

Villa Amazone

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 10**

Overview

At Villa Amazone you can holiday in style in your contemporary home with beautiful Provençal gardens and a glorious swimming pool, yet you are only 3km from the historic heart of Aix-en-Provence.

This modern villa with reversible air-conditioning is home to five sumptuous bedrooms, each with a private bath/shower room, therefore sleeping up to 10 guests in comfortable surroundings. The lounge is so elegant with plush furnishings, grand artwork and doors leading out to the covered terrace whilst the kitchen-diner is brilliantly equipped to prepare feasts for family and friends to enjoy al-fresco.

The grounds are dotted with olive and pine trees and it's wonderful being able to admire the sights and scents of Provence as you dip into the swimming pool or play a game of pétanque. Kick back beneath the covered terrace with a glass of wine from Mont Sainte-Victoire's vineyards or wander up to the upper terrace, reached via one of the bedrooms, for views towards the mountain that inspired so much of Cézanne's work. Indeed, the idyllic villages, vineyards, landscapes and walking trails in the foothills of Mont Sainte-Victoire are easily reached.

Yet this setting is also ideal for its close proximity to Aix-en-Provence, such an enchanting University town with its picture-perfect fountains, pretty patisseries, gorgeous café-terraces and of course the famous boulevard, Cours Mirabeau, lined with century-old plane trees. You'll need a good few days to truly experience the beauty of this special town in Provence.

Elsewhere, you may also find the time to drive north towards the villages of the Luberon, many which have been classified as France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' such as Lourmarin and Ansouis. Not forgetting the grand wine-châteaux of the region or head down to the Mediterranean to sample the wines of Cassis, a charming seaside village with lovely restaurants, also the gateway to the Parc national des Calanques.



Facilities

Instagrammable • Modern • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • 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 Interiors (240m2)

- Lounge with doors leading to al-fresco dining and lounge terrace
- Open plan kitchen and dining area, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, microwave, toaster, juicer, induction hob and coffee machine
- 3 x bedrooms with double bed (160x200cm) and shower room
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm), shower room and door leading to upper terrace (low walls)
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each) and shower room

There are 4 x WCs across the property

Outdoor Grounds (4000m2)

- Swimming pool
- Covered al-fresco dining and lounge terrace
- Garden with olive and pine trees
- Pétanque
- Ping-pong

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor cooling system
- Reversible air-conditioning/heating
- Cable TV
- Bluetooth speaker
- Books
- Ping-pong
- Pétanque
- Alarm
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information



Villa Amazone is around a 10-minute drive from the heart of historic Aix-en-Provence. Bordering the Aixoise countryside just beyond the outskirts of the large town, there are neighbouring villas dotted around and you also have easy access to La Provençale road that connects Aix to other parts of Provence.

In the local area, an authentic seafood market/restaurant can be found less than a 5 minutes by car, a supermarket and other local restaurants just a short drive further or head into Aix-en-Provence (3km) for a delightful range of café-terraces, wine-bars and fantastic places to eat.

As you potter around Aix-en-Provence, embrace its historic beauty and character as you admire its baroque architecture and pretty fountains. The iconic tree-lined Cours Mirabeau is a picture-perfect spot for a morning coffee or lunch, followed by a stroll down to the famous Fontaine de la Rotonde and Carousel Paul Cézanne. Pop into patisseries to try out calissons d'aix and other regional sweet delights and don't miss Aix-en-Provence's daily food market on Place Richelme. The larger market on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning is another great way to soak up the charming ambience of this wonderful town.

Follow Cézanne's footsteps around Aix by taking a self-guided tour available from the tourist office, visit his atelier just north of the town and venture up to the Terrain des Peintres for views towards Montagne Sainte-Victoire, a vista that so inspired Cézanne and many artists since.

Mont Sainte-Victoire itself is certainly worthy of a visit, especially for keen walkers and outdoor adventure enthusiasts with mountain biking and rock-climbing available here. Drive to pretty villages such as nearby Tholonet (4km) and Beaurecueil (8km) and sample wines in the foothills of the mountains at vineyards near Puylobier and Pourrières, both around half an hour away by car. There are some superb walks around Vauvenargues (16km), an area immersed in beautiful nature.

Other day trips across Provence can include the villages of the Luberon (such as Lourmarin, Cucuron and Ansouis, all within a 45-minute drive), the artistic town of Arles (80km) and the vibrant city of Marseille (34km).

For water-based activities and beaches, head towards the Étang de Berre and the attractive towns of Martigues and Istres, both within an hour by car, or spend the day enjoying the gorgeous restaurants, little beaches, vineyards and boat trips around Cassis (49km), the gateway to the Parc national des Calanques.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille Provence Airport (29km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare d'Aix-en-Provence/Aix-en-Provence TGV (3.5km/18km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local area (5 to 10-minute drive)
Nearest Supermarket	Casino (2km)
Nearest Town/City	Aix-en-Provence (3km)
Nearest Golf	Golf d'Aix-en-Provence (12km)
Nearest Beach	Around Marseille/L'Estaque (30km)

What we love

- Such a stylish and contemporary villa with a beautiful pool and gardens, only 3km from the heart of Aix-en-Provence
- Experience the charm of Aix-en-Provence with its fountains, Baroque architecture and gorgeous café terraces
- Discover the landscapes that inspired Cézanne around the foothills of Mont Sainte-Victoire, just a short drive away
- As well as visiting the Luberon, you can also venture down to the Mediterranean to picture-perfect seaside villages such as Cassis or Sausset-les-Pins

What you should know...

- If staying with children, supervision is needed on the upper terrace.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €5000 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other durations on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (short-breaks of 4 nights or more may be possible on request outside end June-end August).
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.
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