

Villa Silva

Region: Puglia Sleeps: 16

Overview

This friendly villa in Puglia provides incomparable views over the Adriatic Sea from its hilltop location within a rocky outcropping near Bari and Brindisi. Though its seclusion allows for complete privacy and relaxation, it's ideally situated to exploring renowned beaches, ancient towns and incredible cuisine nearby.

Benefiting from a substantial upgrade in 2018/9, inviting common spaces are fitted with lovely furnishings. You'll find thoughtful excellent amenities throughout every corner. The main kitchen is big enough to host the group, or enjoy a catered meal by the private chef available for hire. Eight bedrooms represent both elegance and comfort, three masters even benefit from their own sofas.

Descend the steps into your private outdoor oasis, where a pool and jacuzzi offer relaxation with a view. Have breakfast in the lush gardens and dinner on the covered terrace set for twenty. With the many terraces, pagodas, and lounge furniture, you'll find it easy to spend the whole day outside.

Within a few minutes drive you'll find yourself in the centre of local tourist attractions. Make sure to visit the famous *trulli* homes!

"This large eight-bedroom villa offers wonderful views of the Adriatic coastline and is decorated with Puglian charm. Villa Silva is perfect for families or large parties looking for a rural escape." Read the Telegraph's full [review of Villa Silva](#)

Facilities

Great Value • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Fenced Grounds • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Silva is a beautiful retreat for up to 16 guests and, upon request, there is space for 2 children. This 8 bedroom villa is ideal for large groups of friends or extended family.

Lower ground

- Large double master suite with waterfall shower and terrace; there is room for additional children beds; coffee making facilities and fridge
- Small double bedroom with en-suite shower room and terrace

First level

- Large living room with sofas, three armchair, flat screens, games and DVDs and a log burning stove
- Large family kitchen with dishwasher, big fridge, two ovens, 6 hobs and kitchenware for 20 people
- Two double bedrooms
- Twin bedroom
- Master suite with large en-suite shower
- Two bathrooms

Second floor

- Master bedroom with king size with sofas and en-suite bathroom
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Small kitchenette

Exterior

- Swimming pool with inbuilt Jacuzzi roman steps (14 x 7 m)
- Sun loungers
- Terrace with dining table and seating for 20 people

More Facilities...

- Barbecue
- Highchairs, cots and stair gates are available on request



Location & Local Information

Villa Silva's prime location offers easy access to endless beaches, Mediterranean climate and exquisite cuisine. The villa is in the central point of all the interesting tourist attractions.

There is so much to enjoy of Puglia. History from Roman times is evident in its extraordinary array of architecture. The Normans endowed Puglia with splendidly ornate cathedrals, and the baroque exuberance of some towns testify to their Spanish legacy. If there is one symbol of Puglia that stands out, it is the imposing castles and mystical 'trulli' houses that are built all over the province.

Here, the tourist industry still remains wonderfully primitive, which is amazing considering how much the region has to offer.

Puglia is the land of the grape. It is the source of 80% of Europe's pasta and most of Italy's fish. It produces more wine than Germany and more olive oil than all of the other regions of Italy combined. Apulia has forests of twisted pines, ancient olives, huge old carob trees, and acres of vineyards that are losing ground to cherry and peach orchards. Junipers, sage and rosemary grow near the sea and, because of its Mediterranean position, plenty of tropical plants grow happily next to fields of grains and vegetables.

Local Attractions

There are many delightful towns within close proximity to Villa Silva. They all have an authentic Italian feel with year round street festas, weekly market days and charming old centres dating back hundreds of years.

Only a few kilometres down the hill is Fasano, a beautiful ancient town which was subject to the Knights of Malta for many years. The hills, Selva di fasano, are a naturally wooded area rich in oak trees and perfect for stunning country walks.

A few kilometers' drive into the interior are the towns of Ostuni, Martina Franca, Cisternino, Locorotondo and Alberobello.

Ostuni is an exquisite town known as the White City because of its white-washed streets surrounded by medieval walls. A visit is highly recommended. Martina Franca is a town with a tangible Moorish flavour. It has a medieval centre adorned with some of the best examples of baroque architecture that you'll find.

Cisternino and Locorotondo are both small, charming towns with whitewashed historic centers obviously influenced by the Greeks. Guests can view the Valle d'Itria from there and some of Puglia's prettiest landscapes.



Of course the Trulli have always been an important tourist attraction for Puglia. Their intrinsic beauty has captured the hearts and souls of many. Alberobello is also only a short drive from the apartments, and there guests can view over a thousand of these magical limestone dwellings standing out against the bright blue sky. They create a beautiful exotic scene, almost like a fairy tale. It is impossible to see anything like it anywhere else in the world.

Also just a few kilometres away is the zoo/safari Fasanolandia. This is the greatest animal park in Italy where thousands of animals can be observed free in a completely protected area. There is also a dolphinarium and an amusement park for all ages.

The Beaches

There is a selection of different beaches on the Adriatic shores in close proximity to Villa Silva, and because of its prime location guests also have the choice of the Ionian Sea, around forty minutes away. The nearest beaches are; Savelletri (10 mins) - which has a rocky shore with small sandy coves and crystal clear water. In places, the olive trees grow close to the water's edge, and there is a wonderful selection of small marine grottoes and caverns.

Torre Canne is to the right (15 mins) - which is well known for its long sandy beaches lined in a few places with large hotels. This is a safe, child friendly shallow beach. Just a few kilometres further guests will find endless, unspoiled and secluded beaches with tall dunes and typical Mediterranean vegetation.

Capitol is to the left (15 mins) - its beaches are less wild, but it has a fine selection of water sports and modern facilities including well equipped lidos. Most of these beaches have a selection of sea lapping, shore side trattorias and cafes where the fish are caught right there. There is almost an endless choice of frutta de mare.

The most important thing is that these coastlines offer a very clean natural environment where guests can soak in the warm Mediterranean sun and enjoy the feel of the sand, the sight of the sea and the sound of the surf.

The owners are confident that they can recommend a beach exactly for specific guests' needs. The climate is entirely Mediterranean, with mild winters and hot dry ventilated summers. Puglia is good for all year round beach activities. It is possible to sun bathe from March to to late October as spring and autumn months can be enjoyably warm. Most precipitation falls mainly in winter and even that can be scarce.

Savelletri Di Fasano:10 min drive

This small fishing resort has a village that is inhabited by fishermen, a charming old port and a nice promenade. Its rocky shores on either side of the

village are spangled with small sandy coves and crystal clear waters. There are many sea shore cafes and trattorias where guests can sit right on the beach while in swimsuits and savour the freshest fish, literally just caught that morning. If inclined to eat more formally, then there are a great selection of restaurants that sit right next to the sea, with wonderful cuisine and a broad choice of sea food ranging from lobster to plain sea urchins (Ristorante La Marea and Da Renzina). Torre Spaccata is just one of these small rocky coves which is great for snorkeling and fishing.

We have found that all of these beaches offer a different challenge for sea fishing, which is very popular. Rods and equipment are easily bought in any of these towns.

Torre Canne: 15 min drive

In comparison, Torre Canne has long sandy beaches which are lined with a few large hotels. There is a curved beach that is particularly good for children, as it is very safe and shallow. Although there are some hotels, the environment is still very natural. The slightly built up areas are gathered around the town center. The town itself is a typical bustling seaside resort, although it is never too busy and always delights guests with its fine selection of seaside restaurants (Taverna O' Santos or Ristorante Punto bar), bars, shops and a small fishing port next to the light house.

If heading out of Torre Canne towards Brindisi, guests will come across the nature reserve. Le Dune which has long stretches of beach with tall sand dunes completely free from any construction and as nature intended.

There, guests will find peace and tranquility (for most of the year) and should be able to lay back and enjoy the sound of the sea. There are a quite a few lidos, where visitors pay to park and use the facilities. Some of the beaches are free:

- Lido Tavernese— has good parking facilities and is child friendly
- Lido Pino Verde— has lovely clear water and a long field to park in
- Lido Kypos
- Mediterranean Lido Machina
- Lido Morelli
- Lido Onda Blue

Our favourite is the furthest Lido Bosco Verde, which has high dunes and clear sea. This is a free beach so there are no facilities, except sometimes there is an ice cream van, you can park on the large field in front of it.

Capitol: 15 mins drive

To the left of Savelletri is Capitol. This is the widest beach which has fine, snow-white sand. It has the best selection of lidos and sports facilities. Along this stretch of the coast, visitors can park in allocated car parks with modern facilities and more comfort than on the natural beaches. There is also an excellent selection of seaside restaurants and bar front cafes. This is a fun place for all the family, and all forms of water sports from pedalos to scuba diving are available.

There are so many lidos it would take pages to list them all, but the owners have been to almost all of them and have never been disappointed with any of the restaurants, cafes and facilities.

In the evening, Capitol is one of the most popular areas in Puglia, as the lidos host a selection of entertainment in many of the exotic clubs, cocktail bars, restaurants and trattorias, where guests can find some of the most delicious food ever, mostly right on the beach, and normally in the most idyllic, romantic locations.

Lido Gran Marino has good food, a gentle atmosphere, delicious cocktails and is in a trendy, pretty setting. Lido Losociale is a very popular lively cocktail bar and frequently has live music. It has a wide, white sandy beach and good facilities all day and night long. Lido Centro surf is another popular lido with good facilities and can sometimes be a little quieter as the beach is a little narrower and the sea has the odd rock Duna beach. Lido Torre Egnazia has fun beaches as the sea is almost always clear, the sand is fine and the surf tends to be a little livelier there.

The coves on either side of the restaurant L' Ancora, are very child friendly and some shade is provided by the rocks. The restaurant does great food all year round and guests can sit right on the rocks overlooking the sea.

Food, Restaurants and Shopping

The restaurants, trattorias, osterias, pizzerias, bars and cafes in Puglia are not only incredibly reasonable, but well renowned for their freshness and taste. The food, its preparation and consumption is the focal point of Italian life, so every meal is prepared so that guest experience a sensory delight. The owners can recommend some fantastic restaurants, some even within walking distance.

Whether the latest Gucci designs, antiques or just a good rummage around a local market, there is something for everyone in Puglia. Because of Villa Silvana's prime location, strutting in Passegiata with the locals and enjoying the shops is easy. The apartments are near many of these small towns that come alive at night.

There are many markets in the surrounding villages and in every town every

week: Cisternino is on Monday; Monopoli and Noci are on Tuesday; Fasano and Polignano a Mare are on Wednesday; Alberobello is on Thursday; Locorotondo is on Friday; Ostuni is on Saturday; and Torre Canne and Savelletri are on Sunday.

In the summer months, Martina Franca hosts the famous Itria Valley Festival with theatres, concerts and opera attracting music lovers from all over the world. There are many traditional festivals and concerts in most villages almost every week in the summer.

Golf Course

The San Domenico (10 mins) Golf Course lies near the small fisherman village of Savelletri, with its southern boundary as close to the sea as the road and rocky coastline will allow. This northern site was once part of olive groves and agricultural fields. The formerly flat and featureless land is now a challenging 18 hole golf course which offers an unforgettable experience for visitors and a superb view of the Adriatic Sea from every tee, green and fairway.

The Torre Coccaro (10 mins) Golf Course has its own 9 holes of golf in an incredible setting with huge olive groves overlooking the sea and sand and a pitching green, putting green and driving range.

The Acaya Golf Course is near the fortified town of Acaya, about 10 kilometres from Lecce. It covers an area of 120 hectares and is surrounded by a thick wood of holly-oaks next to vast olive groves and rare flora, which give the area a typical Mediterranean feel. The golf course, with 18 championship holes, is situated in this area of extraordinary beauty. The holes are placed in the strips of land not occupied by the maquis bushes, the typical Mediterranean vegetation surrounding it. From the fortified farmhouse which has been converted into the clubhouse, there is a splendid view over the course with the two large lakes that flank the 1st and the 18th holes.

The Riva Dei Tessali Golf Course is the oldest golf course in the south of Italy. It is in a maritime pine forest on the sea in Castellaneta (Ta). The 18 holes weave their way through the delightful pine wood. In stretches, it is reminiscent of the famous British links courses, although here the climate is always ideal.

The Barialto Golf Course is in Bari. It is full of huge palms a great challenging tourist's course that requires players to use all the tools that they have in the bag. The barriers of sand and water placed strategically is not punitive, but it does reward courage and tenacity. The route is therefore suitable for different categories of players: beginners to practice, intermediate levels for fun, and professionals to train.

Villa Silva to Savelletri di Fasano - 5.5km

Villa Silva to Capitol di Monopoli - 7.2 km

What Oliver loves...

- The bedrooms in this villa in Puglia are fitted with memory foam mattresses, an entertainment system, and a DVD library
- Stunning panoramic views are available from the terraces and bedrooms in the villa
- The local butcher will cook and serve you handmade sausages and bombette in the shop's back restaurant!

What you should know...

- The villa benefits a substantial internal upgrade in 2018/9, some photographs were taken beforehand
- Whilst this villa has air-conditioning, please note this is not available in all rooms
- The pool hours are 9am to 7pm (night swimming is strictly prohibited according to new Italian law)
- A car is recommended due to the villa's location - and be sure to follow the owner's directions, rather than the GPS

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 payable via PayPal a week in advance or on arrival in cash
- Arrival time: 5.00 pm
- Departure time: 12.00 pm
- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price
- Pets welcome?: Pets are not allowed
- Changeover day: Flexible (from 01-Jun to 31-Jul Saturday)
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property
- End of stay cleaning included?: Not included - €500 per stay; Mid-let cleaning can be organised on request - €300.
- Other Ts and Cs: The Pool is open from the beginning of April to the end of October, weather permitting. The Pool is open daily from 9am to 7pm, Swimming at night is strictly forbidden