

# Thezan Villa

**Region:** Languedoc

**Sleeps:** 11 **Bedrooms:** 4



## Overview

Modern spacious villa in the peaceful village of Thézan-les-Béziers in the Languedoc set within a large private garden with a large pool. Offers possibly the best views from the village across the vale of the Orb. 20 minutes from beach, 20 minutes from the National Park and mountains. Internet, UK satellite TV, excellent summer kitchen and large terrace.

## Description

This is an old wine-maker's house which has been converted to make a spacious villa in the peaceful village of Thézan-les-Béziers in the Languedoc. The villa is set within a large private garden with a large pool and first floor balcony. 20 minutes from beach, 20 minutes from the National Park and mountains. Internet, UK satellite TV, excellent summer kitchen and large terrace. 4 bedrooms/2 Lounges /Kitchen-Diner/ 1 Bathroom/ 2 Shower rooms Sleeps 9 + 2 Z-beds suitable for small adult or children. Could accommodate two families holidaying together if indoor kitchen and summer kitchen were used separately.

This stunning villa sits on the edge of picturesque Thézan in a quiet residential area 20 mins from Mediterranean beaches. 20 mins from Parc Naturel mountain ranges, 10 mins from bustling centre of Béziers. The village is surrounded by vineyards.

All the amenities one would expect within a 5 minute walk, including bakery, butcher, 2 bars, newsagents, post office, hairdressers. There are 2 excellent large supermarkets 2 minute drive from the villa.

This area has its own micro-climate which protects it from the high winds found in many other villages only 20 minutes away from here.

There is so much to see and do in this region, from wonderful scenic walks amid the vineyards to canoeing, cycling and wine tasting.

## OUTSIDE

Fantastic, panoramic views across to the neighbouring village of Murviel and over a patchwork of vineyards and almond trees down to the River Orb. The views are even better - if that's possible! - from the first floor balcony which has its own table, chairs and parasol.

Good-sized private pool and terrace area with plenty of seating and sun loungers for everyone to enjoy.

The Terrace/Patio: large table and chairs to seat 10. Sunloungers, easy chairs etc.

Summer kitchen consisting of brick-built BBQ, sink and fridge. There are also electricity points for hot plate, kettle etc.

Long driveway to park at least two cars. More parking available outside on road.

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## Layout

Upstairs

Kitchen:

Fully fitted, well equipped. Fridge/freezer. Full size electric oven. Gas hob, (the bottle for this is in the cupboard next to the oven). Full size dishwasher. Microwave. Electric Kettle.

Lounge/dining area:

Large open plan lounge/dining room, with a large dining table and chairs, fireplace, with wood-burning fire. a sofa and several easy chairs. Sideboard, several lamps, coffee table. Satellite TV with Sky and FreeView English channels. DVD player. Patio doors onto balcony with table and chairs and umbrella.

Bedroom 1:

Double bed, two bedside cabinets with lamps. Large wardrobe. Table and chair. Large fan.

Bedroom 2:

Twin single beds, bedside cabinet with lamp. Large wardrobe. Table and chair. Large fan.

Bathroom:

Large fully-tiled room with bath, shower, toilet and hand basin.

Shower room:

Fully-tiled separate shower room

Downstairs:

Lounge:

Large lounge area with three sofas and two armchairs.

## More Info

All linen including pool towels included.

The portable Z-beds are fairly narrow but would be more than adequate for children.

The house is on two levels and could be split between two families. One family would be upstairs with the kitchen, lounge/dining area, balcony, bathroom, shower room and two bedrooms.

The other family would have the summer kitchen, direct access to terrace and pool area, large lounge/diner, two bedrooms and shower room. A staircase connects the two.

Every bedroom has a fan.

## Features

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Private pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Fireplace
- Spacious garden
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Coffee table. Satellite TV with Sky and FreeView English channels. DVD player. CD Player. Large wicker cabinet housing pool towels and plastic glasses etc for outside. Large armoire housing bed linen and bathroom towels. Cupboard for cleaning utensils, iron and ironing board, 2 x Z- beds. Sideboard. Telephone.

## Bedroom 3:

Double bed, Large fitted wardrobe, two bedside cabinets with lamps. Table and chair. Large fan.

## Bedroom 4:

This is a triple room with 2 bunk beds and a single bed. Large fitted wardrobe. Table and chair. Large fan.

## Shower room:

Shower, wash hand basin and toilet. This room also has the washing machine plumbed in.

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## Location

Set in the beautiful and historic region of Hérault (Department 34), Thézan-les-Béziers is a small village about 8km from the outskirts of Béziers. It is totally surrounded by vineyards and ideally placed for visitors to the region with magnificent beaches 15kms to the south and mountains and stunning scenery to the north. It is only 10 minutes from the A9 motorway which offer excellent communication links to/from the UK.

The village contains a good range of shops including a butcher, baker (also a chocolatier), chemist, fruit and veg shop, general store, post office and there is a small market 2 mornings per week. There are 2 bars, one of which offers homemade pizza to eat in or take out. Tourism has largely passed Thézan by and the village has retained its original local feel. The addition of a rack of postcards of Th'zan in the newsagent is the only outward sign that the village has recognised the rise in tourism in the area.

Nearby attractions include:

Mediterranean beaches to suit all tastes (from 15kms) ranging from quiet and secluded without facilities, to busy ports with bars and restaurants.

Central Béziers (10kms) contains markets (including antiques), a tree-lined centre with bars and restaurants, theatre and art galleries and excellent shops!

Parc Naturel du Languedoc (20kms). North of Thézan including gorges, caves, walking, swimming, whitewater rafting, cycling and fishing.

Carcassonne (100kms) is the largest fortified medieval town.

The River Orb (3kms) for swimming, fishing or walking.

Airports

To reach Thézan by air you can fly to:

Beziers-Cap d'Agde - 30 mins

Montpellier - 1 hour

Carcassonne - 1 hour 20 mins



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Perpignan - 1 hour 20 mins

This region in the Languedoc is rich and varied, which you will really enjoy exploring. You can only really get to know the region after spending some time discovering its countryside, meandering along its paths and beaches and tasting its fine wines. Its Mediterranean coast and mountainous hinterland are bathed in sunshine over 300 days a year and provide wonderful escapades for families or couples, on horseback or on foot, by bike, boat or canoe.

20 minutes drive to the nearest Mediterranean beach of Valras Plage, which has a wide stretch of golden sandy beach, great facilities for children (climbing frames, rope swings etc very popular), plus an excellent choice of bars and restaurants. Within 30 minutes there are numerous other beaches such as Vendres, Vias plus the excellent vibrant resort of Cap d'Agde, which also has Aqualand water park, boat trips, water sports, an excellent marina and a huge selection of restaurants and bars.

BEZIERS - An old town dating back 2,700 years, Béziers was an excellent wine-producing town and prospered in the 18thC when it became one of the most important wine production centres, whose rich winegrowers built beautiful residences and châteaux. Magnificent buildings in the Haussmann style sprung up at the same time as the arenas, theatre and the Plateau des Poètes (a stunning English-style garden where you can find many species little known in this part of the world). You can also visit the imposing St Nazaire Cathedral which overlooks the river Orb.

THE CANAL DU MIDI - Explore it on rollerblades, on horseback, by bike, by barge or simply on foot. Whichever you choose, it will be an ideal way to discover one of the longest canals in France. A historic feat, the Canal du Midi, an immense and incredible project for its time, connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean. It spans 150 miles, weaving its way from Sète to Toulouse where it meets the Garonne river. Its engineer, Pierre-Paul Riquet, who was born in Béziers, took almost 20 years to design and build this jewel in the French heritage, now classed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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AGDE & CAP D'AGDE - Agde is a town that has a rich and fascinating history and has existed since Neolithic times. Agde became a tourist town in 1970, when the decision was taken to develop a seaside resort at Cap d'Agde, surrounded by the Mediterranean, the remains of ancient volcanoes and vineyards. In addition to the town's historic heritage, Agde is also very well known for its naturist quarter which welcomes around 50,000 people each year.

SÈTE - Sète is a charming town which has the air of a village, and nestles at the foot of Mont St Clair, between the Mediterranean and the Thau lagoon. Sète's unique feature is that it is located at the mouth of the Canal du Midi. Sète is a traditional town which nurtures its culture and identity. Sète is also renowned for its nautical jousting tournaments inherited from an ancestral tradition as well as for its local speciality, the Tielle (a sort of octopus pie with spicy tomato sauce).

PEZENAS - The architecture and the streets of the village are well worth a detour. A destination particularly appreciated by the British due to its charm and refined boutiques, Pézenas has a wealth of buildings and hotels in characteristic architecture. The town is also the birthplace of the singer Bobby Lapointe and maintains its tradition as a town of street entertainers and artists, with theatricalised guided tours and numerous art galleries and artists' workshops. The town also has several unusual museums such as the Museum of Toys and Delights of Yesteryear, or the Door and Wrought Iron museum.

SALAGOU LAKE - a large man-made lake created in 1969 to irrigate the Salagou valley and reduce the rise in water levels in the Hérault river. There are spectacular views of the lake from the hillsides around; the Salagou is the ideal place to take a stroll in harmony with nature or to have a picnic with the family.

MONTPELLIER - No other town aside from Montpellier, capital of the Haut Languedoc, has experienced such rapid growth in France. A booming town, Montpellier is dynamic, and renowned as much for its heritage as for the great scholars and thinkers who settled here throughout the centuries. There are plenty of attractions on offer for children. Do not forget to visit the Mare

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Nostrum Aquarium, the Amazonian Greenhouse, the Lunaret Zoological Park or the Galileo Planetarium, which will enchant both the young and old. The Theatre Square (Place de la Comédie), the town's central hub, is one of the largest pedestrianised areas in Europe. It is also one of the few cities that is home to stringed-instrument makers.

SERIGNAN MUSEUM - This was the first museum of contemporary art in the Hérault. It houses a plethora of graphic art displays in an area of 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>, in which you will find permanent and temporary collections. The works in this place are expressed in various ways, each displayed in turn in the graphic arts exhibition room, video room, experimental display, library room or quite simply in the gallery. The museum is open to the general public and offers guided visits, lectures and workshops for children.

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THE ST JEAN RANCH - The St Jean Ranch offers a range of equine activities such as excursions, horse-drawn carriage rides, horse rides on the beach or at sunset , and even excursions for experienced riders. You will not be disappointed with your adventure whilst braving the experience.

CANOE AND KAYAK - The canoe and kayak club at the Tarassac windmill (50km/30 miles north of Béziers) offers you the opportunity to explore the Orb valley in an original way. With a choice of several routes, you can opt to be guided along the water by qualified instructors or explore the Orb at your own pace by hiring a boat from the club.

DEVÈZE CAVE - An authentic and living French speleology museum, it is often referred to as the glass spinner's palace. On exiting the entrails of the earth after your one hour visit, the botanical pathway and the Chemin des Capitelles (path of dry stone huts) await you to prolong your adventure.

SIGEAN AFRICAN NATURE RESERVE - Safari lovers no longer need to travel to the other side of the world. Languedoc-Roussillon offers you the opportunity to observe animals just a stone's throw away from your holiday location. Unique in Europe, this park is home to almost 4,000 animals which roam free all year round.

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BEZIERS TOURIST TRAIN - Visit Béziers on board its tourist train and you will discover the Canal du Midi, the 9 locks, the Plateau des Poètes or the Madeleine Church and the St Nazaire Cathedral. The guided tour is delivered in several languages.

SERIGNAN VINEYARDS - The Sérignan vineyards invite you to join a refreshing tour that will revitalise your taste buds. Established in 1935, this cooperative winery offers you the opportunity to sample its wines in the company of professionals and to discover the art of the region's quality wines.

BOAT EXCURSION - At Grau d'Agde on board the Millésime, we can offer you guided excursions between the Canal du Midi, Thau lagoon and the Hérault river. You will appreciate sea fishing and the magnificent coastal scenery.

MARE NOSTRUM AQUARIUM - Visit the aquarium in Montpellier where, in a one and a half hour visit through a 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> trail, you can see over 300 species housed in this underground world. It will certainly not fail to amaze both the old and the young.

BEZIERS ADVENTURE PARK - This adventure park is set in the forest. There are 10 courses of varying levels, an extreme course and two unique and special zip-wire courses. An adventure for everyone!

## Golf

Beziers hosts a magnificent 18-hole golf course at Golf St Thomas, close to Bessan. About 25 minutes away there is the picturesque 9-hole course at Lamelou les Bains where there is also an excellent club house restaurant to enjoy French cuisine after your game. There is also a championship third course at the beautiful Cap D'Agde beach resort.

## Travel

Beziers-Cap d'Agde 20 minutes, flights currently available from London Luton and Bristol. Carcassonne and Montpellier airport both approximately 1 hour's drive. Perpignan and Nimes airport 1 hour 30 minutes. Toulouse airport 2 hours. Marseilles airport 2 hours. Gerona (Spain) 2 hours. Plus numerous



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other airports as well as the excellent TGV train service all the way from London to Beziers via Paris as well as the superb new road network now in place. This area is now extremely accessible for all travellers.

## Distances

Beziers - For stunning cathedral, great markets and good shopping -10 minutes.

Valras plage - Great family friendly beach - 20 minutes.

Cap d'Agde - Lots of fun for all the family - 30 minutes.

River Orb - For stunning views, canoeing, and great river swimming 15 minutes.

Canal du Midi - For walking or cycling along it's shady paths, or why not take a boat trip - 15 minutes.

Montpellier - Stunning historic university city plus excellent shopping and sight seeing facilities - 1 hour.

The nearby River Orb offers many opportunities for kayaking, fishing and swimming from it's various beaches. If you drive further north out of the village and follow the winding path of the Orb this will take you through vineyards as well as some of the most breathtaking scenery on the edge of the Parc Naturel du Languedoc where you are able to find cycling and hiking trails, beautiful spa towns, rock climbing and even paragliding.

If you fancy swimming in a large man made lake the awe-inspiring Lac du Salagou is only a 25 minute drive where the scenery is absolutely breathtaking.

The nearest Mediterranean beach is only 20 minutes away at Valras Plage which is a vibrant family friendly town with many shops, bars, restaurants and plenty of beach activities.

Narbonne is about a 25 minute drive and is also steeped in history. Good for sightseeing, shopping and lots of excellent restaurants.

The area constitutes one of the largest wine-producing regions in the world and the local Domaines - as they are known locally - are usually only too happy to offer a tasting of their wines, the closest being only 5 minutes away

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at Murviel les Beziers or Domaine Castan at Cazouls Les Beziers where there is also an interesting museum.

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