

Villa Zephyrine

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) Sleeps: 8

Overview

On the beautiful island of Porquerolles, a stay at Villa Zephyrine offers you the chance to step back in time to experience a relaxed holiday in charming surroundings.

Set in a relatively quiet area of the island's only small town, this rustic getaway exudes the authentic character you can expect across Île de Porquerolles. Sleeping up to eight guests, there are four bedrooms, two of which are reached via the pretty courtyard. There's also an attractive lounge and dining area alongside a traditional kitchen for preparing meals for family or friends.

Outside, enjoy a glass of chilled rosé from the island's acclaimed vineyards as you relax beneath the pergola in your courtyard with delicate roses and splashes of summer colour, also a perfect place for your morning coffee or to simply sit and read. This is what laidback summer holidays on the island are all about.

There are restaurants and a grocery store a short stroll away, as well as the atmospheric main square where locals play boules, but the best way to discover the island is by bike seeing as Porquerolles is virtually car-free. Head to nearby beaches such as Plage de la Courtade for summer watersports and Plage Notre Dame with its turquoise-coloured sea. Above all, embrace the stunning natural surroundings of the island, a protected national park, as you pass olive groves, orchards, vineyards, pines and eucalyptus trees.

Visit the contemporary art exhibitions and gardens at Fondation Carmignac, gaze at the views from Fort Sainte-Agathe, come across the impressive lighthouse and admire the restoration of the windmill at Moulin du Bonheur.

Hire a boat and skipper to explore the rugged southern coastline or you could even venture to one of the other Îles d'Hyères whether appreciating the natural beauty of Île du Levant or making the most of the wild landscapes and snorkelling opportunities of Île de Port Cros.



Facilities

Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (150m2, some steps)

- Open plan (split-level) living and dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Master bedroom with double bed and bathroom with WC
- Bedroom with twin beds, usually made up as a double (located to the side of the master bedroom)
- Bathroom with shower and WC



Courtyard Bedrooms ('cabanon' style, each one reached via the courtyard)

- Two bedrooms with double beds (140cm), sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Courtyard
- Pergola with table and benches
- Outdoor shower

Facilities

- Wi-Fi



Location & Local Information



Villa Zephirine is on the gorgeous island of Porquerolles, one of the Îles d'Hyères located just a short ferry ride from the Giens peninsula near Hyères in the French Riviera.

The house enjoys a charming location in the island's only small town around 500m from the tourist office and port. The best way to arrive is via the 15-minute ferry or taxi boat from La Tour Fondue on the mainland (8.5km from Toulon Hyères Airport) or take the train to Toulon and pick up a ferry from there, taking around an hour – always check timetables in advance. Private boat transfers can also be arranged with advance notice – please enquire.

On the whole, Porquerolles is a car-free island (other than the odd golf cart or similar vehicle) so it is best to hire bikes to be able to explore your surroundings. Keen walkers note there are plenty of hiking routes, passing fruit orchards, pine and eucalyptus trees and olive groves – Porquerolles is part of a national park and therefore its natural beauty is wonderfully preserved. Wine-lovers take note that highly regarded rosé is produced from the island's vineyards.

Back to Porquerolles town, there is a small supermarket as well as a choice of lovely cafes and restaurants. Soak up the ambience as locals play boules at Place d'Armes and potter around the small but charming old town. The residential location of Villa Zephirine feels relatively peaceful, even in the height of the summer when day-trippers crowd the island, despite the heart of the town being a few steps away.

Just beyond the town, walk up to Fort Sainte-Agathe for incredible views and then venture across to Fondation Carmignac (1.5km) to see what contemporary art exhibitions may be taking place and to admire its artistic and natural gardens.

Elsewhere on the island, embrace its authentic ambience as you cycle around. Boasting 30km of coastline, come across beaches such as nearby Plage de la Courtade (1.5km) with diving and other seasonal water-based activities or head a little further towards picture-perfect spots such as Plage Notre Dame (5km) and you will soon realise why so many compare Île de Porquerolle's beaches to those of the Caribbean. Hire a boat and skipper to explore the rugged southern coastline.

It's also worth finding the time visit the neighbouring Îles d'Hyères. Île du Levant is perfect for long walks through the natural landscapes whilst Île de Port Cros, the smallest of the island, has many marked trails through its wild surroundings and it's a stunning place for snorkelling.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (8.5km to La Tour Fondue port on mainland, then 15-minute boat ride)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (118km to La Tour Fondue port on mainland, then 15-minute boat ride)
Nearest Ferry Port	Port De Porquerolles (500m)
Nearest Restaurant	Porquerolles (Within 200m)
Nearest Shop	Small supermarket (Within 500m)
Nearest Beach	Plage de la Courtade (Within 1.5km)
Nearest Train Station	Toulon (1.2km to Port de Toulon on mainland, then 1 hour ferry journey)

What we love

- A charming getaway on the beautiful and authentic island of Porquerolles
- Sip a glass of chilled wine from Porquerolles' acclaimed vineyards as you relax by the pretty roses in your courtyard
- It's a quiet setting considering you are just a few steps from restaurants and the atmospheric main square
- Hire bikes to get out and about to discover the beauty of the island – some of the beaches have been compared to the Caribbean

What you should know...

- There are two bedrooms in the main part of the house and two 'cabanon' style bedrooms each accessed off the courtyard.
- There are virtually no cars on Porquerolles (with the odd exception) so visitors tend to explore the island by bike. Bike hire can be arranged in advance on request, as can private boat transfers from the mainland – please enquire.
- 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: €5000 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Beach towels 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior arrangement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.