

Palais Du Sud

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 15 - 18

Overview

As you relax beneath the 500-year old olive tree, gaze out to the incredible landscapes around you at this beautiful residence in the Bresque valley, close to the edge of the Verdon Natural Regional Park.

There are so many hidden corners to be discovered at this special place. Start off by the private swimming pool with its gorgeous views, then come across the little chapel and the unique cave with its own natural water source. Head back to Mediterranean garden and soak up the summer aromas of lavender, rosemary and thyme, then admire the olive grove and woodland across the 2.5 hectare estate.

Sleeping up to 18 guests, Palais Du Sud offers versatile accommodation for a large group of friends or extended family. The main villa offers elegance and space with its wood-beamed lounge and dining area and fully-equipped kitchen showcasing the iconic hexagonal tiles that are crafted in the surrounding area. Here there are four sumptuous en suite bedrooms across the ground and first floor, alongside a vast terrace and hall designed with events in mind. The adjacent 2-bedroom suite, with its own kitchenette and private terrace with barbecue, is equally as inviting.

Then there's the idyllic little cottage, set by itself with a double and a twin and its own comfortable lounge and side kitchen, opening out to the prettiest of pergolas for al-fresco dining. Finally, the studio annexe is a characterful cabanon, ideal for a couple and it's perfectly located near the swimming pool.

Other than embracing the Provençal beauty and history of this magnificent setting, there is so much to explore around you. Firstly there is the charming local village, less than 3km away, with its café terraces beneath the plane trees, old fountains, pottery studios and ceramics museum. You are also close to the perched village of Sillans-la-Cascade and its waterfalls reached only on foot.

Potter around other picture-perfect historic villages, visit the famous Tuesday morning market in Lorgues and sample the wines of Côtes de Provence in nearby vineyards and wineries. Head north for canoeing, kayaking and pedal boat hire on Lac de Sainte-Croix, just half an hour away by car, and venture towards the spectacular Gorges du Verdon, a paradise for outdoor adventurers.



You can even reach the sandy shores of the Mediterranean within an hour by driving to the French Riviera towns of historic Fréjus and sophisticated Saint-Raphaël or wind through the Maures hills towards Sainte-Maxime and catch a ferry to experience the glamour of Saint-Tropez for the day!

Facilities

Villa/House • Instagrammable • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • DVD • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

Main House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Main lounge and dining area (with table for 12 guests)
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including small table (5 guests)
- TV/Media lounge
- Laundry room
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, double bed (180x200cm) and shower room with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, double bed (180x200cm) and shower room with shower, sink and WC
- Guest WC

Upper Floor

- Bedroom with air-conditioning, double bed (180x200cm), dressing area, balcony and shower room with shower, sink and bidet
- WC
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, twin beds (90x200cm each), dressing area, balcony and shower room with shower, double sink and WC
- Large hall, kitchenette and large terrace (suitable for events)
- Guest WC and sink

2-Bedroom Suite Interiors

- Small kitchenette, well-equipped including fridge/freezer, dishwasher, gas hob, microwave, kettle, toaster and Senseo coffee machine
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, king-size double bed (180x200cm), dressing area and lounge area with TV, DVD player and speakers
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, twin beds (90x200cm each) and dressing area
- Bathroom with bath, Italian shower, double sink and bidet
- Private terrace and barbecue

Cottage Interiors (75m2)

- Open-plan lounge and kitchen space with sofa-bed (140x200cm), TV, DVD, dining table and well-equipped side kitchen including fridge/freezer, dishwasher, gas hob, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster and Senseo coffee machine
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, king-size double bed (180x200cm)
- Bedroom with air-conditioning, two single beds (90x200cm each)
- Shower room with shower, sink and WC



- Wardrobe space (in hallway) and laundry room with washing machine and dryer
- Covered pergola, barbecue and garden

Poolside Studio Interiors (25m², 2 guests)

- Open-plan bedroom with air-conditioning, king-size double bed (180x200cm), TV, DVD player and speakers
- Open-plan kitchenette including fridge/freezer, microwave, dishwasher, gas hob, kettle, toaster and cafetiere
- Shower room with Italian shower
- Separate WC

Although some of the rooms are on the ground floor, the accommodation is not suitable for guests with restricted mobility.

Outside Grounds (2.5 hectares)

- Swimming pool (12.5x6.5m)
- Outside shower and WC
- Various terraces and barbecue(s)
- Mediterranean garden, olive grove and woodland (different levels)
- Cave and natural water source
- Chapel
- Pond
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Reversible air-conditioning
- TVs and DVD players
- Smoke detectors
- Hairdryers
- Ironing and some laundry facilities

Location & Local Information



Palais Du Sud is located in the Upper Var, 10km south of the town of Aups (considered the gateway to the Verdon Natural Regional Park) and around one-hour from Fréjus and the French Riviera coastline. Arrive by air in to Toulon-Hyères, Marseille Provence or Nice Airport whilst the TGV direct train service from Paris Gare de Lyon to Les Arcs-Dragnignan (32km), takes 4 hours 40 minutes.

The residence and its vast grounds are situated just off a country road connecting the local village to other characterful villages, not far from the waterfalls near Sillans-la-Cascade. Between sea and mountains, it is also a great base for visiting the Gorges du Verdon.

The nearest village is less than 3km by car, a charming Var village in the Bresque valley with pretty lanes, old fountains, café terraces beneath the plane trees and the ruins of the old château above the village. It is known for its production of the iconic hexagonal terracotta tiles (tomettes) and ceramics are also made here – the village's pottery shops attract visitors from the region and the Terra Rossa Maison de la Céramique is worthy of a visit.

Take time to visit other traditional towns and villages close by including Tourtour (13km), one of France's classified 'Plus Beaux Villages' with its idyllic main square and weekly market, Villecroze (7km) and its troglodyte cave dwellings and Entrecasteaux (10km), a medieval village of great historic charm, home to Château d'Entrecasteaux.

In the other direction is the small village of Sillans-la-Cascade (4.5km) where there is a hike to the waterfall, Cascade de Sillans, for the most breathtaking scenery. Further afield, enjoy more spectacular landscapes as you venture towards Lac de Sainte-Croix (28km) and the Verdon Natural Regional Park, home to the Gorges du Verdon. Discover wonderful walking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and bird-watching opportunities.

Slightly closer to home, admire the impressive L'Abbaye du Thoronet (26km), experience the fantastic Tuesday morning market in Lorgues (18km), one of the largest in the Var, and sample wines in local vineyards and wineries just north of the Côtes de Provence wine region, especially near Dragnignan (25km) and Vidauban (29km).

If you urge to see the sea, drive south to the French Riviera in just over an hour, passing the Maures hills, and spend the day soaking up the charm of family-friendly Sainte-Maxime (57km) or the allure of Saint-Tropez (69km). Alternatively, head south-east towards historic Fréjus (54km), elegant Saint-Raphaël (60km) and its wonderful beaches on the Côte d'Azur.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Toulon Hyères Airport (90km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (103km)
Nearest Airport 3	Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (105km)
Nearest Train Station	Les Arcs - Draguignan (32km)
Nearest Village	Provençal village (2.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (Within 3km)
Nearest Supermarket	(3.3km)
Nearest Town	Aups/Draguignan (9.5km/25km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis club near local village (3.5km)
Nearest Golf	Small golf club outside local village (5km)
Nearest Beach	Plage Fréjus (55km)

What we love

- Soak up the charm of Provence at this beautiful residence in the most spectacular surroundings
- Its vast gardens are beautiful with the aromas of the Mediterranean alongside woodland, olive trees and incredible vistas, not to mention the gorgeous swimming pool
- Visit the pottery shops in the pretty local village, known for its ceramic production and tile-making (especially the iconic hexagonal 'tomettes')
- You are also close to the perched village of Sillans-la-Cascade, the starting point of a wonderful hike to its waterfall
- Between '*mer et montagne*' head north towards Lac de Sainte-Croix and the Verdon Gorges or venture south to French Riviera towns and glorious beaches

What you should know...

- This beautiful residence sleeps up to 18 guests across four different parts including the main villa, its 2-bedroom suite, a cottage and a separate poolside studio. In the case of lower occupancy, some bedrooms may be closed off.
- With its swimming pool, pretty pond and unique cave with a natural source of water, children should be supervised across the vast grounds.
- Although there are some bedrooms on the ground floor, Palais Du Sud is not suitable for guests with restricted mobility.
- 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: €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: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €500, payable locally. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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 included.
- 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 €450 per week between September and end of May, payable locally.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
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