

# Villa Romarin

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 11**

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## Overview

Nestled amongst 3 acres of private landscaped gardens which are dotted with oak, olive and fruit trees as well as fragrant lavender, you will find Villa Romarin. This 5-bedroom home is a wonderful place to stay on a holiday in Provence as the countryside, historic villages and the coast are all within easy reach.

As you enter this gorgeous villa you will notice the modern touches working in harmony with the period building which hails from the 1860s. The owners have retained the original beams and fireplaces and have chosen local floor tiles and neutral tones to decorate with, while the comfy sofas and fully stocked bookshelves will make you feel at home.

The open-plan living and dining space in the main villa is a great place to gather for meals or by the fireside with a glass of wine if you visit during Autumn or winter. Though there are plenty of nearby restaurants, you will find everything you need to cook a sumptuous meal in the fully-fitted kitchen which is just next to the living area. Downstairs you can also access the gym and a handy laundry room.

There are 5 bedrooms available for guests. 3 of these are in the main villa and include a large suite on the first floor complete with a free-standing bath tub. The other 2 bedrooms are located in individual cottages within the grounds which could be perfect for a few family groups travelling together. Some of the rooms have sofa beds or extra beds which can be used for children, making this a really flexible home which can easily suit the needs of your party.

The garden here is just as impressive as the house and is the ultimate place to unwind and enjoy nature. The vast, landscaped grounds are covered in floral planting and established trees, including olive trees which are used to make olive oil which can be purchased to remember your trip. There are lots of seating areas and covered dining spaces to choose from, all with panoramic views, plus the inviting private pool to cool down in the heat of the day.

There is lots to see and do locally, with a wealth of parks, nature reserves and charming towns and villages within easy reach. The home is actually located within the Regional Natural Park of the Alpilles which is fantastic for lovers of outdoor pursuits. This beautiful, protected park is home to over 250 species of birds and covers forested areas as well as mountains. Visitors can follow



walking routes, go climbing on the limestone rock, hire bikes or see the landscape on horseback. Also close to the villa there are lots of historic windmills and a system of incredible Roman aqueducts which you can see.

The nearest shops, restaurants and cultural attractions can be found in Fontvieille which is just 4.5km away while Arles, France's largest city is a mere 12km away and has a selection of historic buildings, museums, galleries and eateries.

## Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers  
• Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Spa/Massage • Sauna/Steam • Gym/Fitness Room  
• Table Tennis • DVD • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

### Main Villa

#### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining room with garden access, sofas, fireplace and dining table
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, toaster and coffee machine
- Bedroom with single-sized bed with en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Gym with fitness equipment, massage table and sauna
- Laundry room

#### First Floor

- Suite with bedroom with double-sized bed and a child's bed, a living space with sofa, fireplace, safe, TV and DVD player and a dressing room. Plus en-suite bathroom with bathtub with shower attachment and a separate WC.
- Bedroom with double-sized bed, safe and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### Cottage 1 (30 m2)

- Living room with terrace access, sofa bed, TV and minibar
- Bedroom with double-sized bed and child's bed
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### Cottage 2 (30 m2)

- Bedroom with double-sized bed, sofa, TV and minibar
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Private, heated swimming pool (13m x 6m) with security system
- Sun loungers and parasols
- 3 hectares of landscaped/botanical gardens
- Olive, fruit and almond trees
- Pool house
- Summer kitchen
- Terraces with outdoor sofas
- Al-fresco dining areas



- Barbecue
- Boules court
- Parking

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning in bedrooms
- Satellite TVs
- Sound system
- Table tennis
- Safe x 2
- Washing machine

## Location & Local Information

Located within picturesque protected parkland, close to the village of Fontvieille, Villa Romarin is the ideal base for your holiday in Provence. There are lots of towns and villages within easy reach, endless outdoor activities on offer and even beaches just 35km away.

The villa is perfectly located for those who enjoy spending time in nature as the home is surrounded by a vast regional park. Head out in to the mountains or the forest for an exhilarating morning run or a spot of bouldering on the staggering limestone rocks. There are lots of places nearby to hire bikes and a number of equestrian centres where you can join in with treks through the verdant landscape which would be a lovely family activity followed by a well-earned picnic.

Though the home feels secluded as it is enveloped by green fields and vineyards, you are not isolated here and the nearest village is just 4.5km away by car. Fontvieille is a quaint village built within a former limestone quarry and all of the stunning buildings are of course built from the local stone. The village has been thriving since the 1600s and the picturesque centre is a great place for an afternoon stroll. One of the main attractions is the Chateau de Montauban which is a grand residence built in the 17th century, the building is a delightful place to visit in its own right but many visitors flock here as it was the summer home of beloved French writer Alphonse Daudet. The Chateau also has a local history museum inside, while fans of Alphonse Daudet can visit the small museum based on him and Ribert Mill which inspired his 1860s work "From my windmill". The whole village is surrounded by such windmills and if you would like to see more you can follow the hour-long walking trail known as the path of the mills. Back in the heart of the village you will also find shops, cafes and restaurants as well as a market held on Mondays and Fridays.

The city of Arles is another place you could visit for the day and is just 12km away from the house. This historic city is the largest in France and yet is often overlooked by tourists. The city was founded around 2000 years ago by Roman settlers and the remains of a number of Roman buildings are still intact today. The huge amphitheatre, the Roman baths and the ancient graveyards are just a few of the sights you can see on a trip to Arles. The city is also known for its connection with the artist Vincent Van Gogh who moved to the area in 1888 and worked on hundreds of paintings there. There is a museum and gallery dedicated to Van Gogh's works or if you would prefer you can follow a self-guided walking tour. The tour will take you to places which inspired different paintings and also locations that Van Gogh spent time, including the hospital he spent time in after he cut off his ear! After a busy day of sightseeing why not stop at the Place du Forum square for dinner al-fresco.



There are plenty of other brilliant places you can visit nearby, including the must-see town of Saint Remy de Provence which is 18km away. The former Papal city of Avignon is wonderful place to visit and is just 35km away, or maybe you would like to visit the coast then why not drive the 35km to the famous Seashell Beach for a relaxing beach day.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon (40km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille (75km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Fontvieille (4.5km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Fontvieille (4.5km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Fontvieille (4.5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Small supermarket (4.5km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf des Baux de Provence (11km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Seashell beach (35km)</b>

## What we love

- This 19th-century villa has been lovingly restored and modernised to create an elegant and comfortable family home
- There are five bedrooms at Villa Romarin each with air conditioning and relaxing décor
- You will wish to spend plenty of time out in the garden which spans 3 hectares. Outdoors there is a private pool, dining spaces and over 200 olive trees which are used for oil production
- The nearest village is Fontvieille which is just 4.5km away and has cafes, shops, restaurants, a museum and historic mills to discover

## 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.
- This spacious home can sleep up to 15 guests when utilising additional beds for children or sofa beds (please enquire for more details), though for optimum comfort 11 guests is ideal.
- Two of the bedrooms are located within cottages which are accessed from the garden. This could be perfect for those travelling in a group but wishing for a little privacy too.
- The house is located within the Regional Natural Park of the Alpilles and so a car would be needed for visiting nearby villages and attractions, there are parking spaces available for guests.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €3000 via bank transfer or charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival or and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights approximately June to start of September. 5 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday approximately June to Start of September. Flexible 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.