

# Villa Aquarelle

**Region:** Languedoc

**Sleeps:** 12 **Bedrooms:** 5 **Bathrooms:** 4

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## Overview

Large luxury villa with private 12.5m swimming pool and hard tennis court. Wifi internet. Spacious living area. Large landscaped gardens, BBQ and patio. 5 bedrooms / 4 bathrooms. Sleeps 12 plus 2 babies/toddlers.

## Description

Villa Aquarelle is a large (300m<sup>2</sup>), modern architect-designed villa that provides all the comforts you could need from your holiday home. The large garden and pool area also ensure that everyone has their own space.

Set in the historical hillside village of Montouliers with outstanding views overlooking the surrounding vineyards, Villa Aquarelle is a fantastically well-equipped large luxury villa with pool for an extended family or a group. There is one small shop/bar in the village and plenty of shops, restaurants and tourist sites within 15 minutes drive.

The villa has 6 bedrooms with 2 doubles, 4 twins and 2 cots. Two of the bedrooms have an en-suite bathroom and there are two additional bathrooms in the house. There is room for up to 12 and the large living area and dining room ensure that there is plenty of space for everyone.

Stunning, fully fitted kitchen with a cooker, an oven, a microwave, a fridge, a freezer, a kettle, a toaster. You will also find a dishwasher, a washing machine, a clothes drier. Separate utility room and plenty of cutlery, crockery, glassware, cooking utensils.

A large open plan living room, very light and airy, with TV (UK channels) large leather suite and large dining room table and chairs. Wifi internet.

There is a private solar heated 12.5 metre swimming pool, south facing landscaped gardens of approximately one acre, a patio area, panoramic views, a barbeque and an excellent hard tennis court. The garden has large grassed areas with mature plants.

If you are driving there is private parking with the outside areas of the house having external lighting. Villa Aquarelle is non-smoking and the design of the house makes it difficult (but not impossible) for wheelchair access.

If you are looking for a large luxurious villa amongst the beautiful vineyards of the Minervois, close to Carcassonne, then Villa Aquarelle is perfect.

## OUTSIDE

Solar heated 12.5 metre swimming pool

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Hard tennis court

South facing, grassed landscaped gardens of approximately one acre

Patio area

Barbeque

Private parking

External lighting

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## Layout

Kitchen - well-equipped with a cooker, an oven, a microwave, a fridge, a freezer, a kettle, a toaster. Dishwasher, washing machine, clothes drier

Living - large open plan, with TV (UK channels) large leather suite, wifi internet

Dining - large dining room table and chairs.

Bedrooms - 6 bedrooms in total; 2 double, 4 twin and 2 cots. Two of the bedrooms have an en-suite bathroom

Bathrooms - 4 bathrooms, 2 of which are en-suite

## More Info

Visited by one of our team.

If you are looking for a large luxury villa, equipped and finished to a high standard for a family or group then Villa Aquarelle is simply perfect. The swimming pool and tennis court ensure that the active amongst you are entertained; the panoramic views, patio and excellent local wines ensure that the hard-working mums get the peace and quiet they deserve!

The children also have the Mediterranean beaches to explore and the tow path of the Canal du Midi to cycle along. Highly recommended.

Bed linen and towels are provided.  
No pets allowed.

## Features

- Internet
- Satellite TV
- Un-overlooked pool
- Private pool
- Heatable pool
- Private parking
- Golf nearby
- Watersports nearby
- Secure parking
- Family friendly
- Terrace
- No pets allowed
- Spacious garden
- Tennis court

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## Location



The villa is situated in the village of Montouliers which has one small shop/bar. There are plenty of shops, restaurants and tourist sites within 15 minutes drive.

Montouliers is in the Herault just 3km north of the D5 being the main Beziers-Carcassonne road and about 20-25 minutes drive to junctions 36-38 of the A9 motorway.

Reaching the villa is easy with international airports at  
Toulouse (1 & 1/2 hours)  
Carcassonne (35 minutes)  
Perpignan (1 hour)  
Montpellier (1 & 1/4 hours)  
Nimes (1 & 1/2 hours)

If you are arriving by train, you will find train stations at Narbonne (fast train connections to Paris from here) and Carcassonne both 30 minutes away.

Carcassonne and the Minervois wine region offers a variety of things to do depending on the type of group you fall into.

For a family with young children the Mediterranean beaches are a must. The beaches are kept clean and dogs are not permitted on them. Swimming is safe with plenty of lifeguards in season. A trip through the etangs (salt lakes) that run from Narbonne down to Peyriac de Mer is worth the visit just to see the pink flamingos. A little further south is the African wild life park Sigean.

An afternoon boat ride on the Canal du Midi is a must. The departure takes place in Homps, 5km from Olonzac. Returning to your port of call, one could have a late afternoon drink or an al fresco dinner at one of the many restaurants right on the edge of the canal (read Canal du Midi for more details).

Being a fantastic area for hiking and cycling, hire bikes that can be delivered to your door. You will have plenty of choices of routes including the canal

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towpaths and local roads through the vineyards.

Carcassonne and its famous medieval castle, which has been seen in a number of films, has a wonderful covered market and an 18-hole golf course. For Bastille day, 14th July, Carcassonne becomes one of the busiest places in France and hosts a spectacular fire-works display. Pezenas, known as Moliere's town, is the place where the famous playwright used to spend his summers away from Paris. His plays are now being performed there on a regular basis (see Pezenas for further details). Further along, you can visit Le Pont du Gard (see Pont du Gard), a Roman Aqueduct, and the cities of Arles and Nimes, both graced with arenas dedicated to bullfighting also dating back to the Roman era.

There is a beautiful covered market in Narbonne (see Narbonne for more details), Les Halles where the quality of food is excellent from butchers through fishmongers. It operates from Monday to Saturday and is augmented every Thursday and Sunday by a huge market both sides of the Robine Canal, a tributary of the Canal du Midi. Narbonne dates back to pre Roman times.

Many important wine cellars are scattered all around the region, and sampling is encouraged. On the way to Beziers (20 kilometres) stop in Bize-Minervois, a small village that has a well know olive cellar. There you can buy many different types of olive oils, olives (black or green), numerous types of jams, crafts, soaps, and much more.

More adventurous shopping can be done in Andorra, high in the Pyrenees, a tax-free haven about 3 hours south.

Montpellier, a university town of note, amazingly chic, and voted by the French as the best city in France is about 1hr 15mins drive away. Spain and the Pyrenees are approximately an hour away.

For those of you who are into sports there is a lot to offer. Cycling, swimming, climbing in the Black Mountains or the gorges, walking, horse riding, tennis, canal and river fishing, golf and in the winter skiing in the Pyrenees.

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Set in the heart of western Mediterranean Europe it is 1.5 hours west to Toulouse, 3 hours south to Barcelona and 2.5 hours east to Provence and less than 4 hours to Italy. This is a wonderful spot for exploration of a diverse part of Europe.

Languedoc Roussillon is the "real South" of the South of France. The region gets an average of over 300 days of sunshine each year and has more coastline than Provence and the French Riviera to the North East. For many years Languedoc has been a well kept secret by visitors and residents with the unspoilt countryside, attractive local markets and untouched medieval villages. Wine growing is the major industry in Languedoc and in the last ten years the quality of the wines has surpassed every other region in France. From being a "wine lake" of indifferent quality, Languedoc can now offer many of the best wines in the world. This is the holiday that has it all. Get off the tourist track and experience delightful Southern France at its best.

The village of Minerve (seven kilometres from the houses) was a strategic place for the Cathars and an important stopover for the pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostelle in Spain during the medieval times. It was also the home of Simon de Montfort. The Fontfroide Abbey (see Fontfroid Abbey), along with the abbeys Fontcaude and Lagrasse are all less than half an hour away. The ruined but still spectacular fortresses of Peyrepertuse, Montsegur and Queribus are the scenes of the last desperate struggles of the Cathar rebels.



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