility

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 paid via wire transfer to the owner one month before 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. Linen and towels are changed mid-stay if staying 2 weeks.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Small weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible in September. Saturday during all other periods.
- **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 for bookings of 14+ nights
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Other 2:** Air-conditioning is featured in four bedrooms (two in the main villa, two in the cottage) as well as in the living areas of each apartment – please see the Layout tab for more details.
- **Other 3:** There is space for an extra 6 people (making 24 guests in total) using the sofa-beds in three of the apartments – supplements apply so please enquire. Please also note guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before the arrival.
- **Minimum stay:** 5 nights for remaining dates in 2026. 7 nights from June-September, otherwise 5 nights (2027).
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes. Towels are changed mid-stay if staying 2 weeks.
- **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.