

Villa Borie

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 6**

Overview

As you head up the Cypress-lined driveway and catch a glimpse of the swathes of lavender, you'll realise what a special place this is. This elegant stone home, within walking distance to one of the many idyllic villages of the Luberon, is an incredible place from which to explore this enchanting part of Provence.

Villa Borie has been lovingly restored by its current owners who have renovated the home with style and great taste, featuring the perfect blend of Provençal and contemporary furnishings and original artwork across the house.

The beautifully preserved stone fire-place is the central feature of both the living and dining room whilst French doors open up to one of the glorious stone terraces. All three bedrooms feature queen-sized beds, Provençal wardrobes and dressers and doors opening on to the pool, gardens or the fields of lavender. There are two sumptuous bathrooms, one with a roll-top bath, the other featuring an in-ground Italian shower.

Keen chefs can create a feast using the very best produce from local markets in the contemporary kitchen with high-end Smeg appliances plus an island and breakfast table, allowing for a convivial atmosphere as meals are prepared.

In the evening you can seek solace with a glass of local wine on a stone bench surrounded by lavender or enjoy an aperitif on the lit-up terrace by the old *Borie*, a stone hut where shepherds would have once sought shelter on stormy nights. Or simply continue to take in the breathtaking views of the Luberon mountain from the south-facing terrace.

In the beautiful grounds, by the rockery filled with flowers and fruit trees, there's a dazzling and wonderfully maintained swimming pool with deckchairs and loungers around the poolside terrace, the perfect place to spend long summery days in the peace of the verdant surroundings.

You can walk to a lovely local village where you will find restaurants, cafes and charming shops. Explore the steep narrow streets with beautiful old stone houses, many of which have been restored, and reach the fascinating ruins of a castle dating back to the 11th Century. Furthermore, within a short distance you can drive to a wealth of other idyllic Luberon villages such as Bonnieux,



Ménerbes and Roussillon as well as Van Gogh's beloved Gordes (17km), one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*.

The Luberon Natural Park offers an ideal setting for walking, horse-riding and cycling amongst spectacular landscapes of hills, olive groves and vineyards whilst wine lovers will appreciate the amazing vineyards and wine cellars across the region. Don't miss the weekly food market in nearby Apt, one of the most famous in the area, whilst the well-known *brocante* markets in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue are a must for antique lovers.

Famous Avignon, the capital of Provence, and Aix-en-Provence, one of France's most beautiful university towns, are just over an hour away or head to Les Alpilles Natural Park with Saint-Rémy-de-Provence or Les Baux-de-Provence for a memorable day out.

At the end of the day you'll be pleased to return to the tranquillity and beauty of your own exceptional place at Villa Borie.

Facilities

Private Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Heating • Cot(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

Interiors

- Living-dining room, separated by a large stone fireplace
- Library
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, microwave, dishwasher, washing machine, fridge, coffee maker, breakfast table and chairs
- Small study
- Master bedroom with queen-size double bed and doors leading to stone terrace. Direct access to main bathroom with antique roll-top bath and double washbasins
- Double bedroom with queen-size bed and doors leading to garden. Direct access to shower room with in-ground Italian shower
- Double bedroom with queen-size bed, antique sofa and doors leading to swimming pool area
- Reading area on mezzanine level (via spiral staircase)

Grounds

- Swimming pool (approx. 6m x 3.5m, depth approx 1.2m-2.7m) with pool safety alarm. Open April to end of September
- Sun loungers, deck chairs and sun umbrellas
- South-facing terrace
- Natural gardens, rockery and surrounding parkland
- Stone fountain
- *Borie* with lit-up terrace
- *Boules* court
- Table tennis

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV (British channels)
- Music streaming via AirPlay
- Books
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

You enter Villa Borie through electric wrought-iron gates and then follow the Cypress-lined driveway to the beautiful home. It is surrounded by 7.5 acres of natural grounds featuring 200 mature trees, lavender fields and an old *Borie* (stone hut) where shepherds would have once sought shelter on stormy nights. There are breathtaking views of the Luberon mountain from the south-facing terrace.

It's walking distance (1km) from a lovely village in the heart of the Luberon where you will find restaurants, cafes and the ruins of a castle dating back to the 11th Century. Explore the steep narrow streets with beautiful old stone houses, many of which have been restored.

Within a short drive there is also a wealth of archetypal Luberon villages to explore such as Bonnieux (8km), Ménerbes (5km), Roussillon (14km) and Van Gogh's beloved Gordes (17km), one of France's *Plus Beaux Villages*.

The Luberon National Park offers an ideal setting for walking, horse-riding and cycling amongst spectacular landscapes of hills, olive groves and vineyards. There are climbing opportunities near Buoux (19km), a tiny village with a castle not to be missed and now a mecca for rock-climbing.

Wine lovers will appreciate all the amazing vineyards and wine cellars in the local area and wine-tasting at some of the very best can be arranged. The vineyards of the Côtes de Ventoux and Chateauneuf du Pape (60km) are also within easy reach when driving towards the beautiful Rhône wine region.

Food enthusiasts should also head to the Luberon town of Apt (18km) on a Saturday morning for its incredible Provençal market, one of the most famous in the region and well known for its local products especially candied fruits and goats cheese. The old town has a lot of charm and character and the surrounding hills are typical of beautiful Provence. Market lovers should also seek out the famous *brocantes* (antique markets) at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (23km).

Famous Avignon (44km), the capital of Provence, and Aix-en-Provence (60km), one of France's most beautiful university towns, are just over an hour away whilst the natural beauty of Les Apilles National Park is also nearby with Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (49km), Les Baux-de-Provence (50km) or Eygalières (35km) perfect for a memorable day trip.

Further afield, discover the vibrant city and surrounding coastline of Marseille (95km) or drive to the mesmerising region of La Camargue (100km), perhaps stopping off in Arles (90km), another Provençal town made so famous by



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon/Marseille/Nîmes (35km/80km/85km)
Nearest Train Station	Cavaillon/Avignon (20km/45km)
Nearest Village	(1km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U (12km)
Nearest Town/City	Apt/Cavaillon (16km/20km)
Nearest Golf	Bill Owens Golf (17km)

What we love

- Take your evening aperitif sitting amidst the fields of lavender or relax on the terrace by the historic *Borie*, lit up at night
- Alongside the Provençal ambience there are lots of contemporary features such as the entertainment system offering music streaming via Air-Play and high-end Smeg appliances in the beautiful kitchen
- You can walk to an idyllic Luberon village whilst Gordes, Bonnieux, Roussillon and Ménerbes are all within a short drive
- Food lovers, don't miss the fantastic weekly markets in the area whilst antique lovers should head to one of the famous weekly *brocantes* at L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue
- Both Avignon and Aix-en-Provence can be reached within an hour, as well as the stunning towns and villages of Les Apilles Natural Park such as Saint-Rémy

What you should know...

- Please note that children under 12 years are not accepted (babies in arms are fine and a travel cot can be provided)
- A wrought-iron spiral staircase leads up to a delightful mezzanine level perfect for a spot of quiet reading
- Although you can walk to the village, car hire is needed to be able to explore this stunning region

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid to the owner by credit card authorisation upon arrival at the villa and refunded up to two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. (Other times with prior arrangement).
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- 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.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and special events are not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: The pool is open from approximately April to end-September (cooler months may not be suitable for swimming).
- Other Ts and Cs: Children under 12 years are not accepted (babies in arms are fine and a travel cot can be provided).
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests will be required to sign the owner's rental agreement upon booking.
- Other Ts and Cs: The lighting of fires in the fireplace is not permitted.