Les Cigales

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Nestled in the vines of one of the most prestigious vineyards in Provence, Les Cigales is a converted grape harvest barn in a spectacular setting. This is a wonderful location for visiting Provence and the glistening Côte d'Azur with some of the most beautiful beaches of the Var within easy reach and jet-setting destinations such as Saint-Tropez ideal for a superb day out.

Live amongst the vines the Provençal way as you relax at Les Cigales. On one side of the villa is a light-filled and spacious open-plan living and dining area attractively furnished with hand-crafted walnut pieces, large comfortable sofas and fireplace. The generous-sized table can seat up to 16 guests for fine dining throughout the year. This space leads out to the magnificent swimming pool and garden.

On the other side of the villa is the fully-equipped modern kitchen boasting a professional gas range and electric oven, American fridge-freezer, two dishwashers, coffee machines and other kitchen gadgets – cooking here is an absolute pleasure. There is also an outdoor summer kitchen with plancha, gas cooker and ice-maker.

Reached via the kitchen, the enchanting walled garden is shaded from the sun by a large pergola where you can dine al-fresco accompanied by the sound of trickling water from a natural source, ideal for lazy breakfasts, lingering lunches and barbecues on balmy summer evenings.

After a day's activity, fall asleep to the sound of the cicadas in one of Les Cigales' five stylish bedrooms. Three of the double rooms (all with king or super-king beds) are en suite whilst the two twin/double rooms (each with an extra sliding bed) share a family shower room. The ground









floor bedroom is self-contained, perhaps good for grandparents seeking a little privacy, and we especially love the master bedroom with its south-west facing balcony, a romantic spot to watch the sunset with a glass of local rosé.

The 12m long swimming pool is surrounded by sun-drenched terraces infused with sensuous Mediterranean scents of rosemary, lavender, thyme and pine alongside the lazy drone of cicadas. Complete with an aperitif pool and a ledge for small children, this is an idyllic place to while away a lazy afternoon on the many sunbeds or beneath the two shaded areas for a siesta out of the midday sun.

Amongst the large and beautifully landscaped garden, guests can enjoy the boules pitch and ping pong table or the hammock for quieter moments. There is also a children's play area and even a chicken coop at the end of the garden where you can often collect fresh eggs.

For guests wishing to keep active, there is a gym room with a Pilates reformer – imagine an early morning yoga session or circuit followed by a swim in the pool as a great start to the day! For those of you who wish to truly unwind, relax in the jacuzzi under the stars on the raised terrace overlooking the vines – a truly tranquil and magical setting.

Experience a spot of pampering by making the most of the hammam and brand new sauna (at an extra cost). The owners can also organise massages, wine-tastings, a private chef and other fantastic services with advance notice.

Lazing on the brilliant beaches of the Côte d'Azur, discovering the magical region of Provence, browsing the local markets, visiting vineyards and sampling the finest Côtes de Provence wines, hiking or just idling your days away by the pool, Les Cigales offers the perfect base to enjoy the beauty of the South of France. Ideal for family reunions, *relaxing* hen/stag parties, weekends away with friends or special occasions all year round.

Facilities

Watersports • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Stag/Hen Allowed • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Sailing • Boat Trips • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Wellness • Villa • Surfing • Weddings • France250 • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • Heated Pool • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Flexible Catering Options • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • No Corkage • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Spa/Massage • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Hot Tub • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Outdoor Games • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • Swings • Trampoline • Slide • Meal delivery service • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Boules/Petanque • Pool inflatables • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling) • Promotes Sustainable Living (Vegetable Patch) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds









Villa Interiors (300m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Open-plan living-dining room with sofas, chairs, fireplace, dining table (seating 16 guests). Doors out to swimming pool and garden
- Modern kitchen, fully-equipped including two dishwashers, professional range with 5 x gas hobs and double electric oven, microwave, American fridge-freezer, small drinks fridge, juicer, coffee machines, kettle, toaster, food processor, blender. Doors leading to walled garden and al-fresco dining terrace
- Bedroom (self-contained) with en suite bathroom with shower, double sink and WC

Upper Floors

- Master double bedroom with dressing room, office and en suite bathroom with large bath, shower and WC. South-west facing balcony
- Bedroom (east facing) with double bed, garden/vine views and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (south facing) with twin/double beds plus a pull-out bed and hand basin
- Bedroom (south facing) with twin/double beds plus a pull-out bed and a balcony
- Family bathroom with shower and WC

Double beds are all king or super king-size

Separate Wellness room

- Gym, hammam (available at an extra cost) and double sofa-bed

Outside Grounds (3100m2)

- Heated swimming pool (12x5m, depth: 1.4m) plus *aperitif* pool with ledge. Safety fence and solid cover. Open approximately April to end-October
- Infrared sauna
- Several al-fresco dining and shaded sitting areas
- Outdoor kitchen with ice-maker, professional gas cooker and plancha
- Al-fresco dining table for up to 22 guests
- Poolside pergola
- Landscaped gardens
- Herb and vegetable gardens
- Animal pen with chickens and Angora rabbits
- Boules pitch with sitting area
- Table tennis table
- Children's play area
- Car parking (three spaces by villa and more at end of garden)

Facilities

- 2 x TVs with satellite channels (including BBC/ITV)
- French TV
- Gym room with bike, weights, waff, yoga mats and pilates reformer

machine
- Hot tub/jacuzzi
- Hammam with steam room and massage table (available at an extra cost)
- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

Les Cigales is set in a pretty hamlet in the vines of a prestigious vineyard, a five-minute drive from an old Provençal village in the Var department of southern France.

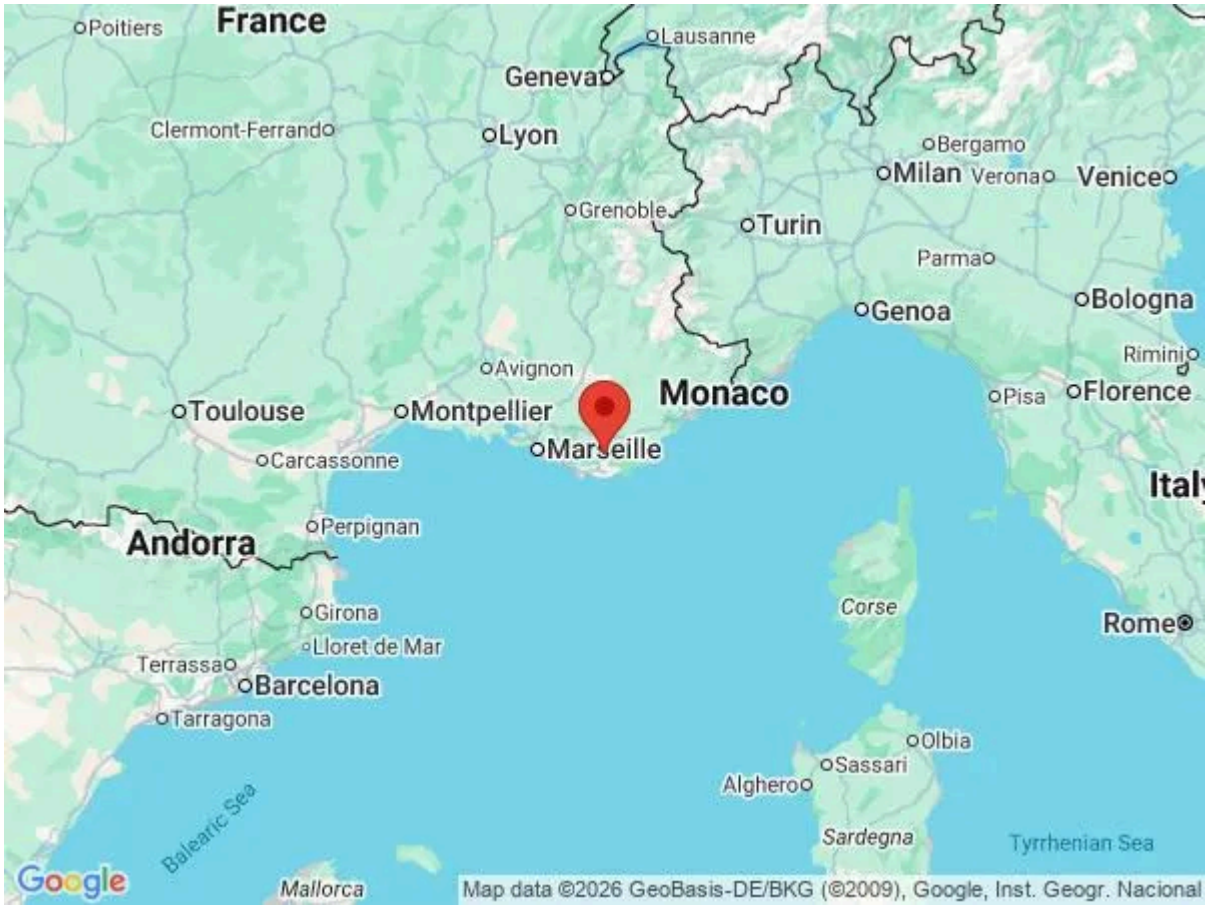
The local village, just under 4km away, is full of charm with its winding lanes and historic buildings, pretty fountains and panoramic views from the top where you can admire many of the vineyards that make up the surrounding landscape. As well as restaurants, cafes and shops, you'll find the wonderful Farmer's market on a Friday morning. There is also a supermarket complex just a couple of kilometres from the villa, en route to the village.

Other great Farmer's markets to discover include Pierrefeu-du-Var (8km) on a Saturday, the coastal town of Le Lavandou (40km) on a Thursday morning and Hyères (24km) on a Sunday morning (when there is also an atmospheric flea market/*brocante*). A little closer to home, Puget-Ville (5km) also has a *brocante* on a Sunday morning.

Wine-tasting is a given in this region which produces some of the greatest Côtes de Provence wines as well as other well-known appellations. Wine-tasting and vineyard tours can be arranged by the owners and you can buy wine from the vineyard next door.

The Var region offers so much across all the seasons. There are many hiking trails through the hills, cycling and mountain biking are popular in the area and horse-riding stables can be found within a few minutes by car. There are also tennis courts within 5km and various golf courses including Golf de Valcros, near La Londe, around half an hour away.

Despite this rural location, the beaches of the French Riviera can be easily reached. The nearest beach is in La Londe-les-Maures, around half an hour away or head to the lovely seaside town of Le Lavandou (40km) with its sandy beaches, including Plage de Saint-Clair which has









been voted as one of France's most beautiful beaches. La Presqu'île de Giens (30km), just south of Hyères is also superb or head further east to the incredible La Croix Valmer coastline, especially wonderful for walkers who can follow the coastal path and come across unique beaches such as Plage de Gigaro (70km).

Hyères (24km) is a beautiful city to explore, as is Toulon (25km) with its great harbour. The well-known fishing village of Saint-Tropez (70km) is just over an hour away; make sure you visit the world-famous Pampelonne Beach with its exclusive beach clubs such as Le Club-55, often frequented by celebrities. Perhaps combine the day out with a visit to one of the many idyllic villages such as Gassin, Ramatuelle, La Môle or Bormes-les-Mimosas.

Take a boat from one of the harbours to some lovely islands just off the coast, including Porquerolles with its magnificent beaches. The island can be explored by foot or bicycle; take a picnic for a great trip out with all the family.

For another spectacular day out, head inland to the famous Verdon Gorge (120km), one of France's most amazing natural wonders and a great place to hire boats, kayaks and canoes.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Toulon Hyères Airport (28km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Marseille Provence Airport (110km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (120km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Local village (5km)**
Nearest Village	**(4km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local village (4km)**

Nearest Supermarket	**(2km)**
Nearest Beach	**La Londe-les-Maures (30km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf de Valcros La Londe (33km)**
Nearest Tennis	**(5km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Hyères (24km)**

What we love

- Enjoy the vineyard views of the renowned Cru Classé rosé produced from the prestigious vines all around you
- The beautiful swimming pool is set in landscaped gardens filled with lavender and thyme plus there's a brand new sauna
- Watch the sun set from the master bedroom's south-west facing balcony
- The owner's homemade specialities are a real treat and they can also arrange all sorts of extras including wine tastings, beauty treatments, babysitting and even meals prepared by a Michelin starred chef.
- Fruit, vegetables and herbs grow in abundance and there are fresh eggs from the chicken pen (the kids will love the Angora rabbits in there too!)
- A pretty Provençal village is within a five-minute drive whilst the beaches of the French Riviera can be reached in half an hour

What you should know...

- The house sleeps 10 guests across five bedrooms plus two extra guests using either a double sofa-bed in the wellness room or two pull-out beds suitable for children - please see the "Features" tab for more details of the layout.
- Winter bookings are on request - please enquire.
- The road leading up to the villa is through the vines and is unsurfaced.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. Please note the cleaners arrive at 9.30 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Bed linen is changed mid-stay for stays of two weeks.

- **Pets welcome?:** No.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Relaxing hen/stag are permitted but each request will be treated on an individual basis and is subject to approval by the owner at the time of booking Use of the hammam is available at an extra cost of €200, payable locally.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €300, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. 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?:** Outdoors only.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before or upon arrival.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, heating (reversible air-conditioning) is included in the rental price. The fireplace and wood-burning stove can also be used in the winter.

- **Pool heating charge?:** No, extra €150 payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The swimming pool is open approximately April to end-October. 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.