

Fantaisie Francaise

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 19

Overview

What will be your favourite corner of this vast Mediterranean garden – the outdoor lounge by the olive trees, the lavender field, the wisteria-clad archways or the lazy hammocks beneath the century-old trees? Not to mention the football goals, sandpit and play area for the children, and the swimming pool of course!

Then there's the Loup River just beyond Fantaisie Française's gates, an idyllic spot for nature watching and picnics. This beautiful house and its one-hectare garden is in the Côte d'Azur hinterland between Grasse and the picture-perfect perched village of Tourrettes-sur-Loup.

Fantaisie Française has been lovingly restored over the past years – the owners have created an authentic and welcoming family home for up to 16 guests across the main house and a garden annexe. The lounge and dining area are gorgeous with a fire for cooler months whilst the newly renovated kitchen-diner is modern yet elegant. The main house is home to six bedrooms, our favourite being the master bedroom on the first floor with a private terrace and a romantic bath with the most beautiful view!

A garden annexe houses another two bedrooms alongside a living-dining area and kitchenette, ideal perhaps for a small family seeking a little independence or accompanying grandparents.

When not dining al-fresco on the terrace or sipping Côte de Provence overlooking the garden, head out to local villages and towns to truly soak up the charming ambience of this part of southern France. From Grasse's flower market and Tourrettes-sur-Loup's flower-filled medieval lanes to Mougin's gastronomic restaurants and Cannes' palm fringed shores, there is so much to experience nearby.

Meanwhile, the most adventurous can hike through the Gorges du Loup, admire stunning waterfalls, try canyoning and aquatic hiking or find pretty spots for swimming. Return to your riverside French abode to relax with a coffee as you listen out for cicadas and the flowing river beyond.



Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Outdoor Games • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (360m2)

- Open-plan living room with sofas and TV
- Open-plan dining area and fireplace
- Kitchen (via two steps), fully-equipped
- Master bedroom with double bed and doors leading to private upper terrace
- Master bathroom with bath (with a view), shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed and doors leading outside
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with bunk-bed and single bed
- Bedroom with twin beds

Garden Cottage Annexe

- Open-plan lounge, dining area and kitchenette
- Bedroom with double bed, bunk-bed and en suite bathroom with WC
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with WC
- Terrace

Outside Grounds (one hectare)

- Heated swimming pool (12m) with safety fencing
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Covered terrace with al-fresco dining and lounge area
- Barbecue
- Large garden
- Lavender field
- Hammocks/swings
- Trampoline
- Pétanque court
- Children's play area
- Football field
- River access (just beyond the villa's gates)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Cable TV



- Football field
- Trampoline
- Pétanque
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Following a track by the Loup River, you will soon reach the gates of Fantaisie Française, set in vast grounds (one hectare). How wonderful to have the river so close – this is such a beautiful, natural setting.

It feels rural yet not too remote with some neighbouring houses, less than a 3km drive to the tiny village of Le Bar sur Loup. There are further amenities and a little weekly market in and around Châteauneuf including a Casino supermarket (6.5km).

The heart of Tourrettes-sur-Loup (7km) is in the other direction with magnificent views of the surrounding landscapes from its perched setting. The fortified village dates back to the 15th century and it is a joy to explore its characterful narrow lanes with stone houses, vaulted archways, little art studios, flower-filled squares and charming restaurants. Like many villages in this area, it has attracted several artists and writers over the years and it is also known for its violet flower production (visit La Bastide aux Violettes to learn more).

Continue on to artistic Vence (13km) and St Paul de Vence (16km), both renowned for their charm, beauty, art heritage and breathtaking French Riviera views. The independent art gallery, Fondation Maeght, and Matisse's Chapelle du Rosaire are not to missed by art-lovers.

The French Riviera coastline is also within easy reach whether you venture towards the charming old town of Antibes (26km), the beachside restaurants of Juan-les-Pins (27km), the coastal walking trails of Cap d'Antibes (30km) or the glorious beaches and attractions of Cannes (24km).

Nice (30km) is another grand day out with its museums, galleries, markets and atmospheric city beach and promenade or drive in the opposite direction towards the idyllic coves, beachside restaurants and stunning walk trails around Théoule-sur-Mer (36km) backed by the dramatic Esterel Massif. Perhaps stop off for lunch in a gastronomic restaurant in Mougins (17km) en route or experience the vibrant Friday morning market in historic Valbonne (11km), both further highlights of this fantastic region.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nice Airport (22km)
Nearest Train Station	Grasse/Cannes (11km/24km)



Nearest Village	Le Bar-sur-Loup (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Le Bar-sur-Loup (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	(6.5km)
Nearest Town	Grasse /Valbonne (10km/11km)
Nearest Beach	Cagnes-sur-Mer/Cannes (20km/24km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Grande Bastide (8km)
Nearest Tennis	(5km)

What we love

- The vast one-hectare garden is glorious with wisteria, lavender, ancient trees and pretty terraces, accompanied by the sound of cicadas and nearby river
- A paradise for families with football goals, a children's play area and the heated swimming pool secured by a fence
- On warm summer evenings take a picnic down to the banks of the river and soak up the natural beauty around you
- Enchanting and artistic villages close by include Tournettes-sur-Loup, Vence and St Paul de Vence
- In just over half an hour you could be strolling along Cannes' famous boulevard, La Croisette, or soaking up the charm of Antibes old quarter

What you should know...

- There are six bedrooms in the main house and two bedrooms in a pretty garden cottage annexe within the grounds.
- 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.
- A premium will be applied for festivals and special events in the region - please enquire for a quote.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €3000 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival 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.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pool heating charge?: Included up to 29/30 degrees from April to October. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax is included.
- Pool towels 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and high chair are available on request.
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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.
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