

VILLA SOLEIL - USERGUIDE

0. The address of the house:

Villa Soleil
31 Allée des Tomalines
Vaugrenier Présidences
04180 Villeneuve-Loubet
FR
(Maritime Alpes county)

1. Reaching “Domaine Vaugrenier Présidences” and the house by GPS:

(For a thorough verbal description, check clauses 28-31 below).

Search for:

Destination: 04180 Villeneuve-Loubet

Address:

Tomalines (Allée des Tomalines (which is the name of the street within the domaine where the house (Villa Soleil) is situated – no. 31), or

Vanssay (Allée Comtesse Elisabeth de Vanssay) which is the street that takes you up to the gate of the Domaine.

The address of the Domaine is: 215 Allée Comtesse Elisabeth de Vanssay.

Passing the gate, Villa Soleil is situated on top, and closest to the ocean, at the far side of the Domaine.

Allée Comtesse Elisabeth de Vanssay takes up from Avenue de Vaugrenier, which encircles the National Park (Parc Nationale de Vaugrenier), and leads you underneath the A 8 up to the gate.

2. “Gardien”:

The gate-house at the entrance of the Domaine is manned day and night the entire week.

The ordinary guards at present are Florent and Michael, tel. 00 33 621133409

3. Entering and leaving the “Domaine”:

A new gate-passing system has been implemented: Before the gate, stop on the rectangular, yellow area and call the following number with your cell-phone: **07 84 29 57 21**. The bar opens and you advance to the next yellow rectangle. The gate now opens. On leaving the Domaine, you follow the same procedure through the exit gate, now, however, calling: **07 84 29 31 96**.

4. Food - super markets – alimentaries:

The closest super-market (Intermarche) is situated where Avenue des Maurettes end in the R 7

(direction Nice from the house), diagonally opposite the Villeneuve-Loubet-Plage railway station – open week-days from 09:00 until 19:30.

Another choice of supermarket is the big Casino, close to the Baie-des-Anges area.

Alternatively there are the several, separate, nice stores (a modern marketplace) at the entrance to Biot (Biot 3000) – open also on Sunday mornings.

Inside the “Baie des Angès”-area there is a small supermarket, **open also on Sundays** until 20:00 p.m.

Just outside Nice, on the “Villa Soleil-side” of the river Var, you will very much enjoy “Cap 3000” in St. Laurent de Var, a mall also comprising a fabulous food store.

Just by the highway exit at Antibes, the super market “Carrefour” is situated - supposed to be the biggest Carrefour in Europe. Be there not later than 10 a.m.

There are many “Boulangeries” spread in the area, where you from early morning can collect bread and a variety of French pastry, several also open on Sunday mornings.

Please note that you do not any longer get bags cheap or for free when going to the grocery stores. There are some permanent shopping bags in the house, which you can bring along when shopping - keep a couple of them in the car at all times.

If you arrive late when taking over the house, you may - in advance - contact the owners to arrange for necessary food to be purchased for you.

5. Parking:

In addition to parking in the garage, there are two parking places in the curve of the road outside, exclusive to the house. They are marked with the numbers 34 and 35.

Please do not park outside marked areas!

There are parking places for guests both inside and outside the main entrance to the Domaine.

6. House-keeper - cleaning/ change of linen:

Our housekeeper is the firm of Gregory Delanchy. The telephone numbers are: 0033601076866 (cellular), 0033662289311 (office). E-mail: sarlsmere@hotmail.fr.

If a painted wall inside the house gets stained or dirty, do not try to clean or remove with a wet cloth, as the paint and the structure on the surface will disappear. Use only a dry brush, which you should find in the laundry room.

7. User manuals:

The manuals for the various electrical appliances are kept in the bottom drawer below the one containing knives, forks and spoons in the kitchen. The manuals for the TV, the Sony

device and DVD are in the cupboard underneath the TV.

8. The garage – extra refrigerator:

In the garage we have placed an additional refrigerator to obtain a better total capacity for storage.

9. Air-condition:

Keep the windows **shut** when using the air-condition-units.

The air-condition unit downstairs should not be left on for more than a short period of time, as it effectively brings the temperature in the living-room and kitchen areas up and down in a few minutes.

The remote controls to the air-conditioners **belong** in their brackets on the wall, the one downstairs being to the left of the fuse cabinet (at the main entrance door).

Downstairs: You choose between warm or cold air on the control panel under the lid of the remote control.

For hot air, click the left, downside button until you get the sun symbol. For cold air, click the same button until you have a snow-flake symbol.

Air-conditioning in the bedrooms upstairs comes from another outdoor unit than downstairs.

Here, the indoor units are all connected to the same outdoor unit. They thus have to be programmed **equally**, either on cooling or heating.

Upstairs: For cooling, press the MODE selector button underneath the lid of the remote control, so that a “snow”-symbol appears on the remote control., “18” is the lowest temperature choice. You have to choose a temperature **lower** than the temperature in the room.

The “office”/ bed-room on the ground floor is not air-conditioned. Here you can use ordinary fans; one is stored in the wardrobe by the entrance door.

10. Satellite television – DVD:

The Satellite gives access to major English channels. Besides there are about 25 channels through the ordinary French network.

To reach the Sky-system, switch on the TV, then push the blue button on top of the black remote control and thereafter the on/off-button to the right of said blue button. The “Digi-box” behind the TV will now have a green light on the panel. Select the channel you wish to view by pressing the numbers on the remote control, i.e. 101 (BBC News). You see the numbers on the TV-screen as you push.

DVD’s may be watched on the AV 1- channel - you click the AV-button on the remote control

for the television set. Change of language (if the DVD in question has the choice of various languages) is obtained by pressing the “Audio” button on the remote control for the DVD-player. A line appears on the screen, indicating the chosen language, which may be changed by pressing the same button again.

There are several videos in the book-shelf.

11. Music

On the DVD-player stands a Bose Sound Touch 20 series III. Connect for playing your choice of music through Bluetooth or auxiliary cable. Userguide for this device is in the cupboard under the television.

12. Internet:

There is a router box under the table in the “office” (the bedroom on the ground floor), enabling access to internet from your portable the same way as for instance in an airport.

13. Security:

Even if the house is situated in a “Domaine”, we do advice that **you shut the shades in front of the terrace doors during the night, and when you leave the house for the day.**

The wooden gates in the fence to the property ought to be locked at all times.

14. Shades:

The overhead shades for the terrace are electrically operated, the switches are arranged respectively on the left side of the middle exit to the terrace from the living-room and on the left side of the exit door from the “office”.

Important: Do not leave the house with the shades out - especially the big one – the weather might get windy!

15. Dishwasher:

The water in the area contains much calcium. It is necessary to supply salt (at least weekly). Check signal lamp.

16. Tumble dryer:

Remember to empty the water container in the tumble dryer after each lap.

At the same time, please remember to clean the filters.

17. The fountain:

If you like the fountain by the entrance door to be running, please ensure that the water-level at all times covers the pump (placed under the pebbles). The switch to the pump is down to the right in the fuse cabinet (see clause 19 below).

18. Litter – ashes:

There are several garbage containers for normal litter on the far side of the road behind the garage.

Please make use of special containers: Containers for glass and newspapers are placed on the parking-lot outside the main entrance to the “Domaine”.

For the litter box in the kitchen you should use 30 litres litter bags. There is usually a roll on the shelf beside the litter-box.

Ashes from the grill or the fireplace may be thrown in the ordinary containers, but please put the ashes in plastic bags.

Ashes from the fireplace should, - before being thrown in the container - be placed in the metal bucket until you are sure all heat has disappeared. The bucket is stored in the innermost section of the wardrobe in the entrance.

19. Keys:

In the fuse cabinet, just by the main door, there are pegs for various keys, to the house (3), the garage, the outdoor cupboard, and to the garden-gates.

20. The fire-place:

Wood for the fire-place is stored in the garage.

Running the ventilator in the kitchen may draw smoke into the living room on lighting or running a fire. To avoid this, close the door to the kitchen, make sure the airing outlets on each side in the bottom of the fire-place are fully open and open the door to the terrace slightly.

21. Hot water:

The house has its own hot water cylinder with heating elements, containing 300 litres.

The hot water supply **thus does not allow unlimited showering** or frequent baths in the tub.

22. Furniture on the terrace:

A Weber charcoal BBQ is in the cupboard on the terrace (to the south). Please do not use the barbeque on the lawn.

23. Watering-system:

There is an automatic watering-system, and the periods of irrigation are seasonally adjusted by the gardener.

24. The swimming-pool:

The pool-area is usually opened for the season at Easter, and is in use until October.

The swimming-pool is free to use. The quickest way to reach the pool from the house is to stroll across the “valley”. Bring your beach towel with you.

Please notice that everybody is obliged to shower before going into the pool.

25. Tennis:

The two hard courts of the Domaine are also free to use. For keys, or to reserve playing time, contact the Gardien. There is also a badge in the house, kept with the keys (clause 18 above), which you can use to reserve one hour at a time. You have to fix the badge to one of the boards at the courts, indicating the chosen hour. There are tennis rackets in the closet in the entrance to the house.

There are also 4 hard courts in Biot, which may be rented at a rate of about € 15 per hour per court. You may reserve – up till 48 hours in advance – 2 hours at a time. The courts are open from 07:00 till 22:00. Telephone: 04 93 65 16 98.

26. Beaches:

The closest beach is on the sea side of the Villeneuve-Loubet Plage railway station. (Note that the village of Villeneuve-Loubet is situated several kilometres from the railway station and on the far side (north) of the A 8 highway. The name of the beach is Villeneuve-Loubet Plage. It is public, not very crowded and necessary facilities are offered. It offers a pebbly beach, not sandy.

There are nice, sandy beaches outside Antibes. The sandy beaches in Juan-les-Pins, Cannes, Cannes-le-Bocca, Mandelieu, or Theole-sur-Mer, are - during the peak season - most conveniently reached by train. The trains run regularly from and to the Villeneuve-Loubet-Plage railway station.

From the train station of Cannes Le Bocca, you walk straight out onto the beach.

Here you might, for example, bring refreshments in a picnic bag from Villa Soleil, for which there are freezing elements.

Among private beaches in the area, we can recommend “Plage Keller” in the bay La Garoupe just by Cap d’Antibes, and “La Pinede” or “Belle Rives” in Juan-les-Pins. You probably choose east or west based on the wind direction! But, be advised, these places are all pretty expensive.

27. Entertainment in the close vicinity of the house:

- (i) The Marineland, one of the largest in Europe, with dolphins-, seal- and killer-whale-shows.
- (ii) “Water world” with slides and pools.
- (iii) Adventure park - challenge-tracks (three levels of aggressiveness) between trees and in the cliff-sides in a little valley close to the nearby village of Villeneuve-Loubet.
- (iv) Go-cart-tracks.
- (v) Amusement park.
- (vi) Minigolf.
- (vii) The Fernand Leger museum.
- (viii) Several glass-blower work-shops.
- (ix) Golf courses with practice areas.
- (x) National park for strolling, jogging or picnics.
- (x) Scooter or bike-rentals, both usual and electric bikes.
- (xii) Indoor communal pools in Antibes (04 92 90 53 50) and Valbonne (04 93 12 01 52).
- (xiii) Spa: In the Marina area at Baie des Anges.
- (xiv) Fitness Center “Simpleform” by the local railway station: www.simpleform.fr
- (xv) Nautic center on the beach close to La Napoule with sailing school
- (xvi) Casinos

28. How to get to the house from Nice/ the airport:

Follow the signs to the A 8 (“freeway”) indicating Cannes / Aix-en-Provence. The signs indicating the A 8 are blue. You depart at exit 47, marked Villeneuve-Loubet. The rate at this toll gate is p.t. € 0,8. All toll gates now accept cards.

Through the toll gate, you take the first turn to the right, and after a little more than 100 yards you hit a roundabout (a traffic-circle). You go around the roundabout about two thirds of the circle and take out. After about 100 yards, you keep left and enter the RN 7 - Route Nationale - parallel to the A 8 and - stay in the right lane. Do not take out to the right at the exit to the A 8 (blue sign), which you reach after a little while; continue straight ahead (crossing the A 8), through another traffic circle and straight down the road towards Antibes (green sign), passing a town sign on the right announcing “Villeneuve-Loubet”).

After the bottom of the slope, you go through a traffic circle and thereafter pass underneath a crossing road. You will now see the huge apartment buildings at “Baie-des-Anges” on your left and pass a MacDonalds Drive Inn on your right. At the second traffic light after passing underneath the above mentioned crossing road, you have the railway station of Villeneuve-Loubet-Plage on your left, and to the right a building with a big, blue sign that reads “Iveco”.

At this traffic-light, you turn right, and follow the road (Avenue des Maurettes) up to the end, where you straight ahead see the board of the camping site: Parc des Maurettes.

Here you turn left, and after a few hundred yards the road forks. You keep right. Drive on (Avenue de Vaugrenier) around the field (the outskirts of the Vaugrenier State Park). You take the first road to the right. (You have not reached the traffic light in the bottom of the hill).

You are now going up Allée Comtesse Elisabeth de Vanssay. You pass underneath the A 8 and arrive shortly at the twin gate of the “Domaine” - Vaugrenier Présidences.

The code for opening the gate: check clause 2.

Drive all the way to the opposite side of the Domaine. Villa Soleil is on the top at the far end, in Allée des Tomalines; the house no. being 31. The house is the one closest to the ocean.

The entrance door to Villa Soleil is the first one you reach on descending the stairs from the garage area. There is a ceramic sun and a fountain on each side of the door.

29. Direction for hitting A 8 going from the house eastwards (direction Nice):

Drive down to RN 7 (the road parallel to - and on the land side of - the railroad-track), turn left.

Having just passed the apartment complex “Baie-des-Anges”, there is a sign “Nice peage A8”, where you drive underneath a crossing road. At the second traffic circle, you take out to the right, down to the toll station and the A 8.

30. Direction for hitting A 8, when going from the house westwards (direction Cannes):

Drive down to RN 7 and turn left. In the first traffic-circle (right after you pass underneath a bridge), you take the second exit and continue upwards, through another roundabout till you hit the A-8.

31. Direction to the house from A 8, coming from the west:

You depart on Exit 46, continue through the traffic circle and take the second exit in the next one, keep right and you are on your way back to the house, cfr. clause 28, section 3 onwards.

If you should happen to miss your way, ask someone for the direction to the Villeneuve-Loubet railway station. From there on, follow relevant instructions in clause 28 above.

32. Owners – miscellaneous:

If you need advice or assistance, feel free to contact:

Margaretha Ramm on her cellular, 0047 9171 3808 (she speaks French fluently) or

Tom Stavnes, 0047 9170 7115.

33. Emergency:

- (i) Ambulance, phone **15**
- (ii) Police, phone **17**
- (iii) Fire department, phone **18**

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