

Villa Clarac

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 8**

Overview

For those that prefer chic and contemporary to cosy farmhouse living, Villa Clarac is an excellent bet. This stylish, designer villa comes with four minimalist bedrooms, fantastic open-plan living and a wonderful garden. It is perfect for families or groups of friends wanting to explore the magical Luberon Natural Park and its captivating villages and towns.

Villa Clarac is set in open countryside on a hilltop in the park with stunning views over the surrounding landscapes and the village of Cadenet. Cadenet is a charming village with a vibrant main square, fountains, washhouses, its 14th-century Church Saint-Etienne, and an array of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. There are many lovely villages in the area, including Lourmarin, Ansouis, Lacoste, Bonnieux, Goult and Gordes, and you really shouldn't miss Aix-en-Provence.

Villa Clarac enjoys a contemporary architectural style making good use of glass to maximise the natural light flooding into its chic spaces and to increase the sense of space. The villa sits in an extensive garden with a large terrace for alfresco dining and lounging, a beautiful swimming pool and contemporary sail canopies for shade. The living area enjoys a fabulous double-height aspect making this space feel magnificently cavernous. A sumptuous modern sofa and chairs sit near the trendy woodburning fire enjoying garden and pool views, while a modern dining table and chairs sit on the other side of the room with similar views. A satellite LCD television, DVD player and sound system with an iPod dock are provided for your entertainment. A sleek galley kitchen offers all the appliances you need for your self-catering break, together with a small breakfast table and stools so that guests can keep the chef company. Two of the villa's bedrooms are also on the ground floor, one a twin and the other a double. They share an immaculate family bathroom.

An open-tread staircase takes you upstairs to the remaining two bedrooms. On the mezzanine landing level, there is a long study level, perfect if you need to catch up on some emails quietly. The main bedroom boasts a kingsize bed, wonderful views over the village and lush countryside and a bathroom. The other double bedroom also enjoys village and Provencal countryside views and an ensuite shower room. There is also a handy, fully equipped laundry room on this level.

Outside you will find a lovely swimming pool surrounded by sun loungers, a



huge garden sprinkled with olive trees, shrubs and pine trees, a large terrace for alfresco dining shaded by a contemporary canopy, a barbecue and lots of colourful plant pots. You will easily relax and unwind in this heavenly spot, immersing yourself in the gentle Provencal ambience.

Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • TV • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Not for little ones • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • RWC-Marseille

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Clarac is a modern four-bedroom villa, in Provence, with a private pool and in walking distance to the quaint village of Cadenet.

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining room with open fireplace, long dining table, LCD Satellite TV, high ceilings, and full-length sliding doors with access to the garden
- Fully-equipped kitchen with sliding door access to the garden
- Bedroom with double bed (140 x 200 cm) with sliding door access to the garden
- Bedroom with twin beds (90 x 200 cm)
- Bathroom with separate toilet

First Floor

- Mezzanine landing with study area*
- Main bedroom with double bed (160 x 200 cm)
- Separate shower room
- Bedroom with double bed (140 x 200 cm) with en-suite bathroom
- Shared toilet
- Laundry room

Please note that this mezzanine level has low walls, so children should be supervised at all times

Exterior

- 2000 m² enclosed garden surrounding the property
- Private pool (Size: 9 x 8 m, Depth: 1.1 - 2.2 m) with Roman steps and surrounding sun loungers
- Covered terrace with table and chairs
- Large covered terrace with canopy, barbecue, and outdoor dining table
- Shaded parking spaces for four vehicles

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning (in bedrooms)
- Dishwasher
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron & board
- Cot & highchair
- Stereo system with iPod dock



Location & Local Information

Villa Clarac boasts a lovely countryside location overlooking the delightful village of Cadenet. You can visit the tourist office in the main square to start your adventures in this wonderful area. The village enjoys wonderful bars and restaurants and a good range of shops. In the main square, you will discover a bronze statue of Andre Estienne, the drummer of Arcole who was born in Cadenet and became a drummer in Napoleon's army. He was greatly honoured by Napoleon after an inventive feat that forced the enemy to retreat. Since the 11th century, there was a castle on the hill above the town though it was dismantled on the orders of Louis XIV in the 17th century and then burned following the revolution. It is a fabulous picnic spot with magical views where events take place in the summer.

The nearby village of Bonnieux is an Instagram-worthy Provençal gem full of beautifully preserved buildings and delightful restaurants, cafes and shops. With west-facing views over the valley, it is gorgeous. You will be mesmerised by the patchwork of orchards and vineyards towards the equally picturesque village of Lacoste across the Vaucluse plateau. A 12th-century church, now out of use, sits at the top of the village, and a much newer one with painted scenes of the Passion of Christ sits near the bottom. Surrounded by towering cedars, you will enjoy stunning views of Monts de Vaucluse, Mont Ventoux and Lacoste, Gordes and Roussillon. In the summer, there are some classical music concerts that take place in this atmospheric setting. Just a little further away, the village of Goult is peaceful and beautifully preserved, yet not so well known. It isn't visible from afar like its photogenic cousins, but it is definitely worth a visit. You can park in the main square, enjoy refreshments at the cafe or evening drinks and visit the Thursday market during the warm summer months.

The village of Gordes is a must-visit. Gordes' Tuesday morning market is a perfect place to pick up local produce and a few souvenirs. Gordes boasts pretty narrow alleyways sprinkled with charming restaurants, cafes, a bakery and food shops. On the Luberon plain, the village also enjoys superb views. Gordes is dominated by its wonderful church and castle. During World War II, Gordes was mostly destroyed, and the villagers were massacred. It also enjoys a fascinating history dating back to the Vordeuses, who named it Vorda. Below Gordes, you can make a magical underground discovery. The hidden treasure of the Caves du Palais Saint Firmin is just a five-minute walk from the castle. The 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. A small underground city can be explored with its carved pillars, stone staircases and beautiful vaulted ceilings.

The classy city of Aix-en-Provence is a pocket of Left Bank Parisian chic with



wide leafy boulevards, glamorous shops, grand avenues, huge public squares sprinkled with 17th and 18th-century mansions and an air of refined elegance and Baroque splendour. With a fascinating history, noble heritage, beautiful architecture and a long list of fountains, it shouldn't be missed from your itinerary.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseilles Airport (51 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Port of Marseilles (63 km)
Nearest Train Station	Meyrargues Station (22 km)
Nearest Village	Cadenet (600 m)
Nearest Town	Pertuis (13 km)
Nearest City	Aix-en-Provence (31 km)
Nearest Restaurant	La Source (650 m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar du Cours (550 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Chez Colette Epicerie (600 m)
Nearest Beach	Prado Beach (70 km)
Nearest Golf	Pont Royal Golf Club (21 km)
Nearest Tennis	Lourmarin Tennis Club (8 km)

What we love

- This wonderful property is a capsule of contemporary cool with a minimalist design
- The villa sits in a fabulous garden with a beautiful swimming pool and excellent alfresco dining and lounge spaces
- The location is ideal for exploring the hilltop villages of Provence and enjoying a long list of outdoor activities
- Two of the bedrooms are on the ground floor, ideal for those with mobility issues

What you should know...

- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager
- 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
- Guests should be aware that that the low walls and sudden drops in the garden mean that this property is not suitable for little ones

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £2,000 charged to client's credit card one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5 pm.
- Departure time: 10 am.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Not available.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, included in the rental price. 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. Please note that this property is only available for weekly stays.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other days on request.
- Pets welcome?: Not permitted.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open all year, except during the month of April. 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax included in the rental price.
- 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.
- Stag & Hen Do's Allowed? : Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- 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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