

# Villa Héracléa



**Bormes les Mimosas, France.**

## **Travel Arrangements**

You can take the Eurostar to Lille or Paris and change to the TGV to Toulon or you can go from Stanstead to Toulon-Hyères by Ryanair. The airport is about 20 minutes from the house and the station about 40 minutes. There are plenty of taxis or hire car facilities.

## **Rentals**

We will be using La Soléiade Agency for summer rentals. Their details are as follows:

Agence Immobilière La Soléiade  
Avenue Vincent Auriol  
B.P.42  
83980 Le Lavandou  
France.

You can speak to Sonia or Nicolas - they speak English - on 00-334-94 71 04 43.

Remember places close for lunch in France at midday for a couple of hours and France is an hour ahead. So choose when you phone! From June to September the rates are inclusive of electricity but at other times of the year these are charged separately.

In addition there is a charge of 35 centimes per person per day which is the 'taxe de séjour' collected on behalf of the town hall by La Soléiade. La Soléiade also requires a deposit against any damage which is returned once the keys have been handed in.

*These are the approximate charges, which include linen and cleaning, per week for 2008:*

From 1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	792,00 Euros per week
From 31 <sup>st</sup> March to 31 <sup>st</sup> May	912,00 Euros per week
From 31 <sup>st</sup> May to 28 <sup>th</sup> June	1812,00 Euros per week
From 28 <sup>th</sup> June to 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2892,00 Euros per week
From 12 <sup>th</sup> July to 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	3012,00 Euros per week
From 2 <sup>nd</sup> August to 16 <sup>th</sup> August	3162,00 Euros per week
From 16 <sup>th</sup> August to 30 <sup>th</sup> August	3012,00 Euros per week
From 30 <sup>th</sup> August to 27 <sup>th</sup> September	1812,00 Euros per week
From 27 <sup>th</sup> September to 1 <sup>st</sup> November	912,00 Euros per week
From 1 <sup>st</sup> November to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	792,00 Euros per week

### What's on Offer

The house has a pool, a garden and a pleasant sea view. There are four bedrooms, one en suite, with an additional bathroom and a separate shower: the bedrooms all open onto the garden at pool level. The large living space and kitchen are on a higher level and open onto a terrace with views across the bay to Cavalière and to the hills at the side. The house and gardens are not overlooked so it is very private.

The house is well-equipped and disabled friendly. There is wheelchair access to all areas via a ramp leading to entry through bedroom four which has an en suite shower and loo. There is a lift inside which provides access to the living area, terrace and gardens.

The beach, which is private to the domaine, is a gentle 8 minute walk from the house, down a hillside path through the pine trees. There are other walks, to the castle ruins and along the many pathways. There are tennis courts available if booked in advance.

The Domaine of Gaou Bénat was developed in the 1960's on a hillside looking out across the Mediterranean. Planning is strict and the houses have to follow a simple design which allows them to blend into the hillside so as not to be seen from the sea: they are flat-roofed and faced with local stone. There are some very pretty gardens around the houses: between them is the natural forest of oak and pine which give such a clean scent to the air.

Five minutes by car is Le Lavandou, a family seaside resort with its beaches, cafés and restaurants. There are several good supermarkets and market day is Thursday for excellent local produce. Bormes-les-Mimosas is five minutes further inland. It's a twelfth century village with beautiful views across the sea and hills, plenty of restaurants and some good shops for presents. St Tropez is a good half hour's drive but worth a visit for people-watching or serious shopping!

There's plenty to do; boat trips, swimming, shopping and some excellent restaurants in all price ranges. If you don't feel like doing anything that is also very possible and highly recommended.

