

# Villa Quarra

Region: Hvar Sleeps: 8

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## Overview

On the island of Hvar, surrounded by the Mediterranean scents of lavender and rosemary, you'll find the most charming stone villa with glorious sea-views from its swimming pool. Here you can totally unwind in the rural idyll knowing that the beautiful island is yours to discover.

Based on a vast estate of lavender fields, cypress, fig and olive trees the stone house was originally used as a place of respite for the workers in the surrounding fields, either to escape the hot sun or warm themselves by the fire. Built at the beginning of the 20th century using the same grey stone as the nearby village of Humac, it sits peacefully amongst stunning natural surroundings where olive oil, herbs and spices have been cultivated for years.

The interiors are utterly charming with a mixture of modern and antique furnishings. You'll feel homely in the spacious living area and the kitchen has everything you need as well as a fantastic barbecue in the courtyard. The pretty bedrooms are individual in style with traditional features such as exposed stone walls and wood beamed ceilings; two of the en-suite rooms are on the first floor with two more just across from the villa along a stone path. You will be well looked after here with daily house-keeping and the option to hire a private chef for part of your stay.

The outside grounds will delight with the glorious swimming pool with mesmerising sea-views and stone paths leading to inviting lounge areas and the al-fresco dining terrace. Play tennis or simply lounge in the sun with a glass of chilled local wine. There's no surprise that cycling, hiking and horse-riding opportunities are also nearby.

The 13th century village of Humac (3.5km) is around 15 minutes by car, a captivating hamlet without electricity where you can dine by candlelight in the local konoba. The beaches of Zavala are simply stunning plus there are restaurants and watersports or head north to the particularly family-friendly vibe in Jelsa with more wonderful coastline.

Villa Quarra offers relaxation and a strong sense of history in the tranquil surroundings of the interior of this striking island.



## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet  
• BBQ • Tennis Court • Satellite TV • Bicycles Provided • Sauna/Steam  
• Outdoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating •  
Cot(s) • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine  
Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding  
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages •  
Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Quarra is on the island of Hvar. With rustic charm and immense character, surrounded by 30,000m<sup>2</sup> of fields of lavender, rosemary and olive and fig trees it is a rural idyll with stunning sea-views from the wonderful pool and terraces.

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan fully equipped kitchen-diner and living room, with sofa-bed

### First Floor (via external stone steps)

- Quad room with double bed, single bed and sofa-bed, with en-suite shower room
- Double room, with en-suite shower room

### Two separate rooms in gardens

- Twin bedroom with sofa-bed, with en-suite shower room
- Double room with sofa-bed, open-plan bathroom

### Exterior

- Private Swimming pool (11m x 5.5m)
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue, with wooden oven
- Outdoor lounge
- Sauna (winter months)
- Sun-loungers
- Tennis court
- Vast gardens, partly rocky
- Vegetable garden



## Location & Local Information

Villa Quarra is located in a 30,000m<sup>2</sup> estate of lavender fields with rosemary, fig and olive trees in an absolute rural idyll. Despite being in the relatively undiscovered interior of the island, it takes around half an hour to get to the coast and there are fabulous sea-views. The villa itself offers tennis and there are jogging, walking, horse-riding and cycling possibilities nearby.

The nearest village is Humac which is 3.5km east. It is a sixteenth century hamlet without electricity set upon a hilltop on this remote and beautiful part of the island. Here you will find a restaurant that serves by candle-light with all food cooked on the open-fire. Booking in advance is essential, especially in the summer months.

Further south you will find Zavala (7.5km) with a further choice of restaurants serving excellent local cuisine, beautiful pebble beaches with crystal clear waters and a range of watersports. From here you can take a boat trip to the small and tranquil island of S<sup>?</sup>edro from the little harbour. Drive a little further to the abandoned village of Gromin Dolac for more stunning beaches.

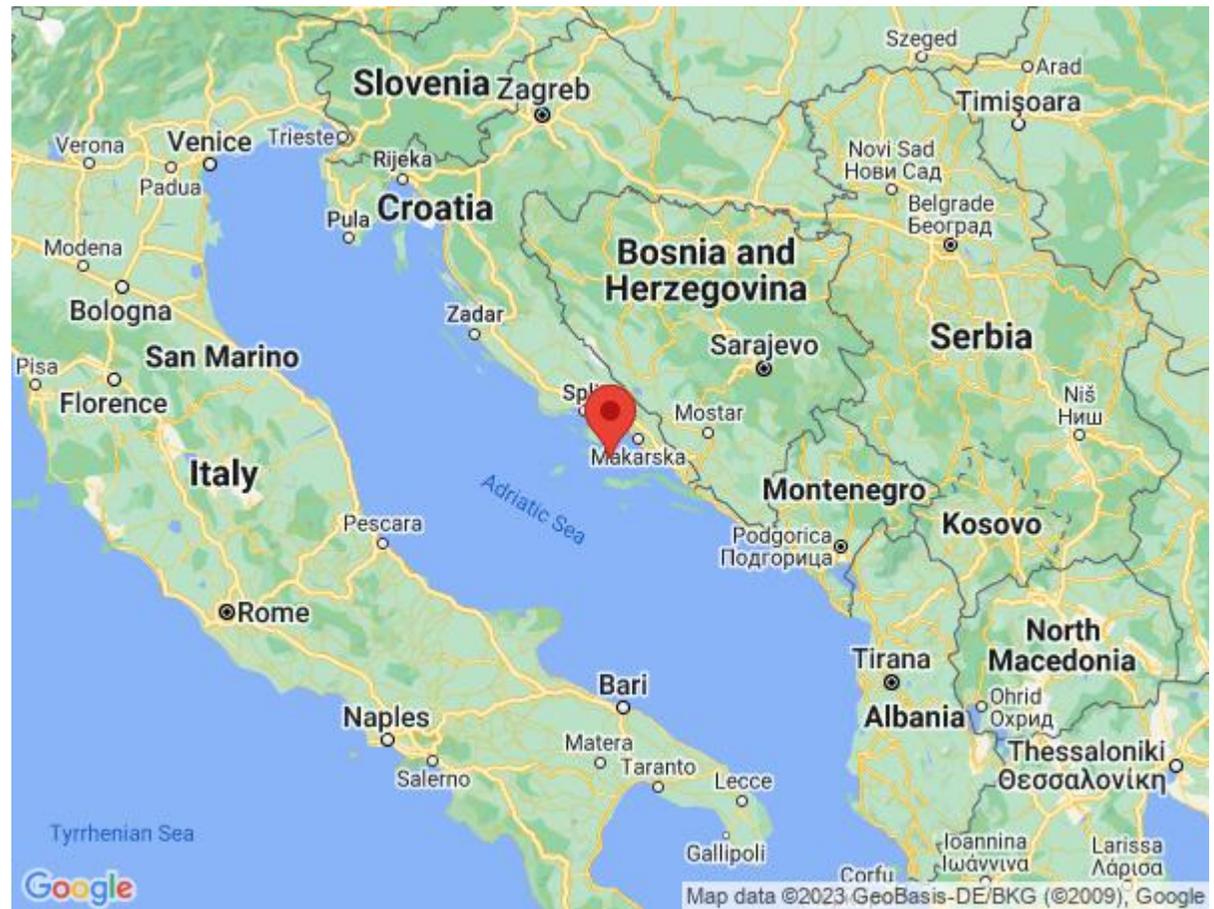
Heading north to Jelsa (15km), you can enjoy fresh fish and local wine in a decent choice of tavernas and restaurants plus a supermarket and further facilities. It is a great base for exploring this part of the island. You can walk or cycle through the dense pine forests, discover pretty beaches and coves or take boat excursions a little further afield. There are numerous walking tours that start from Jelsa and various trekking paths across the island.

The island of Hvar is yours to discover, whether it is wine-tasting in local vineyards, kayaking at sun-set along the coast, cycling across the countryside or exploring the villages and towns on the island. Stari-Grad (20km), one of the main ports for arrivals from Split, was founded by the Greeks in 400 BC and is the oldest settlement on the island. Nearby you will find Stari Grad Plain, a cultural landscape dating back from the Greeks in the 4th century BC, now a UNESCO heritage site. Or head to the glitz and glamour of Hvar Town (42km) which has recently gained a reputation as one of Croatia's trendiest destinations.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Split, via ferry/Hvar (90km/19km)</b>
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Nearest Village	<b>Humac/Zavala (3.5km/7.7km)</b>
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Nearest Town/City	<b>Jelsa (15km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Humac/Zavala (3.5km/7.7km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Jelsa (14km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Plaža Skalinada (7.1km/25 min drive)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>(On site )</b>

## What we love

- Set on a 30,000m<sup>2</sup> estate of lavender and rosemary fields with beautiful fig and olive trees
- Amazing sea-views from the glorious swimming pool
- Lovely family activities in the grounds such as tennis, basketball and bocce
- Only 3.5km to Humac, a hamlet dating back to the 13th century which still doesn't have electricity - dine by candlelight in the village *konoba*, be sure to book in advance!

## What you should know...

- A 4x4 vehicle is needed to reach this idyllic villa, the tracks to get to it are uneven and rocky.
- Two of the bedrooms, including the twin, are in little stone houses just across from the main villa.
- The upstairs of the main house is accessed via stone steps outside.
- Its a great place for slightly older kids or babies but the rocky gardens and external steps means it's not so suitable for toddlers.
- The tennis court is accessed by walking along a low-level rocky wall.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Daily change of towels, included in the rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included in the rental price
- Tax: Sojourn Tax of €1 per person per night for over 18's (€0.50 for children 12-18, under 12's free) is not included in the rental price and will need to be paid locally in cash on arrival.
- Changeover day: Saturday
- Minimum stay: 7 nights
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access is included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on the local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted inside the villa
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: In the event of a shorter period of rent than 7 nights, 25% is added to the price.