

# Villa Gusteau

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 20**

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## Overview

Imagine relaxing on one of the many terraces with a glass of Côtes de Provence looking out towards the field of summer lavender, just a stone's throw away from one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'. This is Villa Gusteau, a charming and incredibly Provençal holiday home just a five-minute drive from the exquisite village of Gordes.

With space for up to 20 guests across various wings and a pretty cottage annexe, it's a wonderful place for a group of friends or extended family. Gather in the main living room to sink back into a comfy sofa with its DVD library and books or spend time chatting over a glass of wine as you prepare feasts in the beautifully rustic kitchen leading out to a little terrace. A playroom gives younger guests extra space to relax whilst the spacious annexe lounge is another lovely place to unwind.

Choose between the many bedrooms scattered across the villa whether it's the splendid master bedroom with its own sunny terrace, a characterful double under the exposed wood beams or one of the bedrooms off the courtyard or in the pretty annexe. Out of the ten main bedrooms, each has its own character and style and nine feature an en suite or private bathroom.

Set in an estate of over ten acres, discover the picturesque swimming pool, play a game of tennis on your private court, dine al-fresco cooking on the two barbecues or simply enjoy a morning coffee or evening aperitif from another tranquil spot across the gardens. To have your own lavender field is yet another enchanting feature of this gorgeous villa in Provence.

Head to nearby Gordes, just 3km away, and learn why it's one of Provence's most loved villages and don't miss the weekly market on a Tuesday morning. View the iconic image of the lavender fields by the beautiful Abbaye de Sénanque or head further north to visit the famous lavender farms near Sault.

Cycle, hike or drive through the Luberon landscapes passing cherry orchards, dense woodland, farmland and vineyards, coming across some of the other archetypal perched villages of this region such as Ménerbes, Bonnieux and Roussillon. Peruse Farmer's markets, antique shops or pottery studios and enjoy long lunches in a terrace café or winery.

Kayak down the Sorgue river, seek out tree-top adventure trails through the



forests and visit historic towns and cities such as Aix-en-Provence, Saint-Rémy and Avignon in this captivating part of southern France.

Facilities

- Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens •
- Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • DVD
- Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding
- Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille



# Interior & Grounds

## Main Villa Interiors

### Main Floor (with steps)

- Living room with sofas, TV and DVD player
- Dining room with fireplace
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including grange cooker with six burners, double oven, dishwasher, microwave, coffee machine, American fridge-freezer and doors leading loggia with countryside views
- Downstairs lounge for children/play room
- Master bedroom with double bed (1.8m wide) and doors leading to sun terrace (low walls) with a view. Bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and separate WC

### Upstairs

- Bedroom with double bed, space for extra single (for a child, on request) and own bathroom (downstairs) with bath, walk-in shower, two sinks and separate WC

### Courtyard Bedrooms (downstairs from the main villa's kitchen)

- Bedroom with two double beds and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom (via steps) with twin beds, sink and WC (room ideal for children)
- Children's bedroom with bunk-bed and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, sink and WC

### Main Villa Separate Wing (with separate door)

### Lower Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds and en suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### Upstairs

- Bedroom with double bed, space for extra single and partially open en suite bathroom with bath, overhead shower and double sink
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, overhead shower, sink and WC

### Cottage Annexe Interiors (30m from main house, sloping ceilings)

- Open-plan kitchen-diner and living area



- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath, hand-held shower, sink and separate WC
- Children's bedroom with twin beds (found between above two bedrooms, small windows)

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Swimming pool with safety gate/fencing
- Poolside area with sun-loungers and al-fresco dining area
- Outdoor grill and Weber barbecue
- Upper terrace
- Annexe terrace (overlooking lavender field)
- Steps/different levels
- Tennis court (artificial grass)
- 10 acres of grounds including vineyard and lavender field
- Open access to stream (just beyond the end of the garden)
- Parking
- Gated entrance

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi (excluding Cottage Annexe)
- Heating
- Fireplace
- TV (with English-speaking channels)
- DVD player and library
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine and dryer



# Location & Local Information

Just set back off a quiet country road, reached via a tree-lined gated driveway, Villa Gusteau is set in 10 acres of wonderful grounds, only 3km from the heart of Gordes, one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages' in the Luberon region of Provence.

The perched village of Gordes is an absolute joy to explore with its narrow lanes, picturesque cafes, many restaurants and inviting little shops. As you look out from various points in the village the views of the Luberon hills are simply glorious. Visit the lovely market on a Tuesday morning in the heart of the old village where you can pick up all sorts of fresh regional produce and local crafts as well as lavender products of course!

Just outside of Gordes is the beautiful Abbaye de Sénanque, famously surrounded by fields of lavender in the summer (usually the end of June to early August). If you adore lavender, then you may also wish to drive up to the fields around Sault, around a 45-minute drive away, and visit one of the lavender farms or distilleries, many which offer guided tours. There's also a Lavender museum near Coustellet, perhaps combine it with a trip to the village's excellent Farmer's market on a Sunday morning.

Of course, the Luberon offers yet more charming markets, enticing restaurants and a wealth of history across its many gorgeous villages and towns in places such as Ménerbes, Bonnieux, Apt, Roussillon and maybe even pretty Lourmarin to the south. Nearby L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue is sure to enchant you with its antique stores and Sunday morning *brocante* whilst water lovers will adore kayaking along the Sorgue from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse.

Then there's endless walks and hikes through the Luberon landscapes passing vineyards, farms, cherry orchards and dense woodland. Seek out cycle trails between villages, along former railway tracks or even as far as Mont Ventoux or discover rock-climbing opportunities near the tiny village of Buoux.

Further afield, head out for day trips to some of Provence's wonderful towns and cities such as Cézanne's Aix-en-Provence, Van-Gogh's Saint-Rémy as well as historic Arles and Avignon.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (30km)
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Nearest Airport 3	<b>Nîmes (83km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cavaillon (18km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Gordes (3km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Gordes (3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Small supermarket in Gordes (3km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Cavaillon (18km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon (40km)</b>

## What we love

- A true Provençal gem only 3km from Gordes, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'
- How wonderful to have your own lavender field!
- You'll also find a tennis court, a vineyard and many idyllic terraces over the 10 acres of glorious grounds
- The villa's vast layout and gardens means there's always somewhere to find a spot of privacy
- A perfect base for exploring the many beautiful villages and landscapes of Provence's Luberon region and beyond

## What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- In this large villa, the bedrooms can be found across two wings of the main villa, off the inner courtyard as well as in a separate cottage annexe – please see the 'Features' tab for further details of the varied layout.
- Please note that this villa is best suited to older children due to the vast grounds with its various levels/steps and little stream just beyond the garden.
- An English-speaking caretaker is quickly on hand to help if needed.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Pool opening dates?: 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi access is included. Please note there is no Wi-Fi in the cottage annexe.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.