

Villa Pinede

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 8**

Overview

The owners of this fine stone walled Provençal house have done everything possible to create an unforgettable holiday experience for everyone who stays here. On the edge of a charming village in the pine forests of the Vaucluse it's only a few minutes' drive from L' Isle-sur-La-Sorge with Avignon, Luberon and many of the region's exquisite towns and villages easily accessible.

Relax by the large pool in the fine Mediterranean garden, gaze at the forest backdrop and enjoy complete privacy from the outside world amidst the pine trees. After basking in the sun enjoying the fragrance of lavender and rosemary, stroll inside the fully air-conditioned villa for a glass of wine still relishing the outdoors showcased through the wide glass doors. There is ample dining space for long sociable meals both inside or al-fresco on the spacious terrace beneath the stars.

One of the three ground-floor bedrooms has a private terrace for quiet moments while older children or adventurous grown-ups will enjoy the excitement of ascending the spiral staircase to the fourth bedroom upstairs. You might want to treat yourselves to the luxury of some of the additional services available at the villa such as arriving to a well-stocked fridge, grocery deliveries, wine tasting chez vous and cycle tours.

In the Vaucluse you'll find the landscapes of Provence which inspired so many impressionist painters. Springtime heralds delightful almond, cherry and apricot blossoms while early summer brings vibrant fields of lavender, sunflowers and scarlet poppies. Olive trees, melons and truffles are abundant in the pretty hilltop villages of the Luberon and the renowned vineyards of the Rhône Valley host various wine tours.

Leave the historic fountains and lovely restaurants of your pretty village and travel southwards to nearby L'Isle-sur-La-Sorge which is so well known for its canals, antique shops and art galleries while Carpentras has a great market and many walking trails and wine circuits. Take a magical excursion from the village of Bédoin to watch the sun rise over Mont Ventoux or explore one of its fabulous biking or hiking trails. Be sure to visit Gordes, a beautiful hilltop village much loved by Van Gogh and with wonderful views over the Luberon forests.



Facilities

Sustainable Collection • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool •
Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ
• All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Working
Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby
• Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages •
Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living area with TV and doors looking out towards the terrace and pool
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, well-equipped including wooden table, oven, grill, microwave, hobs, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, espresso machine, coffee maker, kettle, toaster and food processor
- Bedroom with super king-size bed (200x200cm) and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and WC
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First Floor (sloping ceilings, via spiral staircase)

- Bedroom with twin beds and bathroom with walk-in shower and WC

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (depth: 1.5m) with safety alarm
- Decked poolside terrace with sun-loungers
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Petanque
- On-site parking for up to 3 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Reversible heating/air-conditioning
- TV
- Fireplace
- Children's area



Location & Local Information

You'll find Villa Pinède on the edge of a charming village within the pine forests of the Vaucluse, a small region in south-east France sometimes described as the heart of Provence, stretching from the Rhône Valley to the Luberon massif with the Hautes-Alpes a dramatic northern boundary.

Start your holiday by exploring the village, around a 20-minute walk away, cool yourself at one of its many fountains, browse in the pretty shops and covered market or enjoy lunch at one of its restaurants. The Provençal market takes place on a Saturday morning whilst there is a local Farmer's market on a Wednesday evening.

It's only a short drive to the pretty town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (11km), wrapped around by the river and renowned for its antique shops, art galleries and flea markets. Canals pass peacefully through ancient streets with little bridges and a few remaining paddlewheels which once provided the energy for the 18th century silk factories. The Sunday morning brocante in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is known to be one of the best in the south of France.

The colourful market town of Carpentras (8km) has elegant 17th and 18th century mansions with beautiful doors and balconies – there are marked walking trails and wine circuits just outside the town. The bustling market takes place on a Friday morning.

Bédoin (22km) is a lovely agricultural village found at the foot of mythical Mont Ventoux with one of the largest and most diverse forests in France. There are some fantastic hiking and biking trails here - look out for one of the last few shepherds of Bédoin tending the sheep with their dog or take an excursion which enables you to experience the magic of the sun rising over the mountain.

Heading towards the idyllic Luberon region, Gordes (25km) is a beautiful stone village perched on the end of the Plateau of the Vaucluse, made of local stone and with wonderful views over the Luberon forests. One of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' and much loved by Van Gogh, there are more fantastic walking and mountain biking trails which start here and go in every direction through the surrounding hills and forests. Try the 8km loop trail into the valley below Gordes to find the wonderful Abbey de Sénanque where the monks produce honey, lavender and liqueurs.

The papal city of Avignon (28km), known as the gateway of Provence, is set on the banks of the Rhône and surrounded by medieval stone ramparts. Although it is one of Provence's largest cities, it has a relaxed small town feel and the large student population gives it a lively atmosphere with plenty of



bars and restaurants. The four stone arches of the old bridge only span half the river now and Palace des Papes and Les Halles food market are other highlights.

Apt (43km) is one of the region's oldest town, founded by the Romans in 45BC - its Saturday market is one of the best in Provence and lavender and other essential oils are produced here. It's also famous for its ceramic ware made from colourful local clays. North of Apt lies Sault (44km), one of the main stops on the "Lavender Tour" where summer blue fields spread around the village as far as the eye can see.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (23km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille (80km)
Nearest Train Station	Carpentras/Gare d'Avignon TGV (8km/30km)
Nearest Village	(2km/20-minute walk)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around local village (1-2km)
Nearest Shop	In and around local village (Within 2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Nr local village (2km)
Nearest Town	Carpentras (8km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (10km)
Nearest City	Avignon (25km)

What we love

- High-end comfortable holiday home with private pool and Mediterranean garden full of rosemary and lavender on the edge of a charming Provençal village
- The luxury of additional services such as grocery deliveries, Luberon bicycle tours and wine tasting at the villa
- Stroll to the local village with its old stone fountains, pretty shops and lovely restaurants
- Explore the pine forests of the Vaucluse with so many nearby idyllic hilltop villages, colourful market towns and fragrant fields of lavender
- Arrive by high-speed train from Paris with Avignon TGV station only 30km away

What you should know...

- The first-floor bedroom is reached via a spiral staircase
- Even though you can walk to the local village, a car is needed to be able to make the most of this wonderful region

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 - 7.00 p.m. (Self-check-in after this time)
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, with change for stays of longer than 10 days.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes (via reversible air-conditioning). Firewood is also provided free of charge during winter months.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of 7+ nights also included. 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Included approximately mid-May to mid-September. Extra cost during all other periods (on request). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Changeover day: Saturday from July to mid-September. Any day except Sunday during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from June to mid-September. 2 nights during all other periods.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.