

Villa Rinaldi

Region: Veneto Sleeps: 12 - 14

Overview

Built in 1691, this unique masterpiece of late Baroque architecture, adjacent to the beautiful medieval town of Asolo, is an authentic villa typical of the Veneto region which oozes elegance, sophistication and history. In May of 1987 the Queen Mother enjoyed her lunch at "the villa with pastel coloured stuccoes and walls", immersed in lush scents of her favourite flower, the centenary rose.

Set in the rolling, luscious hills of Northern Italy, Villa Rinaldi enjoys a truly spectacular location and on sunny days you can glimpse the Euganean Hills and even Venice in the distance! At the end of the approach along the winding lane, you arrive at the majestic garden entrance and vast grounds enveloped by an ancient stone wall. An avenue of flowers brings you to the main entrance.

Beyond the threshold, the interior is utterly unique. Enjoying both the character of the traditional, classical décor and the comfort of modern upgrades, each room is a timeless work of art.

In the main building there is a total of four living areas - two on the ground floor plus a smaller one and a grand drawing room on the second floor. The lounges of Villa Rinaldi are truly spectacular, with remarkable décor including drapery, panels, beams and stuccos creating a thoroughly elegant yet comfortable feel. Despite the classical design, there are multiple modern touches, including WiFi throughout.

The ornate dining room sits alongside the two ground-floor living rooms and offers an exquisite location for a meal with the whole group. The kitchen is also on the ground floor, and exudes a more traditional character, with a large fireplace and wooden furniture.

Up the first of the staircases, on the first floor, alongside the grand living room, there are two of the seven bedrooms. Both feature double beds and their own seating areas as well as painted ceiling beams and beautiful stuccos above the bed.



The further five bedrooms are found on the second floor, including a master suite with several fully-stocked bookshelves for your reading pleasure, armchairs, classical wallpaper and a luxurious French-style king-size bed in the centre of it. The en-suite features more interesting tiles and patterns. There are two more single bedrooms, another double and finally one twin room, completing the main building bedrooms.

A separate apartment can accommodate another two adults. It is ideal for those seeking a little more privacy and has its own living area, kitchenette, bedroom with king-size bed and bathroom.

Just as intricate and beautiful as the interior, the exterior facilities of Villa Rinaldi offer all the grandeur of the house itself. The ornate wire gates welcome you into a garden bursting with life. Stone steps and a hillside path lead you up to the stunning private pool, adjoined by a changing room with shower and toilet facilities. At 16m x 8m there's plenty of room for everyone to join the fun or do some morning laps before an al fresco breakfast on the terrace!

Dotted with flowers, avenues and sculptures, you can truly lose yourself among the olive trees and the rosebushes. Dine under the stars at the traditional stone table, or simply sip a glass of local prosecco on one of the many terraces in the array of fantastic chairs and sofas.

Despite enjoying such a privileged position clad in the hillside, Villa Rinaldi is in fact just a stone's throw away from the centre of Asolo and in a picturesque part of Italy for experiencing all kinds of food, music and history. Asolo dates back to medieval times and is full of artisan shops selling local crafts and restaurants and trattorias serving delicious local produce. The Rocca fortress dates back to the 12th-century and, with views towards the mighty Dolomites range, it is not to be missed!

Other cities within around an hour's drive include Vicenza, Treviso and Venice. The top sight in Vicenza is the UNESCO-listed theatre while famous Venice makes for a fantastic day trip. Spend your time meandering through the boutique-lined streets, visiting St Mark's Square and taking a boat trip along the canals.

To discover more of the area's outstanding natural beauty, visit Lake Garda or head north to the Dolomites National Park where you will find forests, valleys and breathtaking views.

Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Table Football • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips • Chapel on Site

Interior & Grounds

Main Villa

Ground Floor

- Kitchen with oven, dishwasher, microwave, kettle, toaster, fridge/freezer, fireplace, large breakfast table
- Living room with armchairs, sofas and impressive traditional furniture alongside an ornate fireplace
- Second living room with sofas and fireplace
- Dining room with vast dining table for the whole group and fireplace
- Study
- Laundry room
- Orangerie
- 2 x WCs

First Floor

- Living room with sofas and armchairs
- Smaller drawing room sofas, armchairs and fireplace
- Bedroom with king-size bed, armchair and en-suite bathroom with a bathtub
- Bedroom with king-size bed, sofa and en-suite bathroom with a bathtub

Second Floor

- Bedroom with king-size bed, living area, en-suite bathroom with a shower
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom with a bathtub
- Double bedroom: French-style bed, with small desk
- 2 x bedrooms with single beds
- Bathroom with bathtub and WC

Apartment

- Kitchen/dining room
- Living room
- Bedroom with king-size bed
- Bathroom with a bathtub

Outside Grounds

- Private pool (18m x 6m). Open approximately mid-May to mid-October
- Sun loungers and parasols
- Changing room with shower and WC
- Garden with climbing wisteria, roses, jasmine, cypress, olive and fruit-trees
- Large panoramic terrace adorned with wisteria
- Fully-equipped outdoor kitchenette with fridge and a large dining table
- Al-fresco dining areas
- Barbecue
- Chapel



- Playground
- Parking (up to 6 cars)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Table tennis
- Table football
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Known as 'The City of a Hundred Horizons' for its fabulous mountainous landscape, Asolo is truly a magical setting for the perfect Italian retreat. Long recognised as an enchanting and exclusive area, artists and intellectuals have been making this their home for centuries. Robert Browning, Eleanora Duse, Ernest Hemingway, Igor Stravinsky and Freya Stark are just a few who have taken residence in the rolling hills surrounding this charming town.

Palladian villas, medieval walled towns and stunning mountain scenery combines with vineyards, art & performances and fine food to provide the perfect array of history and culture for your holiday. In the summer, enjoy shows and festivals, including an international music festival and an antiques market every second Sunday of the month. From renowned restaurants to authentic Italian neighbourhood pizzerias and tavernas, it's all on offer just a short walk away, in the very heart of Prosecco country.

So whether you're interested in wine tasting and trying local cuisine, or prefer more active pursuits like tennis, golf and horse riding, you will find all your needs met within the very near vicinity.

When you feel like venturing further afield, hop in the car and head to Vicenza, a cosmopolitan city just 50 minutes away. It is home to many museums, art galleries, churches as well as cobbled piazzas perfect for enjoying some people-watching while you sip on an *aperitivo*.

Just over an hour away is Verona, a mediaeval town brimming with history and romance - it is famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and is you will find tourists from all over flocking to Juliet's balcony.

Nearby Treviso boasts a cathedral with crypt, ancient city walls and gates, pretty piazzas and a network of canals to stroll along. It can be reached in around 45 minutes, while the much-loved city of Venice is just over an hour's drive away. Take a boat trip on the Grand Canal, sip a coffee in St Mark's Square and peruse the endless boutiques that line the winding streets.

Italy's largest lake, Lake Garda, can be reached in under 2 hours and is a magical place to spend the day. Located on the edge of Dolomites and formed by a glacier in the last ice age, it's known for crystal-clear water, mild climate and bustling towns dotted along its shores. Paddleboarding, kayaking and boat trips are available to try, allowing you to fully soak in the lake's stunning scenery.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Treviso Airport
(40km)**

Nearest Airport 2	Verona Valerio Catullo Airport (126km)
Nearest Village	Asolo (<500m)
Nearest Town/City	Treviso (40km)
Nearest Restaurant	Asolo (400m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Asolo (400m)
Nearest Train Station	Montebelluna (15km)
Nearest Supermarket	Asolo (2km)
Nearest Shop	Asolo (400m)

What we love

- The extraordinary beauty of Villa Rinaldi is matched only by the beauty of its fabulous setting, in the rolling hills of the medieval town of Asolo
- Terraces, lawns, fruit trees, floral avenues and a pool combine to make a truly spectacular garden space to explore and indulge
- The 17th-century villa features exquisite interiors decorated in a Venetian and Baroque style
- The list of dignitaries and celebrities who stayed at this manor is extensive and include Queen Mother, members of the Rockefeller family and plethora of famous classical music artists!
- Some of Italy's most historic and well-loved cities are within easy reach, including Verona, Vicenza and Venice

What you should know...

- Fabulous views from poolside area are worth the approximately 80m uphill hike and you will enjoy endless hours of peace and tranquility in secluded nature.
- This villa can sleep a maximum of 14 guests - 12 adults and 2 children. Please note that it is not suitable to rent for 14 adults as the sofa bed in the annexe is only suitable for children.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Included up to 30kWh per week, then extra cost payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including mid-week change.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Saturday approximately June to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €200 per week, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights approximately June to end-August, 3 nights during all other periods.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, including mid-week change.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately mid-May to mid-October. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that air-conditioning is included up to 30kWh per day, then extra cost payable locally.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and any other special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Please note that use of the swimming pool is not allowed during events.
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