



VILLA TESSI, CÔTE D'AZUR, FRANCE

An easy drive from St Tropez, on a stretch of the Riviera that has retained its old-fashioned charm, this property combines Jazz Age glamour with modern comforts and beyond. Newly available to rent in 2012, the original 1920s building has been rebuilt and extended to comprise eight sizeable bedrooms sleeping up to 16 people within the main house and an annexe, connected by a terrace overlooking the Îles d'Hyères. Light furniture and Farrow & Ball schemes are punctuated with artworks by St Tropez artist Caroline Gauguery, while at the heart of the country kitchen is an Aga and Gaggenau oven and hob. The villa also has its own chef on hand to prepare lunch and dinner. A deep, saltwater pool is set on the lower grounds, while the small family-orientated Canadel beach is a short stroll away. Active groups should borrow the mountain bikes and cycle the disused railway line that runs close to the villa from St Raphael to Hyères. Access: 40 minutes from Toulon/Hyères airport. *From €37,500 per week.* 020-7801 4010; www.sjvillas.co.uk