

Villa Novelli

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

Overview

You cannot fail to relax at Villa Novelli, which is within a gorgeous garden in the Provence countryside just outside Lioux. With three bedrooms, Villa Novelli is perfect for families or friends wanting to explore this magical region.

Villa Novelli has an open-plan design and is built on one level. The living space sits at the front of the house, opening onto the terrace and an al-fresco dining space, with the bedrooms at the back of the house. The living area is cosy and snug, with a sofa, chairs, television and a beamed ceiling, allowing a warm ambience. Just off this area is your dining space which is bright and airy with French doors opening to the terrace. The chef in your group can prepare a delicious feast in the country kitchen, which can be washed down with some tasty local wine.

The master bedroom suite has a comfy double bed and a fully-tiled en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower, and his and hers sinks. Similarly minimalist in design, the second bedroom also features a double bed and ceiling beams. The third bedroom offers twin wrought iron beds with lovely bedspreads that suit the tone of the house.

Although the interiors of Villa Novelli are delightful, guests staying here are likely to spend most of their time outside. The gardens are beautiful, with lush lawns, plenty of ancient olive trees, elegant borders and wonderful terraces. The views are stunning, with the Luberon Mountains in full view from the swimming pool. The pool enjoys an ideal position, with a fabulous shaded al-fresco lounge and sun loungers. Wandering in the garden amongst the olive trees and lavender is soothing for the soul, and the memory of those views will go home with you!

The tiny village of Lioux sits in the heart of the Natural Park of Luberon, roughly 15km from Apt and at the foot of the southern plateaus of the Vaucluse Mountains. You will enjoy the sound of cicadas and the shade of wooded valleys, or if you prefer a more active holiday, you can hike the Cliff of the Madeleine trail, which sits above the village, 700m long. This massive limestone formation marks the geological thrust of the Monts de Vaucluse and contrasts with the ochre colours of its neighbour, Roussillon.

There are also ancient castles, one now the home of Pierre Cardin, the remains of windmills and the Church of Saint Romain, a gorgeous Romanesque building. The gastronomy of the village is renowned, and it is known for its production of AOC Ventoux wines and the Aigues wine label.



Olive, almond and fruit trees also surround the village.

Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids
• Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine •
Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) •
High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths •
Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding •
Stalking/Hunting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities •
Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (120m2)

- Living room with sofas, armchair and TV
- Kitchen with stove, oven, fridge-freezer, dishwasher, microwave, espresso machine and washing machine
- Dining room with table and chairs seating 6 guests
- Bedroom with double bed (1.4m) and en-suite bathroom with shower, basins and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (1.4m)
- Bedroom with 2 single beds (90cm each)
- Bathroom with shower and basin
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds (2400m2)

- Private pool (9.5m x 4.5m, depth: 1.5m) with alarm system. Open approximately May to October
- Seating area with sun loungers
- Covered al-fresco dining area
- Garden with olive trees and grassy lawn
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Iron



Location & Local Information

Villa Novelli is surrounded by a gorgeous garden and a tapestry of the French countryside. It is nestled just outside the tiny village of Lioux in the heart of the Luberon valley in Provence.

Lioux is stunning, with ancient buildings, ruins and a delightful array of restaurants and cafes. Its neighbour, Roussillon, contrasts with this grey limestone village. While wandering in the village, you will discover two privately owned chateaux, Le Chateau Renaissance de Javon and the Chateau St Lambert. Far from the main highways, Lioux is peaceful and charming. The Church of Saint Roman is a beautiful Romanesque building.

The characterful village of Gordes, a must-visit, is within easy reach of Villa Novelli. Gordes' Tuesday morning market is perfect for picking up local produce and a few souvenirs. The village also boasts narrow alleyways with restaurants, cafes, a bakery and food shops and has superb views. It has a fascinating history too, dating back to the Vordeuses, who named it Vorda. The hidden treasure of the Caves du Palais Saint Firmin is just a five-minute walk from the castle. These cellars would have been used in the Middle Ages to house craft activities, and it is still possible to see an old oil mill, cisterns, and pipes dug into the rock today. A small underground city can be explored with its carved pillars, stone staircases and vaulted ceilings.

The neighbouring village of Roussillon boasts a sensational colour palette of all shades of ochre and the village houses that spiral down the hill look amazing with this vivid colour palette. It sits on the ridge of a steep red cliff with brilliant vistas across the valley to the Grand Luberon, the slopes of Mont Ventoux and the Vaucluse plateau. The main square of Roussillon is home to a number of wonderful restaurants with excellent views or tables on the square. As well as excellent restaurants, there is a fabulous ice cream shop, especially popular with children.

Apt is a lovely town close by which hosts the biggest market in the Luberon with three hundred stalls in the summer. The town is full of fountains, squares, grand townhouses, bars, cafes and restaurants.

You can also visit Bonnieux, an Instagram-worthy Provençal gem full of beautifully preserved buildings and restaurants, cafes and shops. With views over the valley, it is an excellent spot. You will be mesmerised by the patchwork of orchards and vineyards towards the equally picturesque village of Lacoste across the Vaucluse plateau. Surrounded by towering cedars, you can take in stunning views of Monts de Vaucluse, Mont Ventoux and Lacoste, Gordes and Roussillon.



What we love

- The house is utterly delightful, with characterful nods from the past and a very inviting ambience
- This property sits within extensive beautiful gardens. There are lots of lovely little corners where you can settle with a cup of tea or a glass of wine and your holiday book
- Surrounded by charming Provençal villages and towns that are only a short drive away

What you should know...

- Due to the property's terraced levels children should be supervised.
- 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: €800 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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 14 nights from approximately beginning-July to beginning-September. 7 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- 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.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to October. 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.