

Villa Des Parfums

Region: Grasse Sleeps: 8

Overview

There's such an abundance of charm at this 19th century villa just a short stroll from the heart of historic Grasse in the Côte d'Azur hinterland, only 18km from Cannes and its French Riviera beaches.

The first thing you'll be yearning to do is climb the characterful stone steps to the very top of Villa des Parfum's vast grounds and take in those sensational views over the valley towards the Mediterranean. Followed of course by a swim in the inviting pool which is 20m long, the largest in the neighbourhood! Poolside sun-loungers and a covered dining terrace allow you to truly relax in spectacular surroundings.

Back to the villa itself, passing its lush gardens as you go, come across little patios and idyllic terraces just perfect for a quiet read or perhaps a convivial apéritif amongst the olive trees as the evening nears. Inside the residence, which dates back to 1800, there's an elegant lounge and dining room, a brilliantly equipped kitchen and TV lounge.

Across the villa, there's a wonderful sense of old-world charm around you yet with the benefit of 21st century features including the air-conditioned gym with its treadmill, cross-trainer and yoga equipment. Each of the four beautiful bedrooms also feature air-conditioning – we especially love the master double with its private bathroom and yet more superb views.

With its swimming pool and vast outdoor space, it's hard to believe you are so close to central Grasse - just wander down the steps, through the gate and follow the road to the heart of the historic town, famed for its rich perfume heritage. Discover the daily flower market, pick up all sorts of gourmet delights of Provence and seek out pretty cafes, wine-bars and restaurants. Admire the incredible artwork by Rubens in the 12th century Cathédrale Notre-Dame Du Puy.

Within easy reach of Grasse you have a wealth of picturesque hilltop villages as well as glorious landscapes for hiking, cycling and horse-riding. Dine out in Cabris, gaze at the views from Gourdon, soak up the ambiance of Valbonne's Friday morning market and follow Picasso's footsteps in flower-filled Mougins.

The glitz and glamour of the French Riviera is also close by! Cannes' palm-fringed shores are around 18km away and the chic beachside restaurants of



Juan-Les-Pins are also easily reached. Cap d'Antibes offers gorgeous bays and coastal hikes whilst the old town of Antibes is a must-see with its historic ramparts, Picasso museum, warren of medieval lanes and mega-yacht marina.

Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con
• Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee
Machine • TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby •
Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes •
Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites •
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Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Main/First floor

- Entrance hall
- Living and dining room with dining table for 8 guests
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including coffee machine and raclette grill
- Laundry room
- WC

Second Floor

- TV lounge/office
- Master bedroom with king-size double bed (200cm), valley view towards the sea and private bathroom
- Bedroom with queen-size bed (160cm) and garden view
- Bedroom with twin beds (80cm each)
- Bathroom

Studio (40m2, with its own entrance, part of the main house accessed via the lower end of the grounds)

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160cm)
- Fireplace
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Outside Grounds (1650m2)

- Swimming pool (20x4m, depth: max 2.8m) with safety alarm and evening lights.
- Poolside terrace and sun-loungers
- Pool house with al-fresco dining area, shower and WC
- Various terraces for al-fresco dining/lounging
- Charcoal barbecue
- Lemon and olive trees
- Small building with gym
- Terraced grounds with many levels (some drops) and many steps
- Parking space (on street level)
- Garage (one car)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi



- Air-conditioning (bedrooms and gym)
- TV
- Board games
- Gym with treadmill, cross trainer and yoga equipment
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

Villa des Parfums is walking distance to the historic town of Grasse in the Alpes-Maritimes department of the Côte d'Azur hinterland, only 18km from Cannes and just over half an hour from Nice Airport. If arriving by train, the TGV stops at Cannes or there is a train station in Grasse around 1.5km from the villa.

Located in a residential district with other neighbouring houses/buildings, just walk down the steps, through the gate and walk along the road (with a narrow pavement) all the way towards central Grasse, around a 10 to 15-minute walk away. As well as Grasse's world-famous perfume studios and the Musée International de la Parfumerie, it's a beautiful town just to stroll around as you come across charming cafes, restaurants, wine-bars and pretty markets. There's a flower and food market most mornings at Place aux Herbes whilst the larger Provencal market takes place on a Saturday morning at Place aux Aires.

There are so many picture-perfect villages within a short drive such as hilltop Cabris (6km), a gorgeous spot for lunch on one of the restaurant terraces, and Gourdon (15km), a typically perched village with the most stunning views. Pass the incredible Gorges du Loup en route and continue on to the Saut du Loup waterfalls. This part of the Alpes-Maritimes is ideal for hiking and other outdoor adventures such as canyoning and rock-climbing.

The picturesque and historic town of Valbonne (10km) is especially worthy of a visit for its Friday morning market whilst Mougins (12km) is a must for food-lovers and art enthusiasts as you follow Picasso's footsteps and dine out in one of the village's gastronomic restaurants. There's a wonderful hiking route between Valbonne and Biot following the Brague River or there are gentler walks through the Valmasque Forest.

In just under half an hour you can be strolling along Cannes' La Croisette, one of France's most famous boulevards, or relaxing on the city's palm-fringed shores. Explore the vibrant markets, potter around the old quarter, admire the huge yachts in the marina, take a boat tour of the coast or even hop on a ferry to the tranquil Lérins Islands.

Juan-Les-Pins (27km) is another superb spot for beaches, summer watersports and atmospheric restaurants whilst Cap d'Antibes is home to some idyllic small bays and coastal hiking trails. The old town of Antibes itself may surprise you with its historic charm, much-loved by visitors from across the French Riviera.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nice Airport (34km)
Nearest Train Station	Grasse/Cannes (1.5km/17.5km)
Nearest Town	Central Grasse (Around 1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Central Grasse (Around 1km)
Nearest Shop	Bakery (800m)
Nearest Golf	Golf du Claux Amic Sa/Saint Donat (7km)
Nearest Beach	Cannes (18km)
Nearest City	Cannes/Nice (18km/40km)

What we love

- Experience character and old-world style in this charming 19th century residence in a hillside setting just a short stroll from historic Grasse
- There's the most glorious views towards Cannes and the Mediterranean from the large swimming pool at the very top of the villa's grounds
- Choose between the many pretty patios or terraces for a morning coffee or evening *apéritif*
- Wander into the heart of Grasse, such a beautiful town known for its rich perfume heritage
- A great location for exploring the French Riviera and its hinterland – Cannes is only 18km away

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms and gym only.
- One of the four bedrooms is in a studio with its own entrance, but still part of the main house – with a kitchen and bathroom as well, it could be well suited to a couple or accompanying staff.
- On a hillside estate, there are many steps to the villa and pool area (which is at the top of the grounds) as well as several terraced levels (some open) – children will need to be supervised.
- It is also worth bearing in mind that this villa is in a residential setting with close neighbours/buildings nearby. It is ideal to be able to walk to restaurants and shops so easily.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and mid-stay clean included if staying more than 14 nights. 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.
- 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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