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#### **Overview**

Villa Romantic is just as the name suggests - a very romantic and beautiful hilltop Provençal-style Mas with separate cottage dating back to 1820. This property provides charm and comfort, but the main attraction is the stunning roman-style private swimming pool. There is a large garden, as well as extensive terraces offering breathtaking panoramic views. This property can sleep up to 12 people plus 3 babies in 6 double or twin bedrooms, with another 3 people in the separate Petite Villa. Perfectly located within 5 minutes of all amenities.

(Villa can be rented for just 12 people without La Petite Villa - see ref. BEAU104, or for just 9 people - see ref BEAU110)

Not suitable for weddings etc.

### **Description**

Villa Romantic is just as the name suggests - a beautiful and romantic Provençal Mas, built around an old circular stone tower, with windows dating from 1820.

Set on top of a hill, overlooking Beaucaire and the stunning Provençal countryside, this award-winning property has been completely renovated to provide comfortable and welcoming accommodation for up to 16 people plus 3 babies.

This property combines great charm and elegance, thanks to the many original Provençal features, pretty and decorative touches, all intertwined with modern day comforts.

The approach to the villa is up a steep and winding private lane, that leads to just a few other homes, all set amongst pine, walnut and olive trees - offering you an impressive feel of the Provence before even arriving at your destination.

You will enter the grounds through large wrought iron gates which are electronically controlled, thus ensuring privacy at all times, all in a commanding hilltop position - private, but not isolated.

#### Main House:

Villa Romantic is bright and airy, painted white throughout and furnished in a charming and colourful antique Provençal style. The main, circular living room has a beamed ceiling, a large open fireplace, a TV with UK satellite channels and radio stations, as well as a DVD and CD player – this is the perfect place to relax indoors.

The beamed dining room is equipped with a large table and authentic Lloyd Loom chairs, and close to the kitchen with its fitted units, and all the equipment needed to make delicious meals from local and traditional ingredients.

The Main House and Petite Villa together offer 7 double/twin bedrooms and 6 bathrooms to sleep up to 16 people and 3 babies comfortably.

#### La Petite Villa:

La Petite Villa is located in the grounds of Villa Romantic. It is newly renovated 1-bedroomed, single-storey dwelling offering accommodation for 1, 2, 3 or 4 people. This villa is only let as an addition to the villa rental to anyone who would like extra, separate accommodation and would not be let to another rental client. It is perfect for an older couple who may wish to have peace and quiet, separate from, but near to

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the main villa; or for a romantic couple who would like total privacy; or for a family of 3 (or possibly 4 - as there is a baby-cot); or to accommodate staff who travel with the family - for instance a nanny, chauffeur, secretary, personal assistant etc. where you need them to be nearby, but like them to have separate accommodation. The Cottage has its own little garden and is tucked away in the corner of the large garden of Villa Romantique. It is not overlooked by the main villa - or by any other properties.

There is a spacious living room (and the sofa converts to a double-width sofa-bed - thus creating 2 separate sleeping rooms at night, if required ). There is a dining area and a kitchen corner (with a sink, two-ring electric hob, fridge/freezer, washing machine, microwave oven, cafetiere, toaster, electric kettle etc. etc ). The double bedroom has a large double-bed which can be separated to make twin beds if preferred. There is a spacious shower-room with a large shower cubicle, washbasin and WC. The Cottage is charmingly furnished and decorated in an authentic Provencal style with beautiful tapestries adorning the walls. Both the living room and bedroom have glazed double-doors opening directly out on to the shaded sun-terrace and the secluded and totally private 'petite' garden.

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#### Main House:

Facing South, this property enjoys the full benefit of the quality of light, and the delicious warmth for which this region is justly renowned all year round.

The outside area of Villa Romantic is impressive, offering a superb Roman-style swimming pool area, complete with circular balustrade area and surrounding sun terraces. There is also a pool-side summer kitchen and conservatory-style living room.

The extensive gardens are complete with Mediterranean plants and trees, a water feature and shaded dining area. There is a large, elevated dining terrace offering magnificent views.

The circular roof terrace offers truly spectacular panoramic views.

There is a large raised ground-floor Terrace looking over the garden and the landscape, perfect for relaxing and dining, with seating for 12 or more, around an inviting old farmhouse table 11 ft 6" long (3.5 m) - an excellent setting for long lazy lunches and those dinners that go on late into the warm nights and filled with enjoyable conversation.

The beautiful circular swimming pool is built in the style of a Roman collonaded arena - and is charmingly

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illuminated at night for that enchanting midnight dip. The pool is over 26 feet (8 meters) in diameter giving a surface area of 550 sq. feet (over 50 sq. meters) with semi-circular steps down into the pool for easy entry and exit.

Poolside sunbathing terrace with sun loungers, drinks trolley etc. and lounge - a perfect relaxing and reading area furnished with a big comfy sofa and matching arm chairs, overlooking the extended garrigue-type garden with statues, boules court and palm trees.

All amenities are located in nearby Beaucaire (1.5km) with many waterside restaurants and cafe bars.

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### Layout

Main House:

6 double/twin bedrooms

5 bath/shower-rooms

Stone-flagged reception hall

Dining room

Circular lounge

Large kitchen

Laundry room

2 baby's folding cots and high chairs

Bedroom 1 - double

Bedroom 2 - two singles

Bedroom 3 - double (four poster)

Bedroom 4 - double

Bedroom 5 - two singles

Bedroom 6 - two singles

5 Bathrooms

La Petite Villa:

1 double/twin bedroom (Bedroom 7)

Living room (with sofa bed) (Bedroom 8)

Corner kitchen and dining area

Shower-room

Baby's folding cot and high chair

Outside Shaded terrace

Private garden

Parking

#### **More Info**

Linen and towels provided Private parking for 6 cars

Barbecue, private pool, parking, garden, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, hob/stove, iron, microwave, oven, washing machine, central heating, cot, high chair, internet access, room fans, satellite tv.

#### Reviews:

- "Our family last stayed at Villa Romantic 19 years ago and had such a wonderful time that we always vowed to return. Again we have had a fabulous time in your beautiful home. Thank you." August 2023
- "We stayed at Villa Romantic for 25 days in June 2023. We had a lovely time. Thank you for everything."
- "Villa Romantic makes for a dream holiday.... It is a great location with easy access to Avignon, Arles, Nimes, Beaucaire and Tarascon. The villa is breathtaking the architecture, the grounds, the antique furnishings and the amenities. We can't thank the owners enough for making it so easy to have a relaxing holiday. "
- " I still long to return to your villa. It was a lovely week we spent there, and I just wish we had had more time there. We fell in love with the house, the garden and the pool area. We really liked the friendly people in Beaucaire and the rest of the region. It was all and more than I could have dreamed of when I started 2 years ago to plan the celebration of my 50th birthday. Everything was perfect and we all had a really nice vacation at your Villa Romantic. "

#### **Features**

- Featured
- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Easy walk to shops (<15 mins)
- Un-overlooked pool
- Pets allowed on request
- Private pool
- Secure fenced pool
- Heating
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Barbecue
- Terrace
- Fireplace
- Spacious garden
- Separate annex, gite, studio

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#### Location

Just 1 mile from the historic twin towns of Beaucaire and Tarascon, you are very centrally located in the circle created by beautiful Avignon, St Remy de Provence, Arles, Nimes and the Pont du Gard, and conveniently no more than 12 miles (20 kms) from each and yet only about 45 minutes drive to the Mediterranean.

Villa Romantic is just 1 mile (1.5 km) out of the historic medieval town of Beaucaire, with its imposing 12th century ruined castle perched high on a rock overlooking the majestic river Rhône. There is a delightful river marina crammed with colourful boats of all shapes and sizes which is bordered with restaurants and bars full of character. Alongside the marina the square is shaded by the typical spreading plane trees (platanes) so loved in village and town squares throughout this region.

The beautiful walled city of Avignon - a UNESCO World Heritage site - was the Medieval city of Popes - the biggest gothic palace in the world and the legendary bridge made famous by the song known to every child 'Sur le Pont, d'Avignon'.

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and the impressive Greco-Roman archaeological site of Glanum, and the beautiful retreat where Van Gogh spent a prolific year inspired by the luminosity of the light in this region.

11th Century Les Baux-de-Provence dominating the Provence landscape.

The Roman centre of Arles described by Constantine as 'the little Rome in Gaul', the great obelisk, the theatre, the amphitheatre arena and the Cloisters of Saint-Trophime.

Nîmes with its impressive Roman arena. The beautiful Roman 'Jardin Des Fontaines' which it has been said inspired the gardens at Versailles, and the 'Maison Carreé' much like the Parthenon in Athens.

Pont du Gard-a World Heritage Site, the incredible triple height bridge built by the Romans, one of the finest and most grand pieces of architecture



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antiquity has bequeathed to us. The aqueduct level delivered pure water to the Roman baths and fountains at Nîmes for over 200 years.

Uzés, a delightfully restored Medieval town, the seat of the Dukes of Uzés (the first Dukes of France) for over a thousand years and its lovely cathédrale with its tall tower unique in France and similar to the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Aix-en-Provence, a city of art and culture, home of Cezanne and the city of a hundred fountains.

The Luberon - Gordes, Menerbes, Bonnieux and Roussillon.

Marseille with its picturesque old port and beautiful church high up on the hill (go up on the little 'street train touristique') overlooking the city, the Mediterranean, and the fortress island, Isle d'If - home of Alexander Dumas' Count of Monte Cristo.

Montpellier, elegant and classical, rather like a Paris of the South.

Orange, the great Imperial Roman theatre - yet another UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Camargue - calm and mysterious - try to take a Land Rover safari or a boat trip through the lagoons and waterways.

Aigues-Mortes, a beautifully preserved town completely enclosed by ramparts. The French kingdom's first Mediterranean port and the departure point for the Orient and the Crusades.

Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer - like Mediterranean seaside resorts were 70 years ago - quiet and gentle with unspoilt and uncrowded beaches.

Beaucaire was such an important market place in France throughout the Middle Ages that prices struck here for commodities such as wine and cheese, metals and timber, fruit and meat, leather and silk, pots and pans became the norm throughout France.

Its Medieval Fairs attracted buyers and sellers from all over Europe and Asia

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and there are countless ancient buildings which bear witness to Beaucaire's great past. The town is steeped in history and still today there are regular markets, fairs, festivals and celebrations commemorating bygone days and traditions.

Beaucaire looks across the Rhône to its equally lovely neighbour Tarascon with the marvellous Good King Rene's castle, one of the best preserved Medieval fortresses in the whole of France; it's partly fortified old town, the 17th Century Town Hall and grand 19th Century theatre - originally a 16th Century abbey.

The Roman town of Arles is also only a 10 min drive. Many Roman and Romanesque monuments are still in use today; the amphitheatre provides the setting for bullfights and concerts, and what remains of the theatre plays host to formal concerts and traditional folk festivities throughout the year.

The Cathédrale Saint-Trophime, with its magnificent doorway depicting the Last Judgement carved in stone and its beautiful cloisters, is open to the public for visits and Sunday services.

The necropolis, or Alyscamps, is today a narrow, tree-lined avenue, located just outside the old town.

Arles also boasts one of the regions finest markets every Wednesday and Friday. Overflowing with Provençal goodies- fruits and vegetables, lavender products, soaps, olives, flowers, honey... The list is endless and makes the Arles market an event not to be missed!

Also not to be missed is a day out to Avignon to discover the winding streets and lovely Provençal shops. Here you'll find the wonderful 'Pope's Palace' - the former home of the Pope which really is spectacular. And the infamous 'half-bridge'!

For wine lovers, this is paradise; domaines and tasting almost on every corner.

Villa Romantic is ideally placed for visiting all of central and western (Roman) Provence, the Luberon, the Camargue, the Gard region of Languedoc-

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Rousillon and the uncrowded part of the Mediterranean.

While at our holiday villa in Provence, you should try to give yourselves enough time here to experience just a few of the wonderful sites in this fascinating part of the South of France.

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Our award-winning villa in Provence has been completely renovated with immense style and an abundance of love and care to provide very appealing, elegant and welcoming accommodation. It combines great charm, many original Provençal features and pretty and decorative touches, with modernday comforts. Important characteristics for holiday villas in Provence. The approach to Villa Romantic is up a steep and winding private lane that leads to just a few other Provence villas set amongst pine and olive trees. You enter the grounds through big decorative wrought iron gates which are electronically controlled, thus ensuring privacy and a feeling of exclusivity. Our Provence villa is in a commanding hilltop position - private but not isolated - and very importantly, you are not overlooked nor are you overlooking any other homes. These are desirable and rare features for holiday villas in Provence.

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#### **Photos**



























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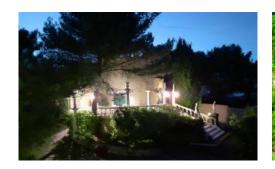








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