

Les Cigales

Region: Provence-Alpes Sleeps: 12

Overview

Sit by the poolside with a glass of Côtés de Provence *rosé* with the scents of thyme and lavender around you as you savour the vineyard views, listening to the sounds of the cicadas as the evening nears. Les Cigales offers everything you would expect and more from a stay in Provence as well as being near the magnificent French Riviera.

This beautiful abode started its life as a stone barn for grape harvesting but has been wonderfully converted into a 5-bedroom home set in delightful landscaped gardens. Every care has been taken by the hospitable owners to ensure guests feel at home at all times of year whether resting by the roaring fireplace, dining by candle-light in the elegant dining area or spending time in the heart of any Provençal home, the wonderfully equipped kitchen. Five bedrooms offer charm and comfort; the master bedroom is especially lovely with its impressive bathroom and south-west facing balcony where you can watch the setting sun.

The amenities seem endless with air-conditioning throughout, satellite TV, a hot tub and a gym plus a hammam due soon; this *maison* offers many ways to unwind. Yet during the summer months you'll no doubt spend so much time in the enchanting gardens, relaxing under one of the shaded pergolas with the aromas of pine and the gentle sound of flowing water. Sip your morning coffee in solitude or dine al-fresco with loved ones by the barbecue, enjoying the finest *Cru Classé* from the surrounding vineyard.

The hospitable owners can arrange a number of extras such as beauty treatments, babysitting or private wine-tastings and vineyard tours. One of the owners is a Michelin starred chef and a unique service they offer is a 3-course meal from his restaurant in Lavandou delivered to Les Cigales.

A Provençal village is just a five-minute drive away with picturesque restaurants, cafes and shops set amongst the winding lanes; make sure you climb to the top to enjoy the panoramic views of forests and vineyards in the surrounding landscapes. As well as pretty villages with weekly Farmer's markets and *brocantes*, the French Riviera can be reached within half an hour with La Londe-les-Maures, La Presqu'île de Giens and Plage de Saint-Clair just some of the wonderful beaches along this coastline. Take a ferry out to one of the islands such as Porquerolles for a fantastic day out.



Saint-Tropez and some of the idyllic Var villages such as Gassin and Bormes-les-Mimosas are also within an hour or so and the cities of Hyères and Toulon are great places to visit. Closer to home you can enjoy walking through the hills, horse-riding, tennis and golf as well as tours and tastings at local vineyards. The Var region offers something for everyone and Les Cigales is perfectly placed to make the most of this remarkable part of southern France.

Facilities

Sustainable Collection • Wellness • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hot Tub • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Spa/Massage • Gym/Fitness Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (300m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Open-plan living-dining room with sofas, chairs, fireplace, dining table. Doors out to swimming pool
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including two dishwashers, range oven with 5 x gas hobs and double electric oven, microwave, American fridge-freezer, small drinks fridge, juicer, Nespresso machine, kettle, toaster, blender. Doors leading to garden
- Bedroom with en suite shower room and WC. Self-contained

Upper Floors

- Master double bedroom with dressing room, office and en suite bathroom with bath, shower and WC. Balcony
- Double bedroom with en suite shower room and WC
- Bedroom with twin/double beds plus a pull-out bed and hand basin
- Bedroom with twin/double beds plus a pull-out bed and a balcony
- Family shower room with WC

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
- Al-fresco dining area
- BBQ
- Outdoor lounge
- Poolside pergola
- Landscaped gardens
- Boules
- Ping pong table
- Car parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning
- 2 x TVs with satellite channels (including BBC/ITV)
- French TV
- DVD player
- Gym room with bike, rowing machine, weights, waff, yoga mats



- Hot tub (not open in the winter)
- Hammam with steam room and massage table (new for 2020)
- Ping pong
- *Boules* pitch
- Board games
- Toys
- Hairdryer in each bathroom
- Washing machine and iron

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.

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 Oliver loves...

- Enjoy vineyard views and try the Cru Classé rosé produced from the prestigious vines
- The beautiful swimming pool is set in landscaped gardens filled with lavender and thyme
- Watch the sun set from the master bedroom's south-west facing balcony
- The hospitable owners can arrange wine tastings, beauty treatments, babysitting and even a 3-course meal to be delivered, cooked by a Michelin starred chef!
- 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...

- Two of the bedrooms have a pull-out bed for the eleventh and twelfth guests
- An hammam with a steam room and massage table is due to open in 2020, subject to a supplement payable locally
- Please note that weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed at this property

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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes. Bed linen is changed mid-stay for stays of two weeks.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No, if guests require end of stay cleaning there is a charge of €150.00, payable to the owner. Please note 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Pool heating is included in May (it is not needed from June to late September). There is a charge of €25 per day for pool heating in October and April, payable to the owner. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Pool opening dates?: The swimming pool is open approximately April to end-October.
- Changeover day: Saturday in July, August, Christmas and New Year. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in July, August, Christmas and New Year. 2 nights during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: No.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outdoors only.
- Other Ts and Cs: The hammam is due to open in 2020. There will be a charge for its use, payable to the owner.
- Other Ts and Cs: The hot tub is not available for winter rentals.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.
- 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.