

La Bastide Provencale

Region: Provence-Alpes **Sleeps: 12**

Overview

Sip a glass of Coteaux d'Aix wine as you relax beneath the plane trees on your characterful terrace overlooking the verdant garden, before wandering down the rustic steps towards the gorgeous swimming pool, lavender and olive trees.

This handsome bastide allows you to experience the Provence of yesteryear whilst surrounded by style and comfort. Admire the exquisite tiles as you step through the hallway before retiring to one of the sumptuous chairs by the fireplace and piano. The modern kitchen is brilliantly equipped and features glass doors opening out to the wood-beamed dining room, flooded with light from the elegant windows overlooking the trees.

La Bastide Provençale sleeps up to twelve guests across its six bedrooms. There is something for everyone from the ground floor double to the master bedroom upstairs with its bath and shower, alongside two twins and two further bedrooms with queen-size doubles. With varying sizes, you can expect discreet touches of character alongside artwork, pretty furnishings and charming shuttered windows.

The house is set in four hectares of grounds which, alongside the 15m long swimming pool, also features a tennis court and idyllic terrace for al-fresco meals. Embrace the summer aromas of rosemary and lavender, listen out for the peaceful flow of water in the *bassin* and hear the birds sing in this beautiful Provençal garden.

Passing vineyards as you drive, a traditional local village is just over 2km away with restaurants, shops, old houses, fountains and a Friday morning market. Other picturesque villages nearby include Rognes and Saint-Cannat whilst a visit to historic Salon-de-Provence is a must with its old quarter and pretty shops – look out for olive oil and 'savon de Marseille' produced in the town.

The historic beauty of Aix-en-Provence is only 24km away, a wonderful day out for everyone whether you wish to visit the town's museums and Cézanne's art studio or simply drink coffee on a café terrace on Cours Mirabeau.

Meanwhile, families have a wealth of activities within easy reach (from the nearby zoo and castle to pony rides and attraction parks) whilst grown-ups will appreciate the landscapes of the Luberon with two of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*



', Lourmarin and Ansouis, both less than half an hour by car.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens
• Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • Laptop Friendly
Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher •
Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • Ground Floor
Bed & Bath • TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis
• Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting
• Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit &
Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Bastide Interiors (450m2)

- Large lounge with fireplace, TV, piano and office space (split-level)
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, microwave, toaster, induction hob, coffee machine, dishwasher, fridge and freezer
- Open-plan dining area (via steps)
- Ground floor bedroom with double bed (160x200cm)
- Master bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and private bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm)
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm)
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm each)
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x190cm each)
- 4 x shower rooms

Outside Grounds

- Heated swimming pool (15x6m)
- Stone pool house
- Shaded terrace for al-fresco dining
- Stone barbecue
- Outdoor lounge area
- Tennis court
- Garden (different levels/steps)
- Water feature (natural spring/pond)
- Electric gate

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating (oil)
- TV
- Music system
- Piano
- Office and printer
- Table tennis
- Outdoor fitness area with treadmill
- Hairdryers
- Alarm
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer



Location & Local Information

In the Bouches-du-Rhône department of southern France, La Bastide Provençale is located in a picturesque rural setting just outside a traditional village south of the Luberon. The charm of Aix-en-Provence is only 24km away.

The village is just over 2km away via a typical country lane passing countryside and vineyards (the wine appellation here is Coteaux d'Aix). It is home to a handful of restaurants, a good sized supermarket and other useful shops alongside a market on a Friday morning. Walk around the village admiring colourful old houses, flowers and fountains and look out for events and festivities, especially in the summer months. Across this region there are some lovely walking, cycling, hiking and mountain biking opportunities as well as the very charming Les Poneys De Provence.

Other historic villages close by include Rognes (8.5km) and Saint-Cannat (7km) whilst Salon-de-Provence (19km) is a joyful town to explore, known for its pretty pavement cafes, medieval lanes, fountains and olive oil produced from the many surrounding groves.

To the north you can experience the beauty of southern Luberon from Lourmarin (22km) to Ansouis (25km), both classified as France's 'Plus Beaux Villages'. Discover seasonal canoeing/kayaking along the Durance River, summer swimming at Étang de la Bonde and gorgeous summer lunches by the bassin in the picture-perfect village of Cucuron (24km).

Embrace the charm of Aix-en-Provence (24km) with its beautiful lanes, baroque architecture, characterful fountains and Cours Mirabeau lined with pavement café terraces beneath the plane trees. The daily food market on Place Richelme is a must for gastronomes, as are the patisseries selling Calissons d'Aix, whilst the larger weekly market takes place three mornings a week.

You could even spend the day by the Mediterranean coast soaking up the character of Cassis (74km) or enjoying the fantastic beaches around La Ciotat (75km) and Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer (83km), all just over an hour away by car.

Keen walkers note that the Calanques National Park is a paradise for coastal hikes whilst there are plenty of other walking opportunities close to Aubagne (61km) and in the vicinity of Cézanne's beloved Montagne Sainte-Victoire (45km).



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Marseille Provence Airport (31km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Salon/Aix-en-Provence TGV (19km/32km)
Nearest Village	Traditional village (2.2km)
Nearest Restaurant	In and around the village (2-2.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	(2.5km)
Nearest Town/City	Salon-de-Provence/Aix-en-Provence (19km/24km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Pont Royal (12km)

What we love

- Such a handsome bastide set in four hectares of grounds with a beautiful swimming pool, century-old trees and Provençal gardens
- Experience the charm of yesteryear whilst enjoying stylish interiors and modern comforts
- Pass vineyards and rural countryside to reach the traditional local village less than 2.5km away, home to restaurants, shops and a Friday morning market
- As you explore the region try Coteaux d'Aix wine, olive oil from Salon-de-Provence and the sweet delicacy, *Calissons d'Aix*
- Embrace the historic beauty of Aix-en-Provence just half an hour away by car

What you should know...

- Guests need to be able to manage some steps in the garden (and across the ground floor of the house). If travelling with youngsters, please be aware of the pretty *bassin* with its natural water source.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €7500 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.
- Minimum stay: 10 nights preferred. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- 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.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €500 per week between November and April, payable locally.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair can be requested in advance.