



Villa Saint-Ange, Aix-en-Provence - French sophistication

Close to the city center, and yet hidden away from the rest of the world, the villa Saint-Ange is truly exceptional. Standing in a luxuriant park, the 18th century villa has been entirely renovated. Its 34 rooms and suites offer contemporary comfort in the most elegant style. Spacious, these havens of peace are decorated with quality materials. Solid parquet floors, rare furniture, silk curtains, stunning screens and delicate wallpaper inspired by the Far East help immerse the visitor in a bygone era.

The ceiling moldings are unique to each room, and everything is stylish and sophisticated.

The huge outdoor swimming pool with its terrace and sunbeds is the largest hotel-pool in town. A rare feature, it is most appreciated during the hot summer months.

The «*Ama Terra*» or «*Soul of the Earth*» restaurant is open to hotel guests and outside dinners. In the main dining room set in a 19th century glass veranda, such delicacies as spiced squids in octopus stew served with baby artichokes; caramelized sweetbreads in fig marmalade and carrots from the garden, or Carnaroli risotto flavored with aged parmesan cheese and mushrooms, to name a few, are on the menu designed by Chef Pierre Gagnaire.

Renowned for its high-caliber cultural events, Aix-en-Provence, a short half-hour drive from Marseille Provence International Airport, hosts a plethora of exhibits year-round. The Villa Saint-Ange, close to the Cours Mirabeau, is a luxurious retreat to book while planning a visit to Paul Cezanne's retrospective at nearby Musée Granet next summer. ■

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