

Villa Drvo

Region: Istria Sleeps: 10

Overview

With a vast infinity pool and panoramic views over the surrounding natural landscape, Villa Drvo offers a sublime blend of contemporary design with traditional artistry in the quaint, traditional village of Smoljanci.

The villa was designed by the renowned Croatian designer Boris Ružić, and includes endless custom features, in particular, the beautiful fireplace in the living area! The main living room features two comfortable sofas and extends to a casual seating area by the fire, with a huge dining table for ten beside this area, enjoying spectacular views. The kitchen is besides this, with a large central island creating tons of space for plenty of chefs!

The main interior entertainment is found in the basement: a bar for your drinking-desires as well as a kitchenette and even a cinema room make this the ideal hang-out spot in the late evenings, while an incredibly well-equipped gym and a large shower create the perfect space for an intense workout!

The gym includes several trainers, a boxing bag, speedball, yoga mat, turbo trainer (on request), steps and weights – or can be made up as a soft play area with a Wendy-house and slide! All of this has been added for 2019, so it is totally modern and dazzlingly new!

There are five bedrooms in total: three beautiful doubles and two twin rooms. Each room is designed in a stunning Scandinavian, minimalist style, with monochrome designs and natural textures. Some have seating areas or even double-door access into the dazzling sunshine on their private terrace.

All three doubles and one twin are accompanied by incredible ensuite facilities, while there is an additional full family bathroom on the top floor. The bathrooms are hugely spacious, with large walk-in showers or large bathtubs. There is also a guest toilet on the ground floor.

Out in your magnificent garden, you will find the vast, private infinity pool, surrounded sun-loungers where you can soak up the sunshine in between refreshing dips into the pool's depths! A lawn encircles the pool creating tons of space for fun and games with the family.

There's an outdoor kitchen with wood fire and dining table for ten on the terrace, and even a herb garden to try your hand at recreating a few of the



local delicacies! There are also two bikes at your disposal for exploring the incredible local surroundings!

Only 20 minutes from the beach and just over half an hour away from U?ka Nature Park, a sprawling protected area with hiking routes leading to canyons, waterfalls and historic sites, you'll find unspoilt nature a stone's throw away.

One-third of the Istrian territory is forested, and the rest is carpeted with vineyards, olive trees, pastures and orchards, with ancient walled cities perched atop hills in the mountainous landscape, so you need merely stroll out of your front door to find the richness of Istria.

Facilities

Modern • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Bicycles Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Drvo is a collaboration of contemporary design with traditional artistry. Is located close to the coast in the heart of Istria the house is found in a small, rural village with grocery & hairdresser. There are 5 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms, and it can accommodate up to 10 people

Lower Ground Floor

- Kitchenette
- Bathroom
- Bar
- Cinema
- Gym

Ground Floor

- Dining & living area
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Bathroom
- Access to the patio & pool area

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, balcony access and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed, balcony access and en-suite bathroom

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, balcony access and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with twin single beds and en-suite bathroom (can be set up as a double room upon request at time of booking)
- Bedroom with twin single beds
- Family bathroom

Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool
- Sun loungers & parasols
- Outdoor lounge & dining area
- Large patio & garden area
- Covered terrace
- Bikes
- Outdoor kitchen
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning



- TV
- Washing machine
- Iron & board
- Parking
- Cot & highchair available upon request
- Bicycles (please see Ts and Cs)

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Location & Local Information

Smoljanci is a quaint, rural Croatian village, located in the heart of the enchanting natural landscape of Istria!

You'll find a few small grocery shops, a pharmacy, doctors, dentist and a few restaurants and coffee shops in the nearby town of Svetvinčenat about a 5-minute drive away, as well as a very picturesque castle and a moat! The nearby train station has trains running between Buzet and Pula, and it's just a 30-minute journey to the heart of the enchanting city of Pula.

Just 25 minutes away, you can't miss the delightful Venetian coastal town of Rovinj half-way up the western coastline. Wander the old city, with its Venetian architecture and marble streets and admire the views across the marina before settling for a meal in one of its many beautiful sea-side restaurants. And be sure to stop off in Lim Bay while you're there – a dramatic Fjord stretching for miles inland!

From breath-taking scenery, rich history and a world-famous culinary scene – you will find it all in Istria! A charming heart-shaped peninsula in the north-west of Croatia, Istria is warm, welcoming and perfectly-sized – you can drive the length in around an hour, putting everything within easy reach!

Active holiday-makers will be delighted with the offerings: from windsurfing in Medulin to scuba diving in the Brijuni National park and rock climbing, hang-gliding and walking in Buzet along the 15km 'seven waterfalls' walk, Istria has it all.

Both along the dramatic coastal paths and in the mountains inland, you will find an abundance of natural ways for cycling (including the scenic Parenzana route over an old railway line from Vignana to the Slovenian border) and rugged off-road hiking trails.

Much like its neighbouring Italy, Istria is a gastronome's paradise, home to world-class cuisine and endless rows of vineyards. Be sure to try the local wines, which are often sweet and fruity, using a wide variety of grapes including white Malvasia, red Terrano and Moscato. Istria is especially famous for its truffles, which you will find served with any dish and sauce!

Both Rijeka and Pula have international airports within a short drive of the villa, while Pula is the central hub for those getting ferries, although there is a daily ferry between Poreč and Venice.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Pula Airport (38km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Pula Ferry Port (29km)
Nearest Village	Smoljanci (300m)
Nearest Town/City	Žminj (10km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurants & Shops (4km)
Nearest Beach	Pebble Beach (20km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Course (30km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Court (28km)

What we love

- Two bikes are provided for you to get out and about in the local area and get a real sense for the enchanting rural interior of Croatia – aside many visitors never get to enjoy!
- With an incredible home cinema in the basement, you won't have to even leave the house for fantastic entertainment – particularly useful for those with children!
- Your fully-equipped gym, including a boxing bag, is the perfect place to let off a little steam, keep up your healthy habits or maybe even start building on them in your time away!
- With a bar in the basement, you have the perfect environment for unwinding, socialising and making some fun and special memories with friends and family!

What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only, and correct prices will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Please let us know if you would like the kids to play area set up in the basement
- While you're just a short walk from the train station, it's highly recommended to have a car in rural Istria to make the most of your location!
- Only two babaies can be accommodated additional to the number of beds.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: Credit cards details may be requested as guarantee
- Arrival time: 4pm
- Departure time: 10am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, linen & towels included in the rental price
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €10 per pet per day will apply (paid locally).
- Changeover day: Saturdays only in high season
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking 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
- Minimum stay: Please note that there is a 7-night minimum stay across peka Summer dates, this may be reduced to 4-nights across low season dates
- Tax: Included in the rental price
- Internet access?: Yes, Wi-Fi connection included
- Other Ts and Cs: Please request at time of booking whether you would like the second twin bedded room to be set up with twin beds or with a double.
- Other 2: Bicycles are available upon request for short trips to the local shops or similar. For guided tours, please bring your own bikes or hire bikes from nearby Rabac.
- Pool heating charge?: For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €200 per week (to be paid locally on arrival). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.