

Villa Constantina

Region: Puglia Sleeps: 4

Overview

Picture yourself stepping out of your villa to relax outdoors, take a dip in the cool waters of the swimming pool, or marvel at the twisted ancient olive trees. This contemporary white-washed villa, on a beautiful plot in a residential complex, could be just what you're after for a peaceful Italian retreat.

Within 8km of the Adriatic Sea, on the Puglian heel of Italy, this pretty single-storey villa has room for up to six guests. Its two bedrooms are tastefully decorated, with large windows looking out on to the garden. Relax in the cool open plan living area, with views out onto the garden. Then throw open the large doors to the outdoors.

What really makes this villa special is the way that you can move effortlessly from the villa to the garden. Whether from the bedrooms or the living area, the large glass doors can be pushed open and you're free to wander on to the lawn or veranda for plenty of fun family activities or some al fresco dining.

The nearest town is Monopoli, just over a 10-minute drive away. Here you will find a number of excellent fish restaurants, along with a colourful street market. The town is steeped in history, with its fortified sea-front walls and castle. It is dominated by the cathedral's bell tower, built in 1693 and towering over 60 metres tall. It's certainly hard to miss! The port is made up of lots of tiny harbours, and in the old part of the town you can stroll among the fishermen as they mend their nets.

Looking for somewhere to paddle? Polignano a Mare is just 18-minutes away. Here you will find a small pebble beach edged by striking limestone cliffs.

When you fancy a break from the sea, take a trip to the Museum of Contemporary Art Pino Pascali, to view some photography and paintings.

A little further afield, visit the enchanting trulli of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site or head to the major port city of Bari. This bustling city has an archaeological museum, an opera house, and is also home to the bones of St Nicholas (Santa Claus himself!).



Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers •
Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to
Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV
• Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Rural Location •
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor
Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Ground Floor (80m²)

- Open-plan living area with sofa bed (suitable for two guests)
- Kitchen-diner, well-equipped including microwave, oven, hob, fridge, toaster, coffee machine, dishwasher and table and chairs for four guests
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom (beds can be pushed together)
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Guest toilet

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (5m x 8m, depth: 1.4m), open approximately April to end-October
- Lawn and olive trees
- Covered terrace for al-fresco dining
- Comfortable outdoor seating
- Sun loungers
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning (in the hallway only)
- Heating
- TV
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board



Location & Local Information

Nestled in a residential complex, about an hour away from Bari International Airport-Karol Wojtyła, this villa commands a presence in the foothills of Monopoli. Perfect for discovering the rural charm of Puglia, and the beaches of the Adriatic coast, here you will find a quiet part of Italy where you can relax.

Away from the residential complex, and just 12-minutes' drive away, the fortified town of Monopoli is a great place to visit. Wander round the winding streets, inhabited since 500BC, and built of white stone, contrasting with the blue skies and sea. Here you will find a number of excellent restaurants, many specialising in fresh seafood. You'll also find a number of stone churches, many decorated with ornate carved sculptures. But the perfect place for a stroll is the old port, where you can see the fishing boats on the water and the fishermen with their nets along the promenade.

Of course, the area has plenty of beaches for you to enjoy. Cala Porta Vecchia is just at the south of Monopoli's fortified walls. A small cove, it has a strip of sand that is free to access, and it flows under the historic walls. North of Monopoli is another cove – Cala Monaci and the Green Cave. This is a small beach, which is easy to reach, and is a great place for a picnic.

Drive for half an hour into the centre of Puglia, and you'll come across a place called Alberobello. What's special about this town is that it is home to a number of 'trulli', or cone-shaped houses – the trulli are also classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Locorotondo, Martina Franca and Ostuni are other delightful towns to explore, full of history and beautiful architecture.

If you are craving the bustle of a city, Bari and Brindisi are both good options. Bari has a great street food scene, as well as a number of cultural highlights. Brindisi is known for its numerous churches, and the Church of Santa Maria del Casale is one of the most beautiful. Similarly, Brindisi Cathedral, in the heart of the old town, has been built in the Romanesque style and is set in a quaint square close to other places of historical interest.

Of course, you might want to explore the countryside. The 'Grotte di Castellana', just a 20-minute drive away, is a two-mile long network of caves, with a museum to explore. Formed around 90 million years ago, their awe-inspiring beauty will engage the imagination of old and young alike.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Bari
(63 km)**

Nearest Airport 2	Brindisi (76 km)
Nearest Village	(5 km)
Nearest Town	Monopoli (8 km)
Nearest Restaurant	(500 m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(5 km)
Nearest Beach	Monopoli (10 km)
Nearest Supermarket	(5 km)
Nearest Shop	Monopoli (10 km)

What Oliver loves...

- A beautiful peaceful spot in the hills of Monopoli, with all the convenience of the local port town and beaches within easy driving distance
- Blur the lines between the indoors and the outdoors, by strolling effortlessly from the open plan living area into the garden that surrounds the villa
- Dine under the covered veranda, with views of the ancient olive trees that inhabit the garden
- Enjoy some freshly caught seafood at one of the many fish restaurants in the nearby town
- Visit the magical trulli of Alberobello as well as other idyllic Puglian towns such as Ostuni and Locorotondo

What you should know...

- This compact contemporary villa is nestled within a quiet residential complex in the Puglian countryside
- This property sleeps 4 guests comfortably, whilst a further 2 guests may be accommodated on a sofa bed at extra cost. Please see the 'Features' tab for full details
- For larger parties it is possible to rent sister property [Villa Fidelio](#) (sleeps 4-6) virtually next door - please follow links for more information
- Air-conditioning is featured in the hallway only
- There are plenty of attractions and sites to visit in the area, so access to a car is highly recommended

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: Credit card details are required 2 weeks prior to departure for pre-authorisation.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Please note that late arrivals after 8.00 p.m. are subject to an additional fee €80, to be paid locally upon arrival.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Changeover day: Saturday from beginning-July to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €300, payable locally. 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from beginning-July to end-August. 4 nights during all other periods.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and high chair are available on request at an additional cost of €25 (payable locally).
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately April to end-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 published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
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