

Bastide Des Chanterelles

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) Sleeps: 20

Overview

Set in large wooded grounds, Bastide Des Chanterelles is a unique and historical home built in the 18th century just a short drive from historic cities and sleepy villages. Featuring 9 bedrooms including a 5-bedroom dormitory, the spacious house sleeps up to 20 guests, making it a comfortable base for family reunions.

Charming and full of its original character, the three-floor *bastide* was renovated in the 1960s to offer modern comfort while preserving much of its original atmosphere.

Right as you enter through the main door, you'll be invited to relax in the warm and cosy living room fantastically equipped for unwinding and socialising. Another room is just behind the corner, with more sofas, a TV and a fireplace for enjoying idle moments together. At the top of the wide staircase you will find all the bedrooms, awash in a soothing colour palettes to exude an elegant yet homey feel. Children will love having sleepovers and telling bedtime stories in the five-bed dormitory – and there are even shelves stacked with books to serve as a source of inspiration.

The main draw of the villa is its outdoor space; set in 4000m² of wooded land planted with trees, shrubs and flowers. Follow the path through the gardens to the sun-dappled swimming pool where you can escape the warm summer sun or laze on the poolside terrace. You don't even have to go back to the villa for refreshments, as the summer kitchen will provide all the essentials for preparing quick meals. Whether you want to eat al-fresco, read a book or simply soak up the nature around you, you'll be able to always find a relaxing spot here – whether it's the outdoor sofas, garden chairs, picnic benches or the long table designed for dining under the stars.

Tucked away from the crowds that flock to Toulon's glistening shores during warm-weather months, Bastide Des Chanterelles is perfectly positioned to discover the region's beautiful beaches, bustling nightlife, rich nature and the charm of typical Provençal villages.



However if you do want to visit the bustling city, then the centre of Toulon is just a 10-minute drive away, with its lovely terraced cafés and shops set amongst the winding lanes. Its historic harbour is ideal for strolling around, and there's even a mountain Mont Faron nearby offering breathtaking views over the surrounding landscape.

Wine lovers can indulge in tasting sessions and shopping in Bandol, a seaside town known for its wine route. It has many restaurants, beaches and hidden corners to discover too.

Alternatively, in under an hour's drive, you can visit Aix-en-Provence, bursting at its seams with museums, squares, historic buildings and an excellent dining scene to savour regional delicacies.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Pool/Snooker • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Watersports • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Paragliding • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (450m2)

- Kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, microwave, kettle, toaster, coffee machine and two bar tables with chairs
- Living room with sofas and armchairs
- Second living room with sofas, TV and fireplace
- 6 x bedrooms with double beds
- Dormitory bedroom with 5 x single beds
- Bedroom with a single bed
- Bedroom with a sofa bed
- Entertainment room with a pool table
- Bathroom with a shower, bath and WC
- Bathroom with a bath and WC
- 2 x bathrooms with a shower/bath and WC

Outside Grounds (4000m2)

- Private pool (12m x 6m)
- Pool terrace with sun loungers, umbrellas, table and chairs
- Terrace with a dining table and bench chairs
- Lounge furniture
- Al-fresco dining table and chairs
- Children's playground with swings and picnic tables
- Summer kitchen with a kitchen bar and stools
- Table tennis

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Parking



Location & Local Information

Nestled in a local village known for its flower-filled streets, this charming *bastide* enjoys an idyllic location in southeastern France's Var department.

The small town of Ollioules is characterised by accents of a typical Provençal village and is renowned for its flowers and olive trees. Idyllic and almost untouched by tourism, it's known for promoting its artists and craftsmen whose workshops are open to the public all year round. There are also plenty of restaurants around, with the closest just 5 minutes away on foot. The nearby supermarket is also just a short walk away and is great for when you need to stock up on picnic items such as Provençal cheeses, artisanal hams and baguettes.

You might also love walks to the surrounding countryside, full of trees, wide country roads and the hilly Gros Cerveau peak in Sanary, easily reachable by car. After a picturesque hike, visit the Observatoire Astronomique du Gros Cerveau – an astronomical observatory with great views. Nearby, there's park Marais du Gros-Cerveau which has a small lake, perfect for an afternoon picnic.

It's also just a 15-minute drive to Bandol, a resort built around a small military port by the sea. On a sunny day, walk around the harbour and admire sailing boats and yachts or simply head straight to one of the powder-sand beaches lining its shores. Plage de Renécros offers swimming in a sheltered bay with fine-grained sand and is backed by excellent seafood restaurants. A bit further away, Plage du Grand Vala offers an escape from the crowds, and from Parc Du Capelan you can soak up postcard-worthy views of the sea and Ile Rousse in the distance.

For more hustle and bustle, head to Toulon. Just a 10-minute drive away, this port city is lined with pretty beaches and shingle coves home to one of the largest harbours in Europe. In its naval base and harbour there are submarines and warships, as well as fishing boats and ferries – and many maritime artefacts from the city's history can be admired in the grand Musée National de la Marine.

Those who prefer nature to the wonders of a big seaside city can venture into the limestone mountains that form a backdrop of the city, and take the cable car or hike up Mont Faron.



Aix-en-Provence is superb for a day trip thanks to only being an hour's car drive away. It boasts a plethora of fascinating museums, squares with statues and fountains, historic buildings and a bustling dining scene. Worth visiting are Musée Granet, one of France's first established museums, and Caumont Centre d'Art, a stellar art space housed inside the Mazarin quarter's grandest 18th-century mansion.

What we love

- This magnificent 18th-century villa has been lovingly renovated to create a wonderful holiday home
- Thanks to the gorgeous swimming pool and fantastic outdoor areas including a playground, you will never want to leave!
- The city of Toulon is just a few minutes away by car, backed by limestone cliffs and with a buzzing restaurant scene
- It's just a short walk into the arty Ollioules, a flower-filled village with restaurants, shops and bakeries

What you should know...

- Please note that due to the villa's rural location, hiring a car is recommended to explore the region comfortably
- The house can comfortably sleep 12 guests in 6 double bedrooms plus 1 guest in a single bedroom. An additional 2 guests can be accommodated on a double sofa bed while a dormitory sleeps 5 children.
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other changeover days on request.
- 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs 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.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement 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).
- 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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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.