

# Villa Les Chanteurs

Region: Languedoc Sleeps: 12

## Overview

Sip Languedoc wine by the swimming pool in your courtyard garden of this village home, perhaps accompanied by music from one of the great singers that adorn the contemporary interiors of this historic and charming abode.

Set in the heart of a medieval wine village, not far from Pézenas, Villa Les Chanteurs is a wonderfully renovated *maison* which dates back to the 18th century, within walking distance to a small handful of restaurants as well as a *boulangerie*, wine *cave*, grocery store and weekly market.

There's an air of authenticity and character alongside modern touches and décor - just look at each of the six welcoming bedrooms, all named after famous singers, most with modern en suites and air-conditioning, also featuring exquisitely tiled floors and attractive furnishings. The pretty sunroom upstairs is a lovely spot for a relaxing game of chess, looking out over the garden and village beyond.

On the garden level, the double-height living and dining room is an especially impressive space to socialise with its superbly equipped open-plan kitchen, a fantastic place to feast with family or friends or just kick back on the sumptuous sofas with loved ones. The owners also take great pride in the family-friendly nature of this home – there are plenty of games and toys for youngsters as well as darts, *pétanque* and table tennis to keep every generation entertained.

Step through to the courtyard garden and serve an evening aperitif by the bar and summer kitchen, before dining al-fresco by the Weber barbecue, overlooking the heated swimming pool, sun-loungers and mature trees.

Beyond this Hérault village there is so much to explore. Start off in Pézenas, a jewel of the Languedoc region and famous for its historic Saturday morning market and associations with Molière. Then you have other beautiful wine villages, endless vineyards and wineries, so many walking, cycling and horse-riding opportunities, not to mention watersports along the Orb river or by the tranquil Lac du Salagou.

Enjoy oysters and white wine overlooking the Étang de Thau in Mèze or head a little further to the Mediterranean beaches around Cap d'Agde, only half an hour by car. Then if you can find the time, Béziers, Montpellier, Nîmes and



even Carcassonne are waiting to be explored – this part of southern France offers endless opportunities for everyone.

## Facilities

Quirky • 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 • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • 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

- Main entrance (garage)
- Open-plan lounge with TV
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, fully-equipped including two ovens, hob, dishwasher, two large fridges, freezer, Dolce Gusto and filter coffee machines, ice-machine, microwave, blender, juicer, kettle, toaster and table for up to 14 guests. Doors lead out to terrace
- TV room
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed, lounge area and en suite bathroom
- Separate WC

### First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (150cm, can be split into twin beds) and air-conditioning
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and air-conditioning
- Bathroom (shared between above two bedrooms)
- Bedroom with bunk-beds, air-conditioning and bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and bathroom
- Sun room overlooking garden and pool

*There are four bathrooms with a shower, one with a bath tub*

## Outside Grounds

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (10x5m, depth: 1.5m) with electric safety cover. Open approximately April to end-October
- Outdoor shower
- Sun-loungers (x8)
- Outdoor bar and summer kitchen
- AI-fresco dining table (x2) for up to 18 guests
- Gas barbecue
- Garage

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (first-floor bedrooms only)
- Fan (ground floor bedroom)
- Heating



- TVs (x2) with satellite and French channels
- DVD player
- CD player
- Table tennis (in garage)
- Darts



## Location & Local Information

In the Hérault department of southern France, Villa Les Chanteurs can be found down a narrow lane in the heart of a medieval Languedoc wine village, only 8km from the beautiful town of Pézenas.

Wander out of your home and within minutes you can stroll to a small handful of restaurants, café-bar, a *boulangerie*, butchers, a wine cave and mini-market as well as other useful amenities including a pharmacy. It's a small charming village with its medieval lanes and beautiful buildings, known for its wine production in surrounding vineyards. There is also a lovely market on a Friday morning selling local produce.

There are other restaurants dotted around local villages, within a short drive, as well as a large supermarket only 5km away.

It's also a fantastic location for visiting Pézenas, one of the most wonderful towns of the region with a particularly excellent historic market on a Saturday morning. Admire Pézenas' elegant architecture, antique shops, little art galleries and discover many great restaurants. Check what's on at the famous L'illustre Théâtre, a homage to Molière who so loved this town. If staying in July and August, look out for 'Les Estivales' event on a Friday evening with night markets selling amazing local food and wine as well as plenty of live music.

As well as visiting other picturesque wine villages and Languedoc vineyards, there are many walking opportunities through the countryside and *garrigue* as well as horse-riding within a short drive. Nature lovers will also adore the area around Lac du Salagou where there are a number of activities from paddleboarding and kayaking to quad and mountain biking. The River Orb, around Béziers or Cessenon-sur-Orb, is a great spot for canoeing in glorious surroundings.

For a change of scene, visit the Bouzigues oyster beds by boat on the Étang de Thau, around half an hour away, and soak up the summer ambience in vibrant Mèze with its markets, watersports and festivities including traditional summer jousting tournaments.

The Mediterranean coast is within easy reach whether you opt for the beaches around Marseillan Plage and Cap d'Agde, especially popular with families with plenty of attractions, or the interesting town of Sète with its canals, boat trips, port and nearby sandy shores.

The authentic town of Béziers (30km) is another inspiring day out, as is cosmopolitan Montpellier (55km) or spend time visiting some of the UNESCO



World Heritage sites of the region such as Saint Guilhem le Désert (45km) alongside Pont du Gard near Nîmes and the magnificent city of Carcassonne, both around ninety minutes by car.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Béziers Cap d'Agde Airport (33km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport (64km)</b>
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Carcassonne/Perpignan Airports (Around 120km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare d'Agde/Gare de Béziers (30km/33km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(0km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In the village (Around 300m)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Bakery/butchers/mini-market in village (Around 300m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Super U et Drive (5km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Pézenas (8km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Saint Thomas (20km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Marseillan Plage (30km)</b>

## What we love

- Stay in the heart of a medieval Languedoc wine village with restaurants and shops a short stroll away
- Relax with a glass of the village's wine by the bar in your courtyard garden alongside the summer kitchen and swimming pool
- The enchanting town of Pézenas with its historic weekly market is only 8km away
- Enjoy oysters overlooking the Étang de Thau in Mèze or head to the sandy shores of the Mediterranean only half an hour by car

## What you should know...

- Set on a narrow lane, the house has a private garage or otherwise there are areas to park within a short walk of the house.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the first-floor bedrooms only.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €800 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: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included for bookings of under 2 weeks. Extra charge based on consumption and payable locally for bookings of over 2 weeks.
- Changeover day: Saturday from mid-June to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from mid-June to end-August. 5 nights during all other periods.
- 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately April to end-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?: Yes. The pool can be heated on request and a supplement of €110 per week applies, payable at the time of booking. It is recommended that pool heating is requested before arrival.
- Pets welcome?: Max. 2 dogs are allowed on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €10 per pet per day will apply (payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment).
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: Small weddings, stag/hen parties and special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is featured in the first floor bedrooms only.