

Villa Des Ponteves

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) Sleeps: 13

Overview

Stay in the beguiling Var region of southern France surrounded by vineyards, oak forests, rivers and traditional market towns. This contemporary abode will delight you with its authentic setting, close to a pretty village and even the French Riviera can be reached for a wonderful day by the sea.

Villa Des Ponteves exudes modern style with its open-plan living space, decked terrace and gorgeous swimming pool. There's a smart and minimalist vibe across this 6-bedroom air-conditioned villa and features such as a fitness room, little play corner and *boules* will appeal to every age.

Outside, the terrace is the place for al-fresco meals or cooking by the plancha-style barbecue, no doubt making the most of delicious Provençal produce you have picked up from local markets. Dip into the heated swimming pool or simply relax poolside on the loungers, perhaps accompanied by the very best Côte de Provence wines from nearby vineyards.

There is so much to experience in this part of southern France – start by exploring the local village, around 1km away, stopping off for a coffee or bite to eat before strolling by the little river or climbing up to the village's castle ruins where you can admire panoramic views towards the Maures hills.

Visit atmospheric Farmer's markets in picture-perfect villages such as Gonfaron or Lorgues, take long walks through the surrounding landscapes or discover the peaceful Argens river by canoe or kayak.

Further afield, be amazed by the incredible natural beauty of Lac de Sainte-Croix and the world-famous Verdon Gorge. You may prefer to head south to the French Riviera whether you opt for wind-surfing on the Giens Peninsula near Hyères, lazing on the sandy beaches of Le Lavandou or soaking up the glitz of gorgeous Saint-Tropez, stopping off in flower-filled villages such as La Garde-Freinet and Grimaud en route.



Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Cable TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille • RWC-Nice

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

- Open-plan living and dining room with doors opening up to terrace and pool
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including oven, dishwasher, fridge, microwave, kitchen robot, kettle and coffee machine
- 5 x bedrooms with double bed
- Bedroom with three single beds
- 4 x bath or shower rooms (two of these are en suite)



Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (11x4m, depth: up to 1.6m) with electric safety cover. Open and heated approximately mid-May to mid-September
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Plancha-style barbecue
- Boules court
- Terraced grounds (with steps and railings)
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Cable TV
- Gym
- Children's play corner
- Boules
- Alarm system
- Underground garage (for bike storage etc)
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

Villa Des Ponteves enjoys a picturesque setting in the Var department, around a 45-minute drive north of Hyères and a great location for visiting charming villages and market towns, admiring beautiful landscapes and even spending the day on the French Riviera.

Set amongst the trees with neighbouring villas dotted around, the local village is around 1km away (via a country road), a pretty place with a small handful of restaurants and on the banks of a little river. Pass characterful shuttered houses and plane trees as you wander through the old village, stop off for a coffee then hike up the hill to see the 13th century castle ruins where you can gaze at panoramic views towards the Maures hills.

This is a glorious region for long walks through oak forests, vineyards and farmland or beyond to the Maures plains and there are ample cycling opportunities as well. Golf de Barbaroux awaits 12km away whilst youngsters will love Aoubré Adventure Park, only ten minutes by car, with its forest, animal park, butterfly garden and tree-top trails.

Meanwhile, wine-lovers can sample the very best Côte de Provence wines, such as at nearby Commanderie de Peyrassol where art, wine and history combine in the most wonderful setting of endless vineyards. Vidauban (21km) is also known as a wine-making region, set near the banks of the Argens river where you can hire canoes and kayaks in the height of the summer. Le Thoronet (20km) is another superb spot to enjoy river-based activities, also close to the impressive Abbaye du Thoronet.

This part of the Var department is home to so many traditional market villages and towns. Visit the delightful Provençal village of Lorgues (28km) on a Tuesday morning to experience the region's largest market, perhaps followed by lunch in Michelin starred Chez Bruno or a visit to the winery at Château de Berne. Look out for the weekly market in Gonfaron (9km), set out on Place de la Victoire beneath the plane trees whilst Pignans (10km) hosts yet another atmospheric market, reached via an especially attractive route. In the summer months you will no doubt come across night markets, brocantes and an array of summer festivities across the area and beyond.

Further afield, Aups (45km) is the gateway to the Parc Naturel Régional du Verdon whilst Lac de Sainte-Croix, around a 90-minute drive away, is a stunning place offering incredible lake beaches and so many outdoor adventures, close to the world-famous Verdon Gorge.

Heading south, drive to the beaches around Hyères, including the Giens Peninsula under an hour away (you could also hop on a ferry to the idyllic Île



de Porquerolles from here), or spend time at one of the Côte d'Azur seaside resorts such as La Londe-les-Maures (43km) or Le Lavandou (62km). You can even experience the beauty and glitz of Saint-Tropez (50km), driving through the Maures hills passing picture-perfect villages such as La Garde-Freinet and Grimaud en route.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (52km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (102km)
Nearest Train Station	Gonfaron (9km)
Nearest Village	Small Var village (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Super U et Drive (3km)
Nearest Town	Brignoles (16km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Barbaroux (12km)
Nearest Beach	Around Hyères (45km)

What Oliver loves...

- A contemporary and stylish villa yet in such authentic Provençal surroundings
- As well as a heated swimming pool, make the most of the fitness room and there's even a little play area for youngsters
- The local village is only 1km away, a charming place set on a small river with panoramic views from its castle
- There are so many opportunities to sample the very best Côte de Provence wines at nearby vineyards and wineries
- Spend the day by the French Riviera near Hyères or drive through the glorious Maures hills to Saint-Tropez

What you should know...

- Families are welcome and there's even a little play corner in the lounge. Youngsters will need to be supervised outside due to the nature of the terraced grounds near the pool.
- Some of the rooms feature sloping ceilings and low beams on the upper floor.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 paid to owner by bank transfer 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately mid-May to mid-September. 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?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Changeover day: Saturday in July & August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in July & August. 3 nights during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €250, charged to client's credit card prior to arrival. 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).