

Villa Pelous

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps: 10**

Overview



Stay on an enchanting island just off the French Riviera coast, surrounded by fruit orchards and countryside yet just a short stroll or bike ride from atmospheric restaurants and cafes in the nearby port. Villa Pelous offers wonderful accommodation for up to ten guests on the beautiful Île de Porquerolles.

It's a true privilege to be able to stay on this much-loved isle, after all most visitors leave this magical island as the last day-trippers depart back to the mainland. It's also hard to believe you are just a five-minute walk from the island's only town when you have such calming countryside around you at Villa Pelous, set in one hectare of gorgeous grounds with so many fruit trees.

This Provençal farmhouse offers style as well as authentic character, sleeping 10 guests across its five double bedrooms, one being a master double with its own en suite bathroom and glimpses of the island's windmill from its window. The living room is warm and welcoming whilst the kitchen is perfectly equipped for preparing joyful feasts to be devoured on the covered al-fresco terrace or by the barbecue. Follow with a relaxed game of Pétanque and perhaps a glass of Porquerolles' finest *Côtes de Provence Rosé* from the island's highly regarded vineyards.

There are virtually no vehicles on the island so you can walk, hike and bike to your heart's content. As you come across glorious swimming spots close by you will soon discover why so many visitors compare Porquerolles' beaches to those in the Caribbean. A range of watersports also await whilst it's a paradise for snorkelling and diving enthusiasts.

Hire bikes and explore the isle, passing olive groves, yet more orchards as well as shady trails through endless pines and eucalyptus trees, sensing the summer aromas of the wild herbs across this natural island which is protected as a national park. Arrange boat hire for the day, the perfect way to admire the south of the island with its rugged coastline, calanques and hard to reach coves.

As the summer crowds depart at the end of the day, watch locals play *boules* in Port De Porquerolles' main square or perhaps enjoy an evening picnic on a tranquil beach as you soak up the natural beauty of this remarkable French island.

Facilities

- Wow Factor • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids
- Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village •
- Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath •
- TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking
- Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Fishing
- Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Historical Sites
- Romantic • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Main Floor

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Master bedroom (via six steps) with double bed, dressing room and private bathroom
- 3 x bedrooms with double bed
- Bathroom with bath/shower
- WC

Upstairs (in the loft, via spiral stairs)

- Bedroom with double bed

Lower Ground (via spiral stairs)

- Bathroom with bath/shower and WC
- Bathroom with shower
- WC

Outside Grounds (one hectare)

- Shaded terrace for al-fresco dining
- Shaded terrace with lounge seating
- Barbecue
- Boules
- Gardens/grounds with fruit trees (unenclosed)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- TV
- Luggage storage
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

A privileged setting, Villa Pelous is beautifully positioned on the island of Porquerolles, one of the Îles d'Hyères off the French Riviera coast. The island is around 12km² and boasts 30km of coastline from long idyllic beaches to rugged cliffs and calanques.

The villa is in a countryside setting yet Port De Porquerolles is only 1km away. Guests arrive via the 15-minute ferry shuttle or private taxi boat from La Tour Fondue at the end of the Giens peninsula (around 8.5km from Toulon Hyères Airport). There are also seasonal boat departures from Toulon, taking just over an hour.

Cars are not permitted on the island, so visitors explore the island on foot, by cycling or even hiring a boat and skipper. Bikes can be hired near the port or arranged in advance and delivered to the villa. Private boat transfers from the mainland (and help with luggage on arrival) can also be organised, as can boat hire, all with advanced notice.

There is a small supermarket at Port De Porquerolles as well as a handful of charming cafes and restaurants. Sit down with a coffee at the main square, Place d'Armes, and watch locals play boules in this atmospheric spot. Enjoy brilliant views towards Hyères from Fort Sainte-Agathe and admire the artwork at the highly regarded Fondation Carmignac, just outside the port.

Plage de la Courtade is the nearest beach, around 1.5km away or a short stroll from the port, where you can relax on the shores or swim in the crystal-clear sea – there's a diving centre here and a place to hire paddle boats, sea-kayaks, sailing boats etc. Heading further towards the north-east of the island, Plage Notre Dame is another picture-perfect spot for a picnic and swim in such peaceful surroundings, backed by towering pine forests. Many visitors compare the beaches on Île de Porquerolles to those in the Caribbean – the island is especially idyllic in the spring, early summer and autumn away from the July and August crowds.

The natural beauty of Porquerolles has been preserved as it's part of a protected national park and all buildings must blend in with their environment – this is why there's such an authentic ambience throughout the island. Make sure you sample some of the highly regarded wine from Porquerolles' vineyards and take long walks through the island's interiors with shady paths through the pines and eucalyptus trees as well as trails passing olive groves and fruit orchards.

To the south of the island is the rugged coastline and hard to reach coves, a paradise for hikers or hire a boat to explore from the water. The lighthouse is a



fantastic spot for admiring sensational views.

Reached via private boat taxi, Île du Levant is another one of the enchanting Îles d'Hyères, a wonderful place for walking amongst the maquis with such stunning scenery whilst Île de Port Cros, the smallest and wildest of the three islands, has kilometres of marked nature trails and superb snorkelling opportunities.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (8.5km (to La Tour Fondue port on mainland, then 15-minute boat ride))
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (118km (to La Tour Fondue port on mainland, then 15-minute boat ride))
Nearest Ferry Port	Port De Porquerolles (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Port De Porquerolles (800m)
Nearest Shop	Small supermarket (750m)
Nearest Beach	Plage de la Courtade (1.5km)

What we love

- A beautiful and authentic villa set on the magical Île de Porquerolles – such a privilege to stay overnight on the island once the day-trippers have left
- In a countryside setting with spacious grounds and so many fruit trees, perfect for al-fresco meals beneath the shaded terrace
- Stroll to a number of atmospheric restaurants in Port De Porquerolles, less than 1km away
- Hire bikes and discover idyllic bays with turquoise-coloured sea, rolling vineyards and the most glorious natural landscapes of this wonderful island

What you should know...

- Villa Pelous can only be rented from Sunday to Saturday. The advertised weekly rate is the price for 6-nights, the 2-week rate is the price for 13 nights, the 3-week rate is the price for 20 nights etc.
- 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.
- Private boat transfers from the mainland can be organised in advance as well as help with your luggage on arrival (the port is just over 1km from the villa).
- There are virtually no vehicles on Porquerolles so visitors explore the island by bike or foot – bike hire can be arranged in advance and bikes delivered to the villa.
- One of the bedrooms (upstairs) and two of the bathrooms (downstairs) are accessed via a characterful spiral staircase.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 6 nights.
- Changeover day: Villa Pelous can only be rented from Sunday to Saturday.
- 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- 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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- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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