

Villa Calvinus

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

Overview

Just over 1km away from the bustling Cours Mirabeau in the centre of Aix-en-Provence, this 4-bedroom home is the perfect base for exploring the city and the surrounding countryside of Provence.

Villa Calvinus is a spacious family home with an open-plan living area, four lovely bedrooms and three bathrooms. The house has been decorated in clean neutral tones and offers quality furnishings as well as all of the conveniences you could need such as Wi-Fi and air conditioning.

The villa is located within a quiet residential area, ideal for a getaway with family or a few couples travelling together. Being just outside of the city centre also means the villa has a fantastic south-facing garden with lawned areas and space for outdoor dining.

There are a number of shops and restaurants on your doorstep and everything else you could need in the city centre which is 1km away! Just a mere 5 minutes by car or a 15-minute walk away you will be able to shop for groceries in shops or markets and find a little spot for dinner.

Aix-en-Provence is a beautiful city which dates back to the Roman era but is largely made up of Renaissance and Baroque architecture. The huge main street, the tree-lined Cours Mirabeau, is the heart of the city and the cobbled streets of the gorgeous Old Town lead off from here. Mostly pedestrianised, this area is a lovely place to wander around while looking out for some of the famous fountains and having a coffee in a charming square. Saint-Sauveur Cathedral is one of the must-see sights of Aix, this vast medieval Cathedral was constructed in parts over hundreds of years and towers over the city, an audio guide tour will give insight into the history as you look around. The city is also known as the birthplace of artist Cézanne and is a fantastic place for art-lovers to visit as you can see his studio, childhood home and also a number of galleries housing other works of art.

You do not have to travel far outside of the city to reach the rolling hills and lavender fields that Provence is known for and there is lots you can do to get out and enjoy nature from hiking to tours of nearby vineyards!

If you wish to head to the coast for the day then one of the nearest beaches, Estaque Beach is just 33km away and a few minutes further down the coast is



the bustling port city of Marseilles. Take a day trip to Marseilles for the stunning array of beaches but also the tasty food and the fun, multicultural buzz that the city has.

Facilities

Easy By Train • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con
• Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport •
Hairdryer • TV • Heating • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf
Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities
• Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (200 m2)

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining area with sofas, TV, piano and dining table seating 8
- Kitchen with table seating 4, oven, hob, fridge-freezer, dishwasher, microwave, Nespresso machine, kettle and doors on to the garden

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC with access to covered balcony
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with two single beds

Outside Grounds (900m2)

- Fenced garden
- Lawned areas with trees
- Covered al-fresco table seating 6 guests
- Outdoor seating
- Parking in garage
- Electric gate

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Flat screen TVs
- Bluetooth speaker
- Washing machine and dryer
- Hairdryer
- Alarm



Location & Local Information

Aix-en-Provence in the South of France is a great location for a holiday; with all the amenities, art and culture in the city, surrounding countryside and nearby beaches there is something for everyone.

Villa Calvinus is situated just approximately 1.5km away from the centre of Aix-en-Provence, 15-minutes walking or 5-minutes by car. With the city centre so near, it is handy for shopping or popping out for lunch but is also filled with attractions to keep you busy all day.

Aix-en-Provence is a paradise for art lovers; from the famous Granet museum and Cézanne's home and studio to trendy street art and photography galleries, there is a wide range of art on display. The city itself is known to be an inspiration to artists and with pretty streets lined with towering mansions and leafy parks everywhere you look, it is clear why. Known as the city of 1000 fountains, you are sure to find a fountain round every corner which adds charm to this lovely place, look out for La Rotunde which is the most famous of the fountains.

You are likely to spend plenty of time wandering up and down the 440 meter long Cours Mirabeau, the historic main street in the middle of town. You could spend all day just on this street; shopping in little boutiques, picking up local produce at the incredible markets and enjoying a pastry outside of a street-side café. Head out from Cours Mirabeau to find a wealth of religious buildings, museums and historic villas as well as countless eateries and wine bars.

If you bring a car then head out in to the surrounding countryside; olive groves, fields of lavender and vineyards make up the beautiful and varied landscape. A great place to visit is one of the many country houses with expansive formal gardens, such as Romégas Gardens. 15km away from the villa this 17th century house and gardens is a picturesque retreat from the city where you can spend the day admiring the gorgeous grounds and find your way through the maze. Alternatively, you could visit a vineyard such as Château La Coste which is a large, historic estate with vineyards which hosts wine tours and workshops. There are also stunning gardens and restaurants to enjoy after your wine tasting.

The city of Marseille is also a brilliant place to visit for the day and is just 35km away. This port city has a completely different feel to it than Aix-en-Provence and lots to see so is well worth a visit. Also, along Marseille's coastline you will find many fantastic white sand beaches which can be reached in just over half an hour!



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille (29km)
Nearest Airport 2	Avignon (75km)
Nearest City	Aix-en-Provence (1.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	(550m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(1.2km)
Nearest Supermarket	(900m)
Nearest Beach	Plage de l'Estaque/Plage des Catalans (31km/37km)
Nearest Golf	Aix Golf (7km)
Nearest Train Station	Aix-en-Provence TGV (3km)

What Oliver loves...

- Villa Calvinus is a spacious home set in a lush garden in a residential area
- Sleeping up to 8 guests in 4 light, airy bedrooms and with 3 modern bathrooms this is a brilliant home for a family trip
- The shops, restaurants, museums, galleries and gorgeous streets of Aix-en-Provence centre are just 1km away; a 15-minute walk or just 5 minutes by car
- Just outside of town you will find fields filled with local lavender and plenty of vineyards to visit and the coast is just over 30km away

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.
- If you wish to bring a car there are two parking spaces for guests in the garage, though there is plenty to see and do within walking distance too.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2500 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €250, payable locally. 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.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights in May, June and September. 7 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days are on request.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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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