

Villa Platane

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 10**

Overview

A contemporary gem with glorious outdoor space, Villa Platane is perfectly placed to experience the very best of Provence, so close to L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Avignon and the mesmerising landscapes of the Luberon.

The villa's stylish owners escaped the bustle of Paris to renovate this traditional home and transform it into a stunning modern abode, adding an impressive contemporary wing. They certainly have an eye for detail - just admire the sophisticated décor, beautiful works of art and rich furnishings juxtaposed with a minimalist vibe and a great sense of space. Sit back in the vast, elegant living room or make the most of the video projector in the second lounge. The light-filled kitchen-diner has sliding windows leading out to a terrace beneath the grand plane, the perfect spot for an evening *aperitif* as the sun sets.

21st-century touches can be found throughout – look at the five bedrooms, for example, most of which feature TVs, Sonos speakers and outlets for digital devices. As well as four high-end bathrooms (three of them en suite with Italian showers), there is air-conditioning throughout and other fine details such as high-end beds, good-quality linen and a choice of pillows depending on your preference.

Step outside and you know you are in Provence – a vast garden with lawns, olive and cypress trees and a wonderful swimming pool. There is ample space to relax, run around, play boules and dine al-fresco by the barbecue with the background hum of cicadas.

In a rural setting surrounded by typically Provençal farmland and fields, it's only 2km to a small village with a restaurant-bar and grocery store. The market town of Cavaillon is just over a 5-minute drive away, famed for its diverse heritage and sweet summer melons, or soak up the enchanting ambience of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue with its antique stores, waterwheels and much-loved weekly *brocante*.

Hire canoes and kayaks in Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, spend the day in historic Avignon, hire bikes and follow trails between villages or drive into the Luberon with picture-perfect places such as Gordes, Ménerbes and Oppède le Vieux so close. Then there's Bédoin, Saint-Rémy, Baux de Provence and even Arles – this really is a crossroads of Provence and such a beguiling part of southern



France.

Facilities

Modern • Easy By Train • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Table Tennis • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • 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

- Entrance with office area
- Lounge (62m²) with sofa, TV and books
- Second lounge (30m²) with sofa and overhead projector
- Kitchen-diner, fully-equipped including dishwasher, electric oven, induction hob, microwave, fridge, freezer, kettle and Nespresso coffee machine
- Bedroom (26m²) with double bed (160x200cm), TV, Sonos speaker and bathroom with Italian shower
- Bedroom (26m²) with double bed (180x200cm), TV, Sonos speaker and bathroom with Italian shower
- Bedroom (28m²) with double bed (180x200cm), TV, Sonos speaker and bathroom with Italian shower
- 2-bedroom suite including bedroom (25m²) with double bed (180x200cm), TV and Sonos speaker and separate bedroom (15.2m²) with double bed (160x200cm). Shared bathroom

Two of the bedrooms are on the first floor

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (7x12m, depth: 1.2-1.5m) with safety pool alarm. Open approximately May to November
- Deckchairs and garden furnishings
- Garden and grounds (7000m²)
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Boules pitch
- Eco-friendly anti-mosquito bollards

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Smart TV
- Overhead projector (connect via USB key, HDMI Android system)
- Boules pitch
- Table tennis
- Board games
- Books (in French)
- Eco-friendly anti-mosquito bollards
- Fire extinguisher
- Defibrillator



- Hairdryers (each bathroom)

Location & Local Information

Villa Platane is set in the countryside just outside Cavaillon, surrounded by farmland and fields so typical of the Vaucluse department of Provence. With the idyllic perched villages of the Luberon so close and Avignon only 20km away, this is a great location for exploring this part of southern France.

Set just off a country lane, it's only a 2km drive or bike ride to a small, traditional village with a restaurant-bar and grocery store. You'll find a larger range of amenities in and around the market town of Cavaillon (6km), a bustling place with a rich and diverse heritage and a large market on a Monday morning. If staying in July, look out for the festival of melons celebrating the town's famous fruit at the beginning of the summer season.

The magic of L'Isle-sur-Sorgue is around 9km away, an enchanting town surrounded by branches of the Sorgue river and traditional waterwheels. Enjoy lunch out at one of the pretty riverside restaurants, seek out treasures in the little antique shops and soak up the vibrant ambience of the Sunday morning Farmer's market and famous *brocante*.

Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, the source of the Sorgue river, is a wonderful spot for canoeing and kayaking as well as some wonderful riverside walks. Also across this region, cycling is a popular pursuit – hire bikes and follow trails across the landscapes of the Luberon or the Vaucluse plains whilst the most experienced cyclists will surely want to head towards Bédoin (40km) and the infamous Mont Ventoux.

This is a great location for visiting many of the perched villages of the Luberon – Van Gogh's beloved Gordes and the lavender fields surrounding Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque are around 20km away whilst gems such as Ménerbes, Roussillon and Oppède le Vieux can be reached in under half an hour. This part of Provence is a true paradise for walkers, wine-lovers and food enthusiasts whether you're hiking through orchards, vineyards and gorges or visiting charming village markets and dining out on restaurant terraces with the most incredible vistas around you.

The vineyards of Rhône valley can also be easily reached - Châteauneuf-du-Pape is just over 30 minutes away. Try wines produced around the artistic town of Saint-Rémy (25km) or sample some of France's finest extra virgin olive oil produced from the olive groves dotted across Les Alpilles, especially around Maussane-les-Alpilles and the idyllic hilltop town of Les Baux-de-Provence, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

The small city of Avignon (20km) is worthy of yet another day out with its UNESCO World Heritage sites, atmospheric markets, excellent restaurants



and many wine bars or drive south towards Arles (48km), home of Fondation Vincent van Gogh and the gateway to the Camargue.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon (12km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille/Nîmes (60km/64km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavillon/ Gare d'Avignon TGV (6km/22km)
Nearest Village	Small traditional village (2km)
Nearest Town	Cavillon (6km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Restaurant-bar in local village (2km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store in local village (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Outskirts of Cavillon (Within 4km)
Nearest City	Avignon (20km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club de Cavillon (8km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (15km)

What we love

- Old meets new at this renovated, contemporary abode with sophisticated furnishings and beautiful works of art
- 21st century features include a video-projector, TVs and Sonos speakers in most bedrooms as well as gorgeous bathrooms and air-conditioning throughout
- Glorious Provençal gardens – seek shade under the plane tree looking out to the vast lawn, little cypress and olive trees as well as the wonderful swimming pool
- Perfectly positioned between L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue and Cavaillon, this is the gateway to the incredible Luberon region
- Avignon, Saint-Rémy and Baux de Provence are also close enough for fantastic days out

What you should know...

- A stunning conversion, the villa is composed of an old farm house (with two bedrooms upstairs) and a contemporary extension, connecting via the large lounge.
- The owners have a choice of pillows – you can choose according to their firmness on arrival.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 paid via bank transfer to the owner 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & 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.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to November. 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pets welcome?: Small dogs are welcome on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. 3 or 4 night breaks are available on request in low season and Christmas/NY - please enquire.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.