

Villa Ombrelle

Region: Ile de Re **Sleeps: 10**

Overview

Just a stone's throw away from uninterrupted golden shores and with views over the sea, Villa Ombrelle is a charming property on the island of Île de Ré off the west coast of France.

Composed of two separate houses set in an idyllic garden full of Mediterranean plants, the holiday home is ideal for large families and friend groups looking for a harmonious getaway in a truly unique destination.

Inside, the lovely home is bathed in light thanks to the large bay windows that let the breeze in on hot summer days. The spacious living room, sleek kitchen, dining room and another dining corner are all connected, creating a sense of space perfect for gathering and spending quality time together. A mischievous sense of design uplifts these spaces with eclectic art and underrated colour palette – note the terracotta-hued furniture offsetting the grey furnishings and steel kitchen. The bedrooms are all comfortably furnished with large beds and wood-panelled walls, exuding a typical French country house charm. Additional four guests are welcomed to stay in the cosy annexe equipped with its own little kitchen and living room, as well as a dining-area-meets-winter-garden framed by floor-to-ceiling walls on both sides – perfect for basking in the sun come golden hour.

But the glorious Mediterranean weather can best be enjoyed outdoors on the terrace. Sip your morning coffee together with the rest of the holiday group in the inner courtyard or host al-fresco meals a bit further in the garden – there's a table with chairs tucked away near the trees offering a truly blissful atmosphere.

It's just a few minutes stroll to the nearby beach backed by sand dunes, with fishing boats and plenty of wide open space for roaming free. It's easy to potter around by foot or bike – head further afield to explore the island's salt marshes and pine forests, and yet more idyllic coastline in the beautiful area surrounding the village of Les Portes-en-Ré.

The largest town on the island, Saint-Martin-de-Ré, is also easily discoverable when you're looking for more places to eat and relax, while La Rochelle is connected with the island by a long bridge, fantastic for a fun-filled day trip.

The captivating island is an excellent destination for a relaxed summer break



spent hiking through charming woodlands, getting sun-kissed on golden stretches of coastline and indulging in idyllic activities such as horse riding, water sports and of course, shopping and dining.

Facilities

Villa/House • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • DVD • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Beachfront • Watersports • Sailing • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Main House (200m2)

- Open-plan living room with sofas, fireplace, TV, dining table and chairs
- Open-plan kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, kettle, toaster, microwave, coffee machine and breakfast bar
- Adjacent dining area with a dining table and chairs
- Bedroom with a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- 2 x double bedrooms with double/twin beds and an en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC

Annexe (75m2)

- Open-plan kitchen and living room with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, microwave, coffee machine and bar with bar stools
- Sofa with TV
- Dining room with a dining table, chairs and log burner
- Bedroom with a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower (no WC).
- Guest WC

Outside Grounds

- Front terraces with garden furniture
- Inner courtyard with lounge furniture, garden chairs and an outdoor table and chairs
- Garden with a table and chairs
- Back patio with garden furniture
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue
- Plancha
- Parking for up to 3 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- DVD player
- Hairdryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Situated on the north western side right next to the beach and just a close distance to the island's salt marshes, Villa Ombrelle enjoys an idyllic location on Île de Ré set to be loved by beach-combing wanderers who want to enjoy all the benefits of island living.

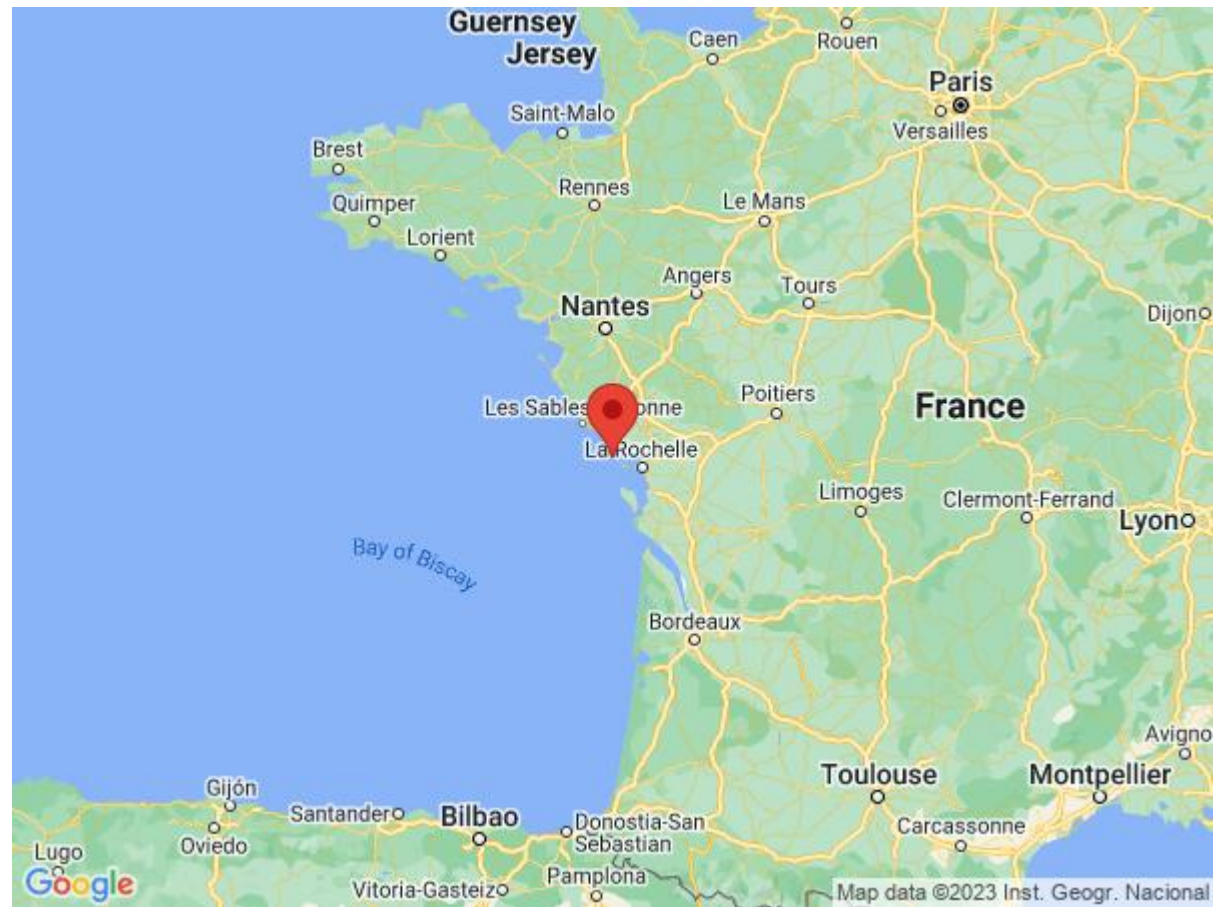
The island is home to several beaches reputed to be among the most alluring in the Atlantic – set to keep the sea-seeking and sandy-footed visitors coming back. Take a relaxing walk to the sandy shores where you can watch boats come and go or plan a wholesome picnic under the twinkling night sky. Right next to Plage de la Loge, there's the far-stretching Plage de l'Anse du Fourneau great for swimming even a low tide, and a bit further away, the quaint Plage de Trousse-Chemise features a small sandy expanse, clear waters and a lush surrounding forest if you need to escape the heat. The island is fairly small and so easily discoverable by foot, but hiring a bike is highly encouraged.

Cycle along the shores all the way to Phare des Baleines (20 minutes), a stunning lighthouse built from limestone in the mid-1850s with an octagonal tower open to visitors offering panoramic views

Whenever you get hungry, you can walk to the lovely restaurant right next to the beach facing the sea for a romantic meal with nothing but the sound of the ocean around. Alternatively, there's also a supermarket just a 20-minute walk away from the property if you need to stock up on groceries to whip up a home-cooked feast.

No matter how tranquil your stay is, there's always the option to visit one of the local villages where you can find restaurants, cafés and little boutiques full of souvenirs and memorabilia. Loix is just a 20-minute drive away, while Le Bois-Plage-en-Ré is also nearby and has flower-filled lanes and a market where stallholders come together to showcase artisanal products, fresh fish and vegetables every week. Others worth visiting include La Flotte, Sainte-Marie-de-Ré and Saint-Martin-de-Ré, a UNESCO World Heritage site port town fringed by star-shaped, 17th-century ramparts, with a huge, preserved citadel on the eastern side. Stroll around the busy harbour to find a charming bar or visit the Le Clocher Observatoire clock tower with splendid views over the town. In addition, the Musée Ernest Cognacq hosts an array of artefacts, ceramics and paintings – and you can enjoy the peaceful ambience from one of the benches nestled in the nearby sculpture garden.

Swap the barefoot island life for a bit of hustle and bustle by visiting La Rochelle – a coastal city in southwestern France and capital of the Charente-Maritime department. Start your day by visiting the Vieux Port and the large



marina, often filled with street artists and musicians putting on a show. In the old town, you can walk around and admire the half-timbered medieval houses and Renaissance architecture, including passageways covered by 17th-century arches, walk along the cobbled streets lined with ice cream shops and bakeries and soak up the city's historic atmosphere.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	La Rochelle (42km)
Nearest Airport 2	Nantes Atlantique Airport (181km)
Nearest Village	Loix (19km)
Nearest Town	Saint-Martin-de-Ré (25km)
Nearest Restaurant	Beach restaurant (600m)
Nearest Shop	Grocery shop in local village (1km)
Nearest City	La Rochelle (48km)
Nearest Golf	(1km)
Nearest Tennis	(3km)
Nearest Beach	(600m)

What we love

- The inner courtyard where the two villas connect gets flooded by light as the sun slips behind the horizon, particularly remarkable during golden hour
- Full of worldly curiosities on the walls, beamed ceilings and artsy decor, Villa Ombrelle exudes unique atmosphere
- The closest beach destined for boat trips and relaxing strolls, Plage de la Loge is located just a 5-minute walk away
- You're superbly positioned for exploring the island's natural heritage – the salt marshes of La Réserve naturelle nationale de Lilleau des Niges

What you should know...

- Please note that hiring a car is highly recommended to explore the island and its surroundings.
- Villa Ombrelle sleeps 6 guests in the main house and a further 4 guests in the annexe, and is ideal for groups travelling together. Please note that while both of the properties are situated on the ground level, the annexe has a couple of steps dividing the living areas from the dining area.
- 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: €2000 charged to clients credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded 2 weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 9.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
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- 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.