

Villa Colli Euganei

Region: Venice & Veneto Sleeps: 10

Overview

Experience Italian history in all its splendour at Villa Colli Euganei, a spectacular residence that dates back to the mid-16th century, set on a glorious estate with vineyards, woodland and 27-hole golf course.

In an elevated position, this former hunting lodge was created by a Renaissance architect and painter in the mid-1500s and has since undergone a superb restoration with the help of a renowned Parisian interior designer in recent years.

It's an exquisite residence with four historic double bedrooms across the two main floors as well as three additional bedrooms, allowing up to 12 guests to have the privilege of staying here. There are beautiful living and dining spaces on both the main floors as well as a great kitchen of a professional standard on the lower level.

The beauty of its design is that the two main floors open up to the most magnificent loggias. Enjoy an *aperitivo* on the upper loggia with far-reaching views, then wander downstairs to dine under the sixteenth century frescoes by the ornate Italian gardens. Guests staying in the summer months also benefit from a jacuzzi-style swimming pool in the villa's grounds, perfect for cooling off and relaxing around on warm afternoons.

Take walks through the estate's woodland, sample wines from the prestigious vines and play golf at the wonderful 27-hole course. Gourmands note, a three-starred Michelin establishment is just a ten-minute drive away.

There is also so much of this captivating part of northern Italy to discover whether viewing Giotto's frescoes in nearby Padua, admiring other historic residences by boat along the River Brenta, enjoying a spa-day in Abano Terme or spending the day in historic Vicenza, Treviso or Verona.

Then of course there is the magical city of Venice, under an hour by car (or take the speedy train from Padua), followed perhaps by a relaxing day on the beach near the charming fishing port of Chioggia on the Venetian lagoon.

Whether exploring near or far, there is so much enchantment to experience in every way when staying at this magnificent historic home.



Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Wow Factor • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • DVD • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

If up to 8 guests are staying at Villa Colli Euganei, only bedrooms 1-4 will be available. If 9-12 guests stay, then bedrooms 5-7 will also be available (depending on number of guests).

Villa Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living room with doors to dining loggia
- Dining room
- Bedroom 1 with double bed (170x200cm) and dressing room. Bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom 2 with double bed (180x200cm). Bathroom with bath and WC

First Floor

- Living room with satellite TV and doors leading to upper loggia
- Study with TV
- Bedroom 3 with double bed (170x200cm) and dressing room
- Bedroom 4 with double bed (190x200cm)
- Bedroom 5 with single bed (90x200cm)
- 2 x bathrooms with showers and WC

Mezzanine Level

- Bedroom 6 with double or twin bed (180x190cm) and dressing room
- Bedroom 7 with single bed (90x200cm)
- Bathroom with bath and WC
- Kitchenette with sink and small hob

Bedrooms 1 to 4 are historic and beautiful bedrooms. Bedrooms 5 to 7 are simpler in style.

Basement

- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, professional oven, microwave, large fridge, freezer, smaller fridge, ice-machine, American and espresso coffee makers, toaster, kettle and food processor
- Breakfast room
- Laundry
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Bathroom with shower (that can be used as shower room for the pool)

Outside Grounds



- Jacuzzi-style pool (irregular shape, 3x6m) with counter-current feature and aqua massage jets open approximately June to mid/late-September (subject to weather)
- Outdoor shower
- Sun beds and hammocks
- Loggia with al-fresco dining area for up to 16 guests
- Upper floor loggia for relaxation
- Formal upper Italian garden (low walls)
- Lawns
- Automatic gate
- Covered garage (basement) for up to 4 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms, built-in or mobile units)
- Heating (solar powered)
- Satellite and cable TV
- DVD player
- CD music system
- CD library
- Ironing facilities
- Hairdryers (in each bathroom)
- Bathrobes
- Toiletries
- Safe
- House alarm
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Just an hour from Venice, Villa Colli Euganei is set in a stunning estate around a 15-minute drive from Padua, close to the rolling Euganean hills in northern Italy.

As well as the elevated Villa Colli Euganei and its own private upper gardens, the estate also features prestigious vineyards (and the winery's office and cellars), a medieval castle and six other apartments that are rented out separately.

Guests also benefit from being within walking distance to the estate's 27-hole golf course. There is a choice of restaurants within a 5 to 10-minute drive, including Le Calandre with three Michelin stars, known throughout the culinary world, just 8km away.

The historic town of Padua (14km) is a delight to explore. Most visitors will head straight to Giotto's stunning frescoes in Cappella degli Scrovegni (book a tour in advance), then spend time admiring the impressive architecture across the town centre, both modern and old. Visit the vibrant market at Palazzo della Ragione and stroll through some of the town's elegant gardens. Look out for students cycling across the town too - after all it's the home to one of Italy's oldest universities.

Look out for boat tours along the historic waterways of central Padua, which were once thriving with gondolas and longboats. There are also boat trips along the Brenta river, passing magnificent villas and residences along the river's edge, many which are open to visitors.

Venice is only a 30-minute train ride from Padua on one of the fast services, or around 55km by car from Villa Colli Euganei. Spend a full day or more soaking up the enchanting ambience across one of the most famous cities in the world by foot or boat, marvelling at the incredible architecture and historic beauty. Venice isn't just about the Rialto bridge and Piazza San Marco, but also its hidden lanes, pretty squares and picturesque bridges. Private tours can be arranged to make the most of your trip to this exquisite city.

Closer to home, a spa-day in nearby Abano Terme can also be organised, a resort famed for its thermal waters which is just a short drive away. The town is home to grand spa hotels and villas, attractive shops, beautiful fountains and green space for pleasant walks.

Other places to visit on days out include the charming town of Vicenza (40km), historic Treviso (70km) with its waterways or head west to experience the romance of Verona (85km). You can even reach the shores of Lake Garda with the captivating lakeside villages of Bardolino and Garda just a ninety-



minute drive away.

A little closer, the Venetian lagoon fishing town of Chioggia, is an hour away with its seafood restaurants, fish market, pretty port and large beach with summer lidos at Sottomarina.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Venice Marco Polo Airport (60km)
Nearest Train Station	Padua (14km)
Nearest Restaurant	(5 to 10-minute drive)
Nearest Supermarket	(2.5km)
Nearest Town/City	Padua (14km)
Nearest Tennis	(1km)
Nearest Golf	Estate's 18-hole course (1km)
Nearest Beach	Chioggia (55km)

What Oliver loves...

- Stay in a most spectacular Renaissance villa with beautiful loggias and historic frescoes
- Add on wonderful services such as breakfast, wine-tasting and cookery classes
- Walk to a superb 27-hole golf course within the large estate
- A world-renowned restaurant with three Michelin stars is just 8km away
- Enjoy a boat trip in nearby Padua, a fantastic way to admire the town's historic architecture
- Venice is under an hour away – perfect for an awe-inspiring day out

What you should know...

- If up to 8 guests are staying at Villa Colli Euganei, only bedrooms 1-4 will be available. If 9-12 guests stay, then bedrooms 5-7 will also be available (depending on number of guests).
- Bedrooms 1 to 4 are historic and beautiful bedrooms. The other double and single bedrooms are simpler in style.
- The owners ask that great care is taken by all guests, especially children and pets, around the precious 16th century frescoes.
- Children should also be supervised by the low walls on the edge of the ornate Italian gardens.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only (either mobile units or built in).
- The on-site guardians (housekeeper and gardener) are there to help guests when needed and to help look after this prestigious house.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €4000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival or by credit card to the owner on arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.
- Changeover day: By 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: No, extra €160 per day (November to February) or €90 per day (October, March and April), payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes and bathrobes. Linen changed mid-week.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and daily maid service of 6-8 hours (6 days a week). 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.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately June to mid/late September. 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.
- Tax: ITALY - Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Minimum stay: 7 nights.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Very well behaved pets request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet per day will apply (payable locally) as well as an additional security deposit of €1000.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Other Ts and Cs: If up to 8 guests are staying at Villa Colli Euganei, only bedrooms one to four will be available. If 9-12 guests stay, then bedrooms five to seven will also be available, depending on the number of guests. Please see the "Features" tab for details of the bedrooms.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.
- Other Ts and Cs: Great care should be taken by all guests, especially children, around the 16th century frescoes.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is on request and entirely at the owner's discretion.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only (either mobile units or built in).
- Other Ts and Cs: When minimum occupancy is booked, some rooms may not be accessible and this remains at the owner's discretion. Please enquire should you require details.