

# Villa Sivergues

Region: Luberon Sleeps: 15

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## Overview

Embrace the essence of Provence at this lovely 18<sup>th</sup> century *mas* close to Apt and Saignon. The vast estate takes you back in time with traditional stone walls and an old *borie* alongside oaks, cypresses, cherry trees and pines. There is even a hiking trail through the *domaine* – return to cool off in the glorious swimming pool or find a shady spot to rest overlooking the Luberon landscapes.

Step inside Villa Sivergues to appreciate its heritage alongside attractive modern renovations. The spacious living room has tall windows overlooking the characterful stone walls and glistening trees whilst the kitchen is professionally equipped, opening out to the minimalist dining area with a long table for sociable dining surrounded by bold works of art. An arched window beautifully frames the Luberon views as you enjoy Provençal feasts together.

The main part of the house is home to three double bedrooms on the first floor, all with en suite bathrooms, including a master bedroom with a private terrace and yet more stunning vistas. The second floor has two children's bedrooms whilst an annexe (separated by the summer kitchen) sleeps another 9 guests across its four en suite bedrooms. Altogether, Villa Sivergues can comfortably host up to 15 guests plus an additional four children.

The rustic gardens are full of charm with several terraces for al-fresco dining and relaxation, many with Luberon views. As you explore the *domaine*, come across fruit trees, an olive grove and an old pond where you can gaze towards hilltop Saignon. The well-equipped summer kitchen is ideal for long al-fresco feasts whilst the 18m long pool is perfect for swimming lengths or just enjoying the coolness of the water on warm afternoons. This is what relaxed summers in Provence should be all about.

It's wonderful being a short drive to Apt, a handsome historic town with plenty of characterful shops, cafes and restaurants as well as the Luberon's largest market on a Saturday morning – get there early to join locals buying seasonal produce such as Vaucluse cherries, strawberries, olives, honey, herbs, lavender products, melons and so much more depending on the time of year.



Nearby Saignon is one of the lesser known villages of the Luberon but an absolute jewel with its cobbled medieval lanes, shady squares and café terraces. There are more superb views to be enjoyed from the village's perched setting.

Elsewhere, you are well located for visiting the likes of Gordes, Ménerbes, Roussillon and Lourmarin or head a little off the tourist trail and discover other little gems of the Luberon (Goult, Joucas, Cucuron, Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt and so on). Look out for vineyards, wine châteaux, Michelin starred restaurants and Farmer's markets as well as gorgeous walking and hiking trails, cycling routes and horse-riding across this idyllic part of Provence.

## Facilities

Villa/House • **Recommended** • **Exclusive** • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



# Interior & Grounds

## Main House Interiors

- Large living room with sofas
- Professionally equipped kitchen
- Open-plan dining area

### *First Floor*

- Master bedroom with terrace (stunning views) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom

### *Second Floor*

- Children's quad bedroom
- Children's triple bedroom
- 2 x bathrooms

## Annexe Interiors

### *Ground Floor*

- Bedroom sleeping three guests with en suite bathroom

### *First Floor*

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom

## Outside Grounds

- Private swimming pool (18x x 3m) with safety alarm and fencing
- Several terraces for al-fresco dining and relaxation
- Summer kitchen
- Boules court
- Table tennis
- Large garden (with steps and some unprotected terraced levels)
- Parking on site
- Vast *domaine* (10 hectares) with hiking trail
- Old pond with lovely village views
- Borie
- Olive grove and fruit trees



## Location & Local Information

Just south of the historic Luberon town of Apt, Villa Sivergues is set within a 10-hectare domaine with stunning views of the surrounding landscapes. Arrive by train into Gare d'Avignon TGV (only 2 hours 40 minutes from Paris) and pick up a car for the 60km long journey or fly into one of the airports just outside Avignon and Marseille.

Within the vast domaine there is a hiking trail around the property eventually leading to 'Rocher des Druides' as well as an old pond with glorious views towards nearby Saignon. During your stay, take time to explore hilltop Saignon (4km) with its ancient winding lanes, medieval houses and incredible views from its perched position. Enjoy lunch out on a shady café terrace in an old square before admiring vistas as far as Mont Ventoux.

There is a good range of amenities in and around Apt including a choice of large supermarkets. The town centre is a joy to explore, especially on a Saturday morning when the 900-year old market takes over the historic centre – arrive early to join locals buying a wealth of delicious local produce. The handsome town itself has gained a fine reputation for its candied fruit and is classified as a 'site remarquable du gout'.

You are also well located for visiting other beautiful villages of the Luberon from Bonnieux (16km), Lourmarin (20km) and Gordes (23km) to slightly lesser known gems such as Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (11km), Goult (17km), Ansois (29km) and Cucuron (26km). Look out for dense forests, cherry orchards, vineyards and wineries, atmospheric markets and some of the best restaurants in Provence including Michelin starred establishments. The Luberon National Park also offers so many opportunities for walking, hiking and cycling through its glorious Provençal landscapes.

Further afield, embrace the history of Avignon (56km) and Aix-en-Provence (59km) for wonderful days out. Head towards L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (36km) for antique stores, riverside cafes and the famous Sunday morning brocante, not far from Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (35km) loved for its spectacular natural scenery, hiking trails and canoeing/kayaking opportunities.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Avignon Airport (48km)</b>
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Nearest Airport 2	<b>Marseille Airport (79km)</b>
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Nearest Train Station	<b>Gare de Cavaillon/Avignon TGV (35km/60km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Apt (3km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Saignon (4km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In and around Apt (3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Large supermarkets just outside Apt (3km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Near Apt (5km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Saumane (35km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Avignon (56km)</b>

## What we love

- This 18th century *mas* has been wonderfully renovated to create a characterful home with plenty of modern touches and a superb 18m long swimming pool
- In an elevated setting, the panoramic views of the Luberon landscapes are stunning
- The vast *domaine* features all the sights of Provence with cypresses, pines, oaks, fig and cherry trees alongside an old borie, stone walls and an olive grove
- Follow the hiking trail around the estate, then sit by the beautiful old pond and gaze out towards the perched village of Saignon
- It's only a short drive to the historic town of Apt, famous for hosting the Luberon's largest market on a Saturday morning

## What you should know...

- Villa Sivergues is split across the main house (five bedrooms) and annexe (four bedrooms) – there is a wonderful summer kitchen between the two.
- Up to 15 guests can stay here plus four additional children – please see the 'Property Layout' for details of the bedrooms (including a children's triple and quad bedroom on the second floor of the main house).
- If travelling with children, please supervise across the beautiful grounds with some unprotected terraced levels.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1200 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 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: Saturday - all other changeover days on request.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, standard changeover clean and weekend cleaning are included if staying multiple weeks. 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights - all other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Cot and high chair available on request.