

Villa Grand Bonnieux

Region: Luberon Sleeps: 10

Overview

So close to many of the Luberon's iconic perched villages, Villa Grand Bonnieux is an archetypal Provençal *mas* that has been exquisitely renovated to welcome up to 10 guests (and four additional children) across its stylish air-conditioned suites and bedrooms. Gather on the garden terrace overlooking the beautiful heated swimming pool and lavender field.

Villa Grand Bonnieux's three-hectare estate is simply idyllic. Not only are there swathes of lavender usually from June to late July, but also cypress trees, gorgeous terraces and the most wonderful views. The heated swimming pool stands proudly between the house and vast lavender field whilst there is a shaded terrace and barbecue for al-fresco dining in glorious surroundings. The *boules* court adds to the Provençal ambience and there is table tennis for all ages to enjoy.

This luxurious and spacious Provençal abode is home to five individual suites or bedrooms scattered across the estate. The main living space features a fireplace, bar and arched doors leading to the garden terrace and there is a good-sized dining table for indoor feasts. The first suite is absolutely stunning with its own lounge, fully-equipped kitchen and curved stone stairs leading up to an impressive en suite bedroom with a terrace overlooking Bonnieux and Lacoste.

Elsewhere, there are two attractive courtyard bedrooms, both en suite, and two further suites, one with a private terrace with sunset views and another gorgeous suite overlooking Goult and Mont Ventoux, also benefitting from its own lounge and kitchen. Across the accommodation guests can expect beautiful design and magnificent grounds – this really is a special holiday home.

Arrange for fresh pastries to be delivered each morning to enjoy on the terrace before venturing to one of the many perched villages of the region – Lacoste and Bonnieux are both a short drive away whilst Roussillon, Gordes and Ménerbes are just a little further. Another picturesque village is Goult, slightly off the usual tourist trail but just as charming with its medieval lanes, café terraces and pretty little shops.

Cyclists will love being so near La Véloroute du Calavon, a popular *voie-verte* that follows a former railway line near the Calavon River passing lovely Luberon scenery – the Roman bridge, Pont Julien, is just over 5-minutes by bike. Meanwhile, make the most of the wonderful walking trails whether



admiring the ochre landscapes near Roussillon and Rustrel or seeking shade in the cedar forest south of Bonnieux.

As you explore the Luberon come across excellent restaurants, delightful weekly markets, vineyards and wineries. You are also well placed for reaching L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue for antique shopping and Fontaine-de-Vaucluse for hiking, canoeing and kayaking. Meanwhile, Avignon and Aix-en-Provence are both amazing day trips for experiencing the rich history and captivating charm of Provence.

Facilities

Villa/House • Instagrammable • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1 hr to Airport • BBQ • Electric Car Charger • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Parking Space • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Please note that some of the en suite bathrooms are open-plan to the bedrooms.

- Open-plan living and dining area with fireplace, bar and large dining table. Doors open out to garden terrace overlooking the swimming pool and lavender field
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped

Suite 1

- Living area with sofa-bed (for 2 children), fireplace and open-plan kitchen
- Access to private covered terrace overlooking courtyard
- Access to private part of the poolside terrace
- Upstairs bedroom (via winding stone staircase) with doors opening to a terrace with village and lavender views. En suite bathroom with large Italian shower, large bath, two sinks, bidet and WC

Suite 2

- Entrance area with sofa-bed (for 2 children)
- Bedroom (via two steps) and en suite bathroom with large bath, Italian shower, two sinks, bidet and WC
- Access to private terrace for sunset views
- Access to private part of the poolside terrace

Suite 3 (via steps)

- Living area and kitchen, fully-equipped
- Access to terrace with village and distant mountain views
- Upstairs bedroom and en suite bathroom with large bath, Italian shower, two sinks, bidet and WC

Courtyard Bedroom 1 (via a few steps from courtyard)

- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm), Provençal fireplace (decorative only) and double doors leading to terrace with village and lavender views. En suite bathroom with bath, Italian shower, two sinks, bidet and WC

Courtyard Bedroom 2

- Ground-floor bedroom with doors leading to terrace with sunset views. En suite bathroom with bath, Italian shower, two sinks, bidet and WC



Outside Grounds (three hectares)

- Heated swimming pool (15x7m)
- Poolside terrace, partially covered
- Large garden terrace overlooking swimming pool
- Two tables (can be pushed together to make space for 10 people)
- Barbecue
- Boules
- Table tennis
- Lavender field
- Courtyard with mulberry and plane trees
- Wrought-iron gate
- On-site parking
- Electric vehicle charging point (charges apply)

Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)

Location & Local Information

Close to the idyllic villages of Bonnieux and Lacoste, Villa Grand Bonnieux is in the very heart of the Luberon so wonderfully located for experiencing the beauty of this charming part of Provence.

How wonderful to have your very own lavender field – it usually blooms from early June to late July. What's more, the villa is very well located for joining the lovely cycling trail, La Véloroute du Calavon – in just over 5 minutes by bike you can reach the Roman stone bridge, Pont Julien.

Less than a 10-minute drive south, Bonnieux (4.6km) is classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with good reason – spend time wandering around its medieval lanes as you admire historic houses, the 12th century village church and incredible vistas of lavender fields, orchards and vines. There are several restaurants here, some with idyllic terraces overlooking the Luberon scenery, as well as little shops and a bustling Friday morning market.

Nearby Lacoste (4.5km) is another beautifully preserved perched village, home to a handy grocery store and a traditional café-bar with glorious views from its terrace. Look out for the ruins of Château du Marquis de Sade at the very top of the village and embrace the Luberon landscapes around you. The village market takes place on a Tuesday morning.

Goult (4.6km) is also not to be missed, slightly off the usual tourist trail yet the village exudes so much Provençal charm with its old houses, café terraces, lovely shops and weekly market on a Thursday morning. Continue on towards Coustellet (13km) for more foodie shops and a Sunday morning Farmer's market as well as the Musée de la Lavande.

The handsome and historic town of Apt (11.5km) hosts the Luberon's largest market on a Saturday morning whilst Saignon (15km) and Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt (17km) are two other picture-perfect villages worth considering. Even closer is Roussillon (7.5km), famed for its red-hued ochre landscapes, whilst famous Ménerbes (12km), Gordes (13km) and Lourmarin (17km) are also easily reached – all four are classified as '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Discover glorious walking and hiking trails across the Luberon from the shady cedar forest just south of Bonnieux to the ochre routes around the Le Colorado de Rustrel and beyond. A little further afield, Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (23km) is loved for its hiking and kayaking/canoeing opportunities whilst the less adventurous may prefer the antique stores and pretty riverside restaurants of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (23km). The much-loved Golf de Saumane is also less than half an hour by car or venture east to be captivated by the stunning surroundings of Golf Du Luberon (48km).



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Avignon Airport (35km)
Nearest Airport 2	Marseille Provence Airport (80km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Cavailon/Avignon TGV (23km/45km)
Nearest Village	Lacoste/Goult/Bonnieux (4-5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Lacoste/Goult/Bonnieux (4-5km)
Nearest Town	Apt (12km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Proxi Lacoste/E.Leclerc Apt (4km/10km)
Nearest City	Avignon (44km)
Nearest Golf	Golf de Saumane (22km)
Nearest Tennis	Goult (5km)

What we love

- Experience authentic Provençal living alongside sophisticated design and style – the perfect blend of old and new
- Gaze at your very own lavender field next to the beautiful swimming pool – it usually blooms early June to late July
- Order fresh pastries to be delivered each morning for breakfast
- There are so many glorious views from vistas towards Bonnieux, Lacoste and Goult to idyllic sunsets on warm summer evenings
- So wonderful for cyclists of all ages – the much-loved Véloroute du Calavon passes nearby
- The ideal setting for visiting so many of the Luberon's iconic perched villages - Bonnieux, Roussillon, Ménerbes and Lourmarin

What you should know...

- This beautiful villa sleeps up to 10 adults across five en suite bedrooms/suites. An additional four children can be added to your booking, on request, as two of the suites feature a sofa-bed.
- Indeed, please see the 'Property Layout' for details of the layout of each bedroom as they are all located in different parts of the house, some with independent entrances.
- The bathrooms are stunning – do note that some are open-plan to the bedrooms.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only, not the living/dining spaces. Thick stone walls help to regulate the temperatures in summer and winter.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner 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.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, standard changeover clean included. Weekend cleaning 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes. For electric vehicles, an extra €25 will apply for a full charge.
- 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?: Outside only.
- 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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool heating charge?: Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.
- Stag & Hen Do Allowed? : 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: Air-conditioning is only featured in the bedrooms.