

# Villa L'Aube

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

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## Overview

In a quiet setting on the edge of the Luberon and just a short stroll from a pretty village, this delightful modern home offers charm, comfort and privacy in a wonderful part of southern France.

Enjoy the glorious views from the open-plan living and dining space with blue shuttered French windows looking out towards the surrounding woodland and picturesque Var countryside. Villa L'Aube's interiors are bright and contemporary, it's newly built after all, and attractive furnishings create a classic yet jovial ambience in this fine family home.

Upstairs, four pretty bedrooms allow plenty of space with two king-size doubles, one with a walk-in wardrobe and spacious en suite bathroom, and two twins, all with picture-book windows offering yet more beautiful vistas of the surrounding region.

Al-fresco dining is a joy on the covered terrace outside, whether enjoying coffee and croissants as the sun rises above the distant mountains or feasting with family and friends with the background chirps of crickets as the stars fill the clear night sky above you. A few steps down is the swimming pool for hours of summer fun or simply find a shady spot for a glass of local wine under the towering pines as you listen out for the church bells from the local village.

Villa L'Aube is in a peaceful and private setting, with other villas dotted across the woodland. You can wander to the local village, first to the nearby *boulangerie-patisserie* and little supermarket, then up the hill to its historic heart with narrow lanes, characterful shuttered houses and olive trees alongside a couple of restaurants, a café, wine shop and lovely Saturday morning market.

Visit the traditionally Provençal town of Manosque, discover nearby lakes for summer swimming, nature walks and watersports or explore many of the Luberon's idyllic villages such as Ansouis, Cucuron and Lourmain, home to wonderful markets, pretty shops and Michelin starred restaurants.

Then there's the incredible Lac de Sainte-Croix and the mesmerising Verdon gorge, a paradise for kayaking, canoeing, mountain climbing and hiking. Or experience the charm of Aix-en-Provence, under an hour away, with its pavement cafes, museums and glorious surrounding scenery that has inspired



so many artists and writers over the years.

## Facilities

**Recommended** • **Exclusive** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Smart TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • 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 • RWC-Marseille

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

### Main Level

- Open-plan lounge with doors opening up to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen-diner, fully-equipped including Miele hob, microwave, dishwasher, fridge-freezer and washing machine
- WC



### First Floor

- Master bedroom with king-size double bed, walk-in wardrobe and en suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed
- 2 x bedrooms with twin beds
- Bathroom with bath and overhead shower
- Separate WC

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (9x4m, depth: 1.8m) with safety sensor alarm. Open approximately May to late September/early October
- Poolside sun-loungers and parasol
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Boules
- Garden/grounds (sloping or terraced in parts)

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Smart TV
- Boules
- Board games
- Inflatable pool toys
- Washing machine





## Location & Local Information

Villa L'Aube is a short walk from a small village in Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, on the edge of the Luberon region. Just a 4km drive from the town of Manosque, often referred to as the gateway to the Verdon Regional Natural Park, this is an ideal location for exploring this beautiful part of southern France.

The neighbourhood is quiet with other villas dotted amongst the tall trees – listen out for church bells from the local village and the sound of crickets at night. Wander to the lower part of the local village, about 600m away, where you will find a small supermarket and a *boulangerie-pâtisserie*/coffee shop. Then follow the fairly steep road up the hill to the old part of the medieval village, a 15-minute walk away, with further amenities including restaurants, cafes, a great wine shop and a picturesque Saturday morning market selling fresh fruit, cheeses, olives and meat.

Be sure to sample some of the local wine produced from vines growing on the hillside and if staying in late July then look out for a beautiful photography exhibition that takes place on a large screen in the village. Golf-lovers note an impressive 18-hole golf course is just minutes away by car.

The traditionally Provençal town of Manosque (4km) has a wider range of restaurants and larger supermarkets as well as a train station with departures to Aix-en-Provence and Marseille. Enter through the two 14th century gateways to the medieval quarter and explore its attractive lanes and pretty squares. Just outside the town, head out to Lac les Vannades for summer swimming, nature walks and picnics.

This is a wonderful base for exploring the southern part of the Luberon region. Come across pretty perched villages such as historic Grambois (where parts of Pagnol's *La Gloire De Mon Père* was filmed) or drive a little further to the much-loved Luberon villages of Ansouis, one of France's 'Plus Beaux Villages' and Cucuron, home to a beautiful bassin and Michelin starred restaurant. Another great highlight of southern Luberon is the charming village of Lourmarin (40km), so adored by Albert Camus, with its wonderful weekly market and delightful restaurant and café terraces dotted across the village's idyllic lanes.

Heading east, experience the jovial ambience at the thermal baths in Greoux-les-Bains, around a 20-minute drive away, visit the summer lavender fields around Valensole or admire the natural beauty surrounding Lac d'Esparron, a great area for hiking and watersports.

You will find further water-based opportunities either along Le Canal du



Verdon or by the incredible Sainte-Croix lake with its canoeing, kayaking, sailing and idyllic swimming spots (the charming lakeside resort of Sainte-Croix-du-Verdon is around an hour by car). Then of course there is the spectacular Gorges du Verdon and some of the most magnificent scenery in France.

For a change of scene, take the perfect day trip to Aix-en-Provence, birthplace of Paul Cézanne, with its terrace cafes, galleries, museums and parks.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Marseille (85km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Avignon (85km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Nîmes (155km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Hilltop village (15-minute walk (uphill))</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Upper part of the village (15-minute walk (uphill))</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Lower part of village (600m)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Manosque (4km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Du Luberon (4km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Aix-en-Provence (53km)</b>

## What we love

- Enjoy sitting out on the terrace in this peaceful and private setting looking out towards the hills and distant mountains
- Stroll up the hill to the picturesque local village with its restaurants and weekly market, whilst there is a *boulangerie-patisserie* and grocery store even closer
- Visit idyllic Luberon villages such as Lourmarin, Cucuron and Ansouis or take a day trip to charming Aix-en-Provence
- A great location for exploring the incredible Verdon Regional Natural Park and its breathtakingly beautiful gorges

## What you should know...

- Whilst amenities are within walking distance (if you don't mind the fairly steep hill to the old village) and there is a local bus service, a car is needed to be able to make the most of this wonderful region.
- If staying in warm summer months, close the pretty blue shutters during the day to keep the house interiors cool.
- The owners will provide information packs on the local area including nearby lakes, villages, walks, cycle rides etc.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost based on consumption, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to late September/early 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only (please be mindful that you are surrounded by woodland).
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and a highchair are available if requested in advance.