

# Villa Du Roi

Region: Nice Sleeps: 10

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## Overview

With an enviable location in the very heart of Villefranche-sur-Mer, this late 19th-century villa is a grand and beautiful place to stay, just a few steps from the Mediterranean, in an incredibly charming part of the French Riviera.

The residence was built by a famous king as a home for his mistress in an era when *Belle Epoque* style was the dominant architecture, as can be seen through the villa's glorious terraces, beautiful balconies and elegant winding staircases. With an unusual shape, there are over 30 windows across the villa, some of which enjoy glorious views towards the sea.

Renovated to a very high standard, over three floors you'll find five pretty bedrooms with chic furnishings, three of which have air-conditioning, and five luxurious bathrooms featuring high-end Spanish and Portuguese marble. During cooler months, dine with loved ones in the formal dining room or relax in the cosy sitting room just next door. On the lower level there's a fabulous kitchen with a relaxed lounge and dining area leading straight out to the wonderful pool terrace with its barbecue and plenty of room for al-fresco dining and relaxing.

The large swimming pool can be heated for a supplement and the surrounding terraces are perfect for a morning coffee with croissants from the local *boulangerie* or perhaps a game of table tennis overlooking the town.



Step outside the villa's gates and you're in the heart of Villefranche with shops, the bakery and a little grocery store a minute's walk and some of the town's finest restaurants just a short stroll by the harbour or towards the old town. The main beach, Plage des Marinières, is only a kilometre away with its sandy shores or there's a little pebble beach just south of the harbour, a good spot for snorkelling.

Nice is merely 4km away, accessible by car, bus or train or take the trip north to Monaco (16km) with its casinos and glamorous way of life. The very beautiful peninsula of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat is 10 minutes away where there are some amazing walks along the coastline with incredible views.

Villa du Roi really is a remarkable villa offering elegant and spacious interiors, a large pool and vast terraces in the heart of the very picturesque town of Villafranche-sur-Mer.

## Facilities

Wow Factor • Easy By Train • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Table Tennis • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Waterfront • Watersports • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (300m2) over three levels

### Lower Floor/Pool Level

- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, hob, fridge, ice-maker and freezer
- Twin bedroom
- Bath/shower room
- Sauna

### Middle Floor (near main entrance)

- Living room with fireplace
- Dining room with table for up to 10 guests
- WC and wash basin
- Double bedroom with ensuite bath/shower room

### Top Floor

- Double bedroom with ensuite bath/shower room
- 2 x double bedrooms
- Shared bath/shower room

*Bathrooms either have a power shower or a bath tub with a hand-held shower*

## Outside Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (8mx6m) with removable safety railings.
- BBQ
- Large terraces
- Table tennis
- Garden
- Parking (one in garage, two within gates)

## Facilities

- Heating
- Air-conditioning (in 3 bedrooms)
- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Hi-Fi
- Table tennis
- Safe



- Washing machine and dryer



## Location & Local Information

This enviable location is in the heart of Villefranche-sur-Mer, a beautiful seaside town between Nice and Monaco, in the Alpes-Maritimes department of the Cote d'Azur close to the Italian border.

Step out of your villa gates and you only need to cross the road to buy morning pastries and fresh bread at the *boulangerie* and *patisserie* or pick up some food at the little grocery store.

It's just a five-minute walk to the old port where some of the best restaurants in the region can be found (such as La Mère Germaine) or head up the narrow lanes and steps towards the charming old quarter of the town. You'll find an Italian influence coming through in many of the places to eat.

The old town has beautiful ancient houses lining the steep cobbled streets and wind up and across through the town, passing arches under the houses – the best known is called Rue Obscura. The 16th Century citadel is also a remarkable place to visit with incredible sea-views.

On a practical note, you can hire bikes near the main harbour (where you may sometimes see cruise ships coming in for the day) and there is also tennis in the town. Boat hire is available on the waterfront and no licence is needed for a small motorboat.

There's also a train station in the town with direct trains to Monaco via Beaulieu and Èze-sur-Mer and in the other direction Nice and onwards to Cannes.

The main sandy beach, Plage des Marinières, is only a kilometre away or there's a smaller beach with pebbles just south of the port, Plage de la Darse, near the citadel, which is good for snorkelling. There are two further beaches with calm waters in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, only 3.5km away, a delightful place for a lunch out and to visit the weekly Provençal market.

The peninsular of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat is incredibly beautiful and has some amazing walking paths to follow with breathtaking views. Discover some of the quiet, hard to reach beaches and some impressive villas where the very wealthy live. The Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild (3.5km) is also a stunning villa and museum definitely worthy of a visit.

The charming city of Nice (4km) is an easy bus or train ride away with its Promenade du Paillon park running from the city to the sea, flower markets on Cours Saleya and many art galleries and museums.

The medieval inland village of Èze (7km) is also a delightful day out where you



will find shady squares, narrow lanes and mesmerizing sea views. Fine diners will appreciate the Michelin starred Chèvre D'Or as well as other restaurants with amazing panoramic views.

Extravagant and unique Monaco (16km) can also be reached by train, car or bus. Shoppers will love the designer names on show in many of the principality's boutiques or for a different experience immerse yourself in the daily Condamine Market, full of Provençal delights. Explore the warren of streets in the old town leading to the Palace, discover one of the many gardens or live the high-life in Monte Carlo's cafès, restaurants and casinos.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Nice (13km )</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Villefranche sur Mer (2.5km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Villefranche sur Mer/Nice (0km/4km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Villefranche sur Mer (Walking distance )</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Villefranche sur Mer (200m)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Plage des Marinieres/Plage de la Darse (1km/1.3km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Country Club de Nice (24km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- Fit for royalty, this residence was originally built in the decadent *Belle Epoque* era as a home for a famous king's mistress!
- It's amazing to have a beautiful villa with such a large swimming pool and vast terraces in the heart of Villefranche-Sur-Mer
- The local *boulangerie* is just across the road as you step out of the villa's gates, alongside a little grocery store too
- Wander down to the town beach within minutes or explore the delightful steep lanes of the old town so near
- Nice is only 4km away and easily reached by bus, car or train

## What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in three bedrooms only
- There are plenty of steps, both inside and out and along the delightful narrow lanes of Villefranche

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid to the owner via credit card and refunded on departure subject to inspection.
- Arrival time: 2:00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10:00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, excluding pool towels.
- Pool heating charge?: €250 per week. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Minimum stay: 4 nights.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events (up to a maximum of 100 guests only) are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.