



At home in France

Wealth Arabia samples the **best** of the **French Riviera**

Let's face it, we are spoiled in the Gulf. With seven star hotels offering every indulgence, it can be hard to tear ourselves away from the creature comforts of the UAE. But for those who hear the wider world calling, Wealth Arabia has discovered a place where culture-seekers needn't compromise the standards they've come to expect at home.

The French Riviera has been a magnet for royalty since the 19th century, and the great and the good still gather in this sun-soaked corner of France to indulge in the finest food, art and entertainment Europe can provide. France is currently the world's top tourist attraction, and its Riviera is a microcosm of the best the country has to offer.

The opulence of celebrity-studded Cannes is tapered by the old school charm of winding cobbled streets,

bustling market squares and laid back cafes. Whether you want to take your time over croissants and coffee, soak in the ambience of a renaissance chateau or shop till you drop in Nice, it is easy to see how this region has romanced travellers over the centuries.

Wealth Arabia stayed at the Le Bergerie in Tourrettes. A sliver of greenery between sea and mountains, Tourrettes offers the tranquillity of the Provence but is just 30 minutes from Cannes, 45 minutes from Nice and just over an hour from Saint Tropez. With Emirates Airline now offering a direct flight to Nice from Dubai, you can depart on a morning flight and be enjoying a lovingly prepared afternoon tea at Le Bergerie within six hours.



Le Bergerie is a private villa ideal for those who want the services of a hotel with the seclusion of a home. It was constructed in 2012 combining high specification with traditional architecture. The décor is a cosmopolitan blend of modern art, carefully-chosen antiques and sumptuously comfortable furniture, resulting in an understated elegance where anyone can feel at home.

With a chef, housekeeper and butler at your disposal, even the world's best hotels would struggle to match the level of personal service on offer. The staff on hand are truly exceptional, with nothing

being too much trouble. The chef turns out exquisite cuisine from locally-sourced ingredients, much of which started life in the villa's own vegetable patch.

You can lap up the scenery from the private outdoor swimming pool or potter about the stunningly kept gardens. Catch a whiff from the aromatic herb garden and you may get a hint of what's coming for dinner! There is also an impressive terrace, cinema room, boules court and wine cellar. The options for entertaining are also plentiful, with an outside dining area and barbeque.

The villa can accommodate 12 guests in four double bedrooms with luxury en suite facilities, two further en suite twin rooms which are perfect for children, and a guest house with two double en suite rooms and a terrace.

The four double bedrooms all come with a private terrace or balcony. This is perfect for enjoying the villa's uninterrupted views, which include misty mountain tops and a clutch of historical villages speckled across the horizon.

For those still craving the facilities of a hotel, the villa is within the abundant grounds of the exclusive Golf Resort of Terre Blanche, and a world class spa and golf course are just a short buggy ride away. If you can't tear yourself away from the magnificent terrace, a masseur can come to you, as can a yoga instructor. For those wishing to work up more of an appetite, a wide range of activities can be arranged, from tennis to bike riding.

With so many attractions within easy reach, a number of daytrips might also tempt you away from Le Bergerie. **Wealth Arabia** chose a half-day trip sailing along the piercing blue coast of Cannes, which included an on-board picnic with plenty of time at anchor to enjoy a swim. There are also a number of local markets and vineyards snuggled into the hillside, begging to be explored. The charming villages of Fayence, Seillans and Callian are just minutes away.

Clearly a labour of love run by dedicated staff, the beauty of staying at The Bergerie is you can truly experience the so-called 'art of French living'. Whether lingering over morning coffee or enjoying canapés on the terrace; instead of staying at a French hotel you will simply be at home in France. 🏡

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