

Maison Garnier

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 6**

Overview

Maison Garnier is a stunning villa a short distance from one of the Luberon Valley's most majestic and frequently photographed villages: Gordes.

It belongs to a cluster of traditional villages nestled in the countryside of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region in south-eastern France, known for its rich and varied landscape full of small market towns, rolling lavender hills and peaceful nature.

The villa itself offers an abundance of space both inside and out, with elegant touches throughout. Indoors, three spacious bedrooms sleep up to 6 guests – an ideal holiday home for family reunions and groups of friends. Lovers of traditional interior design will love sleeping in the wallpapered bedrooms, where floral bedding and wooden chairs turned into cosy nightstands add the final touch. Downstairs, a soothing medley of pale tones is brought to life with colourful oil paintings, vintage furniture and collectables. The living room is bright and airy thanks to the large doors spilling out to the private terrace and pool – and we encourage you to leave them open on hot summer days to take full advantage of the space.

Outside, a beautiful terrace with panoramic views over the Luberon Valley awaits. Lounge on a sunbed by the stone pool edged with lavender or grab a front-row seat by the table casually tucked away in the shade of a nearby tree – great for enjoying a glass of Côtes de Provence while watching the sun slip behind the horizon. Many Mediterranean shrubs and olive and fruit trees grow in the 3.7-acre garden, which extends to the rear and back of the property – and you can even pick your own cherries during the early summer months. Once serving as an agricultural land and therefore built on multiple levels, the garden is perfect for exploring local fauna and flora and even has two stone shepherd's huts adding to its farmhouse charm.

Should you tire of lazy afternoons, Gordes is only 1km away. It has all the local amenities you need for a comfortable stay – think weekday markets, cafés, restaurants and charming little corners that look like postcards.

Discover the undulating landscapes of Provence by bike, hiking or horseback, passing vineyards, wineries, farms, orchards and rivers or go village hopping from one idyllic village to another, always admiring some of the most enchanting scenery of southern France.

Larger cities such as Avignon and Aix-en-Provence are also a driving distance



away, each brimming with the same Provençal charm as the hilltop villages nearby, yet more lively and fun.

Facilities

Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • DVD • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Not for little ones • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Kitchen with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, microwave and coffee machine
- Living room with sofas, armchairs and TV
- Dining room
- Bedroom with a double bed (160cm) and air-conditioning
- Bathroom with a shower, basin and WC

First Floor

- Bedroom with a double bed (160cm), air-conditioning and en-suite bathroom with a bathtub and shower
- Separate WC
- Bedroom with twin beds (2 x 90cm) that can be put together into a double bed

Outside Grounds (3.7 acres)

- Heated pool with steps and electric cover (9m x 4m)
- Pool terrace with sun loungers and deck chairs
- Two stone shepherd's huts
- Barbecue
- Shaded parking area for two cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (in two bedrooms only)
- TV and DVD player
- CD player
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron



Location & Local Information

Built on the foothills of the Monts of Vaucluse, Gordes is a small hilltop village facing the Luberon Valley. With an array of winding streets, cafés and patisseries, it's an idyllic holiday destination with postcard-worthy views. When in Gordes, you should visit the Château de Gordes, a castle which showcases a beautiful link between the architecture of the Middle Ages and the golden Renaissance period. If you love shopping, you'll love the little winding streets lined with boutiques and artisanal stalls selling a mixture of French crafts, high-end gifts and local souvenirs such as handmade soaps and fragrances, mainly made from the lavender that grows all around.

Every Tuesday, you can also wander around the Gordes market, which takes place in the shadow of the magnificent Gordes castle. Here you can wander around the stalls and pick up everything from local cheeses, condiments and fresh fruit to art while hiding from the Provençal sunshine in the shadow of magnificent Renaissance architecture. If you need more ingredients to cook meals back at the villa, you can finish ticking off your grocery list in the local supermarket.

Other beguiling hilltop medieval villages in the Luberon Valley include Goutt, Bonnieux, Lourmarin and Isle-Sur-La-Sorgue. Notably, Isle-Sur-La-Sorgue has been dubbed the Venice of Provence due to its many canals built on the Sorgue River. On warm days, you can sit by the riverbank and dangle your feet above the water or admire the water wheels at the centre of the river, some of which have been there for centuries.

The opportunities for a wholesome holiday break here are limitless, but if you're craving a change of scenery, head to one of the bigger cities, such as Avignon or Marseille.

Avignon is just 40km away and boasts numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites worth your while. The most famous one is undeniably the Papal Palace – a historical palace and one of Europe's largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings. On warm days, you can walk around the Avignon Bridge running over the river Rhône or head to the city's central square to wine and dine in one of the many charismatic restaurants and typical French bistros spilling onto the cobbled sidewalks.



A scenic drive through the Provençal countryside will take you to an azure-blue coastline, with cities such as Marseille, only 94km away. Visit one of the many nearby beaches to work on your holiday tan, or head to town for a little stroll through the Old Port, where fishmongers sell their daily catch right off their boats. With over 300 sunny days per year, you can expect that Marseille's culture nightlife focuses on open-air venues and terraces with sweeping coastal views, so consider staying until sunset to appreciate the local atmosphere fully.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon-Provence Airport (31km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille-Provence Airport (75km)
Nearest Restaurant	Gordes (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Gordes (1km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Gordes (1km)
Nearest Golf	Golf De Saumane (18km)
Nearest Beach	Plage De Champigny (68km)
Nearest City	Avignon (40km)
Nearest Village	Gordes (1km)

What we love

- Between May and June, you can pick cherries from the trees planted all around the extensive garden
- The private pool enjoys cinematic views over the stunning Luberon valley below
- The villa is located just 1km away from the centre of Gordes, one of the most beautiful villages in Provence
- Visiting the nearby 12th-century monastery Senanque Abbey with its lavender fields will make you feel like you're living in a fairy tale

What you should know...

- Please note that only two of the bedrooms have air-conditioning.
- The friendly owners live next door and are available in the evenings if guests would like any advice or tips about the area.
- Please note that due to the property's various levels and the pool, it is not suitable for toddlers and young children.
- Please note that the first floor bathroom has a separate WC.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €600 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.
- 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in peak season. Flexible during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday in peak season. Flexible during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- 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.
- 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: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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