

Villa Lira

Region: Istria Sleeps: 6

Overview

With spectacular views of the Istrian countryside all around, 3-bedroom Villa Lira might prove irresistible. Situated between Buzet and Motovun, one of the most beautiful towns in the region, this characterful villa comes with breathtaking outdoor spaces and a stunning centrepiece pool.

Villa Lira occupies a truly special location on a hilltop with Lake Butoniga in view. You are sure to love the 120 sq m pool with hot-tub-style jets, which has some of the finest views you could hope for. Alongside it, a superb, covered kitchen and seating area with a barbecue will become a favourite hangout, plus there are loungers for you to enjoy the sun.

Additional seating and dining areas can be found in the garden and on the terrace around the house's perimeter. Inside, you have beautifully appointed rooms incorporating rustic and classic style touches. A large, open-plan living space with decadent dining area, open fireplace and comfy lounge oozes elegance.

On the same floor, you'll find one of the bedrooms, complete with en suite. The other two bedrooms, also with private bathrooms, are upstairs. Antique furnishings and amazing views make all these rooms supremely inviting. A fitness and spa area and a well-stocked wine cellar offer more opportunities to enjoy the good life at Villa Lira.

Around 15 minutes away, Motovun is just one of the attractions of northern Istria that's well worth seeing. Famed for its International Film Festival, this stunning town offers excellent dining, art galleries and walks along the Old Town walls. Peaceful Buzet is known for its fine truffles, and you might catch one of its Truffle Days if you visit in the autumn.

The town is also well connected to larger destinations such as Pula and Poreč – among the significant cities which line Istria's western coast. Take a drive east, and you'll soon reach the fringes of the lovely Učka Nature Park, the perfect terrain for hiking and invigorating walks.



Facilities

Instagrammable • Modern • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Cooling Jacuzzi • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Cot(s) • Toys • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Perched on a hill with amazing views over Motovun, Villa Lira is as spacious three bedroom villa offering comfortable accommodation for six guests with a large garden and swimming pool.

Ground Floor

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Open plan living and dining are with fire place
- Double bedroom king-size bed and en-suite bathroom
- Wine cellar

First Floor

- Two double bedrooms with king-size bed and en-suite bathroom
- Fitness area with massage table

Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (120 m2) with built in jacuzzi
- Terrace with sunloungers
- Summer kitchen with barbecue and seating
- Multiple outdoor dining areas

Additional Facilities

- Air Conditioning
- Wi-fi
- Satellite TV
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Washing machine
- Tumble dryer
- Drying rack for clothing
- Safety deposit box
- Soundproofing
- Mosquito screens
- Baby chair (on request)
- Baby cot (on request)



Location & Local Information

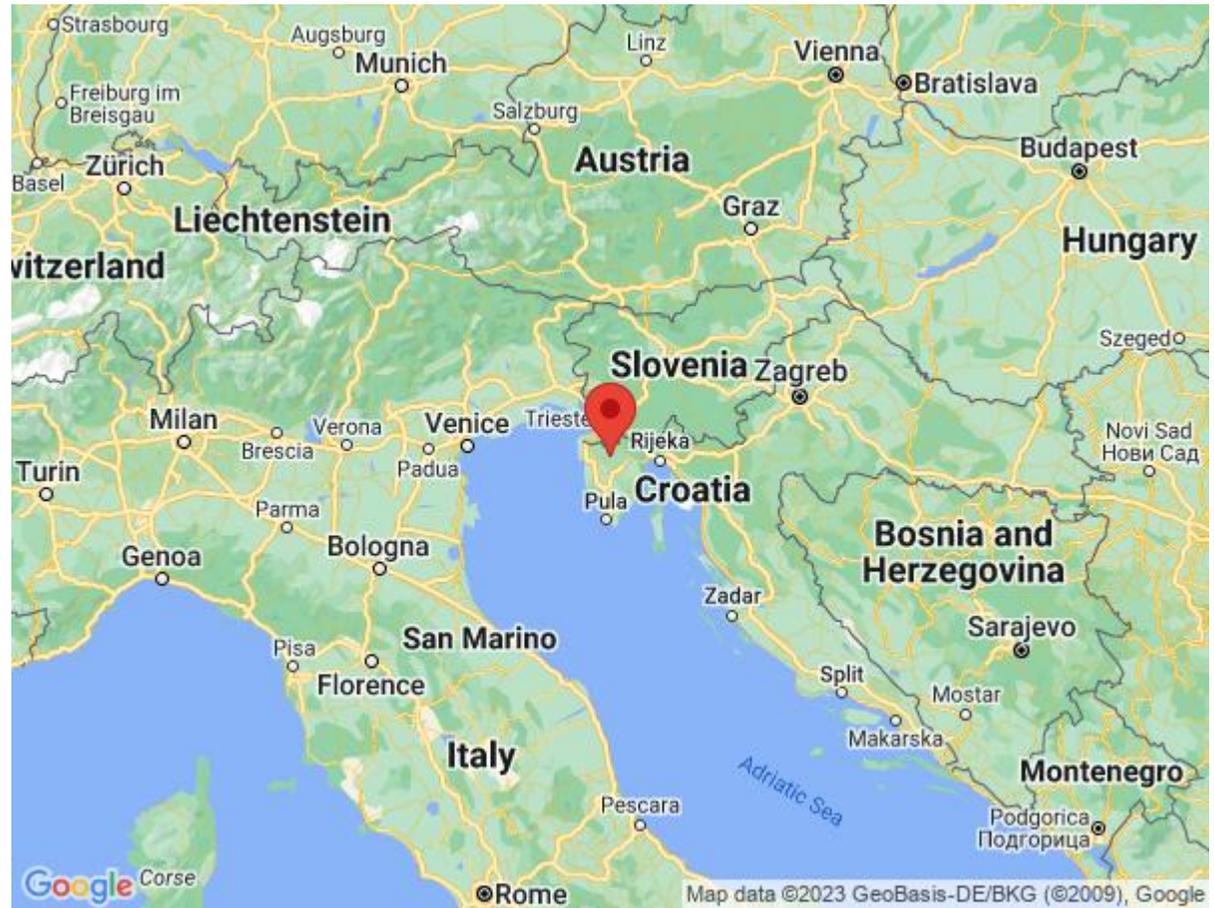
Northern Istria offers many delightful destinations. Buzet is less well known than some, but this peaceful town has plenty of charm, with cobbled streets, churches and good dining opportunities. This is a big truffle town, and regular events such as the annual Festival of Subotina offer even more chances to sample the local delicacy. You can also find tours and excursions based around truffle hunting and wine and olive oil production too.

Around 20 minutes drive southwest, you can discover the stunning hilltop town of Motovun. While it should certainly be on your list for the scenery alone, Motovun also draws crowds to its annual International Film Festival. Usually, in late July, this festival showcases independent cinema in both indoor and outdoor screenings.

The ruggedly mountainous Učka Nature Park and the glamorous resort of Opatija are among the highlights of the region's eastern side, while in the east, pretty Novigrad is another good destination for foodies – the seafood here is particularly recommended. Only about 25 minutes from the Slovenian border, a visit to Novigrad could easily be combined with some time in stunning Piran or nearby Portoroz or any of the lovely Croatian beaches which lie to its north. The town hosts various festivals throughout the year, including the Gnam-Gnam food festival and the intriguing Lunasa Astral Party.

A drive down the coast will soon take you to the popular resort of Poreč, where you can admire the Roman Old Town, home to the 6th-century Euphrasian Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the beautiful Zuccato Palace. There's also the opportunity to walk or cycle the Parenzana Trail, which was once a railway track running all the way from Poreč to Trieste in Italy (itself not much more than an hour away). The beautiful Zelena Laguna beach and the town's impressive Baredine Cave are among more good reasons to visit the Poreč area.

Down the coast is the jewel of the Istrian coast, stunning Rovinj. With an Italianate charm, this gorgeous town offers amazing views all around from Istria's highest bell tower at the Church of St Euphemia. Island excursions, kayaking, diving and other such activities all take advantage of Rovinj's idyllic seaside setting, while summer festivals bring music and entertainment to the streets.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Pula Airport
(95km)**

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| Nearest City | Pula (96.5km) |
| Nearest Village | Motovun (11km) |
| Nearest Beach | Novigrad (33.6km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Studenac Market (15km) |

What we love

- The panoramic splendour of Buzet and beyond puts this hilltop villa in a class of its own – you really do have a magnificent view in every direction.
- A huge outdoor pool and charming pool house – complete with barbecue, kitchen and seating – form an inviting area you will find it hard to leave.
- You can discover the delights of Istrian wine at Villa Lira, and you'll be just a short drive away from bars and restaurants where the local cuisine is sure to impress.

What you should know...

- A security deposit is required to stay at Villa Lira.
- Pets are permitted on request. Charges may apply.
- This is a non-smoking property.

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?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & vaping are not permitted.
- Tax: Included in the rental price.
- 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.