

# Hilltop Apartment

**Region:** Cote d'Azur

**Sleeps:** 4 **Bedrooms:** 2 **Bathrooms:** 1



## Overview

This well-located 2-bedroom apartment offers stunning sea and mountain views and is only 4 miles away from the beautiful sandy Mediterranean beaches. With its tranquil situation in the village of Castellar, close to Menton and Monaco, it offers a perfect getaway for a relaxing holiday. All village amenities are within walking distance. Sleeps 4. Not suitable for children under 12 years. Longer term lets available.

## Description

The apartment is located on the second floor (access by stairs only) of the building adjoining a former hotel in the village square. It is light and airy and has been refurbished to a high standard and can accommodate 4 adults in two bedrooms - one double and one twin.

There are stunning sea views from both bedrooms - one of which has a small balcony. The balcony leading from the living-room overlooks the square with an impressive panorama of the mountains beyond.

Bedroom 1 - double bed, antique furniture and balcony overlooking sea.

Bedroom 2 - twin beds, fitted oak wardrobe and shelves. Two large windows with fantastic sea and mountain views over Menton.

Bedside light and central light in each room.

Bathroom - Fully tiled shower room, low flush lavatory, hand basin and bathroom cabinet.

Kitchen - Hand made oak cupboards, fridge/freezer, self cleaning oven, 4 electric hobs, dishwasher, microwave, electric kettle.

Living Room - Sitting/dining room with antique table with 4 chairs, 2 x seater settee, 3 occasional chairs, sideboard. French windows open on to balcony overlooking square and mountains. Pleasantly decorated with mirrors, pictures and traditional light fittings. TV with some English channels from an Astra satellite connection.

Facilities - washing machine, iron/ironing board, tv, room fans. There are electric radiators in each room which are regulated individually. The windows are double glazed and fitted with wooden shutters.

Mid stay linen change for 2 week bookings offered if required at no charge. Mid stay clean available at cost.

Free internet.

## OUTSIDE

There is a small balcony leading from the main bedroom with magnificent sea views and there is a larger covered one accessed by French windows from the living room. This allows you to watch life in the square

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below and take in the spectacle of the mountains surrounding Castellar.

Seats are placed at various spots throughout the village allowing you to enjoy some wonderful scenery and there is an attractive public garden off the Rue de la Republique where you can relax in a tranquil setting. Castellar remains unspoilt and offers a unique glimpse into French country life. It has quaint narrow streets, historic buildings, a lavoir, fountains and an olive oil mill.

PARKING - free parking available at various places in the village and there is also a designated car park.

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## Layout

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Bedroom 2 - twin beds

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Kitchen - fridge, self cleaning oven, 4 electric hobs, dishwasher, microwave, electric kettle.

Living Room - Sitting/dining room with antique table with 4 chairs, 2 x seater settee, 3 occasional chairs, sideboard.

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The windows are double glazed and fitted with wooden shutters.

Towels and bed linen provided.

## More Info

Guests are asked to leave the apartment in the condition in which they find it - clean, rubbish disposed of and crockery etc washed and put away and dishwasher emptied.

Pets not accepted and not suitable for children under the age of 12 for safety reasons.

There are two flights of stairs leading to the apartment - one of which is quite steep and although there are handrails the access would be difficult for people with a disability.

No smoking policy indoors.

Individual fans are provided.

High speed internet.

UK satellite TV - there is satellite tv with some (but not all) English language channels.

Heating - there are individual electric heaters in all rooms.

Iron, ironing board and hair dryer provided

Bed linen and towels included

Pamphlets/brochures etc in the apartment regarding attractions and places of interest in the local area.

Visited by one of our team - highly recommended.

GUEST COMMENTS :

## Features

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Heating
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Family friendly
- Street parking
- Terrace
- No pets allowed
- Sea view

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"This charming apartment is very comfortable and well equipped. It is perfectly situated, occupying a position on the square of one of the Riviera's most attractive perched villages but with easy access to the coast, the mountains and the other wonderful attractions of this beautiful area. Along with the gentle October climate, it gave us a lovely holiday."

"We had a wonderful time in Castellar. What a splendid location you have and such marvelous views. The holiday has been great."

"Many thanks for the use of the apartment. The views really are magnificent. The locals were very friendly and we enjoyed sitting on the balcony watching the activity in the village square."

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## Location

The traditional perched village of Castellar provides an ideal base for your holiday. It is set among olive groves and citrus trees just 4 miles from the beaches at Menton. Being situated on the French/Italian border you have easy access by road or motorway to the glamorous resorts of Monte Carlo, Nice, Ventimiglia, San Remo and Imperia. Beautiful little village with a real tranquil feel.

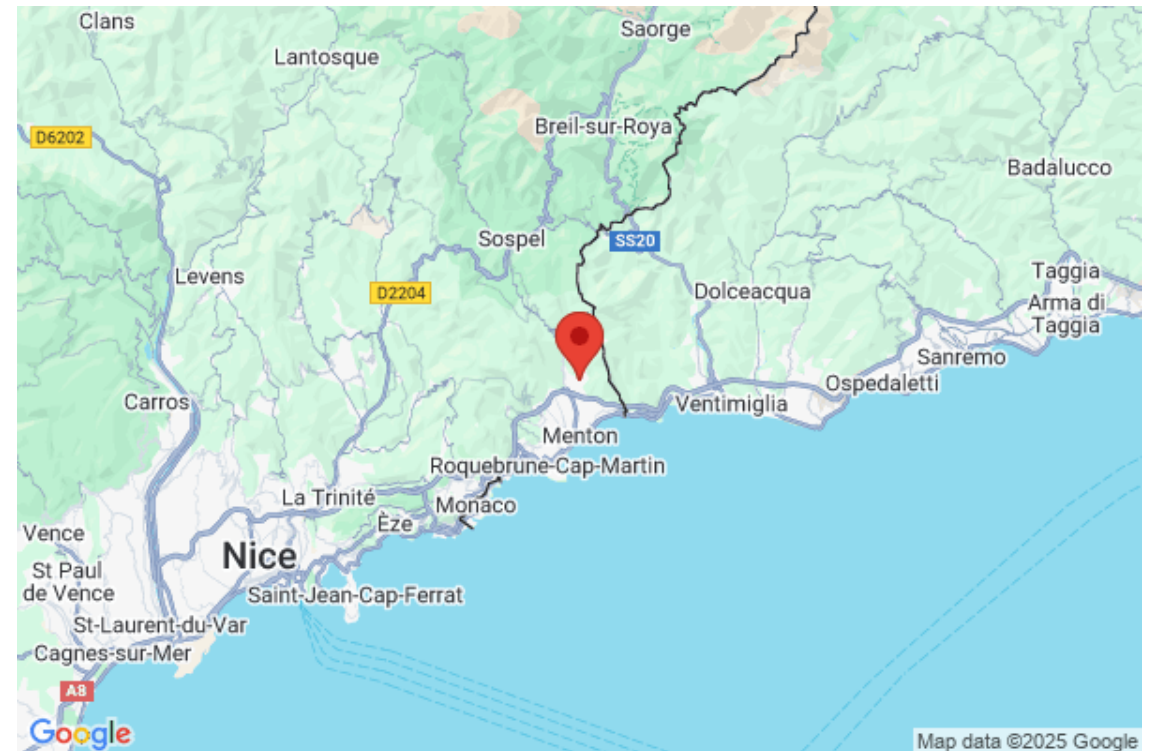
Castellar is one of the Riviera's famous perched villages dating back to the XV century and is situated right on the French/Italian border. There is 1 restaurant and 1 bar/tabac in the village. It is advisable to check opening times. Bread and pastries are available from the grocery store in Main Street.

There is an enclosed garden which provides a pleasant, tranquil place in which to relax and a boules court. There is also a church and an olive mill and a cheesemaker in the village.

The village has just 300 inhabitants in the village and a school for 68 children! It is ideal for people who enjoy painting and sketching and for nature lovers there are beautiful walks (Chemin GR 51) in the surrounding countryside.

Menton, 4 miles away, is a charming town with shops selling local produce, markets, several museums and an excellent choice of restaurants. A bus takes you to Menton for only 2 euros and there are good train links from Menton. The beaches at Menton are 6km from the village and there is a choice of public and private facilities. There are also a number of supermarkets in Menton and some grocery stores open there on Sundays.

A wide variety of water sports are available and boat trips operate along the coast in summer months. Many of the world renowned Mediterranean gardens are in the vicinity and these include La Serre de la Madonne, the Exotic Garden in Monaco and the Hanbury Gardens just over the border in La Mortola. The delightful Italian coastal towns of Bordighera, San Remo and Imperia are well worth exploring and Dolceacqua, just north of Ventimiglia, is a very picturesque ancient town.



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The hinterland is dotted with medieval villages and forts precariously perched atop mountain peaks. Back in France there is the glamour of Nice with its Promenade des Anglais, old city, galleries and flower market. In Monaco there are many museums, the Royal Palace and the extraordinary Observatory Caves. The Villa Ephrussi in Cap Ferrat and the Villa Kerylos in Beaulieu are fascinating tourist attractions. There are many cultural events, music festivals and exhibitions in all the towns dotted along the coast. Monaco is known for its spectacular firework displays. The Mercantour National Park with its streams, lakes, rugged peaks and abundance of wild life is an hour's drive from Castellar.

TENNIS - there are tennis courts in Menton

GOLF - the nearest golf course is in Monaco, Monte Carlo Golf Club - 20km

WATER SPORTS - a wide variety of water sports are available on the coast in Menton.

## Travel

It is a 45 min drive from Nice airport to Castellar. Recommended that you have a car but there is a limited bus service at between the village and the bus station at Menton. Easyjet have just added a new route from Luton to Nice which would be ideal for this property.

## Distances

Menton 6km, Monaco 14km, Cap-Ferrat and Beaulieu-sur-Mer 26km, Nice 30km.

PLACES OF INTEREST - world renowned gardens such as La Serre de la Madonne, Menton, the Exotic Garden in Monaco and the Hanbury Garden just over the border in Italy.

The numerous art galleries and museums in Menton and Nice.

The famous market in Ventimiglia.

The palace and observatory caves in Monaco.

The villages of Gorbio and St Agnes

The Mercantour National Park - a one hour drive from Castellar

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Church in Menton.



Street in Menton.