

# Villa Rhodiola

Region: Puglia    Sleeps: 14

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## Overview

Villa Rhodiola is a modern and spacious 7-bedroom home surrounded by ancient olive groves in the region of Puglia. Nearby you can visit rocky bays, villages and charming towns with ease making this a perfect place to stay on a trip with friends or family.

Approaching the home you will see a typical Salento farmhouse. This attractive villa is actually new but has been lovingly constructed in this traditional style to fit seamlessly in to the landscape. The home is enveloped by olive trees which are hundreds of years old and by vibrant red earth and native plant life.

As you enter the home, the traditional style of the exterior gives way to chic, contemporary interiors which have been decorated in calming tones and furnished with the highest quality pieces. On the ground floor you will find a comfortable living room with a sofa and TV for cosy nights in and a stunning green feature kitchen which opens up on to the covered al-fresco dining area where your party can tuck into an Italian feast and talk the night away.

When you need to rest after a busy day of sightseeing then there are 7 bedrooms you can choose from, spread over the ground and lower-ground floors. All of the rooms have been decorated in a light and neutral palette with little splashes of colour which flows through to the en-suites. Each of the bedroom has an en-suite bathroom and one of the rooms even has an inviting freestanding bath.

With the Mediterranean climate, you are sure to want to make the most of the outdoor space which is a terrific feature. Enjoy the 2 hectares of landscaped gardens which come with a dining area, outdoor kitchen, comfy seating and of course the infinity pool with hydromassage feature and amazing views!



If you need to pick up some groceries or you would like to nip out for lunch, then the nearest village is just a 1.5km walk away with shops, cafes and restaurants.

Make sure to visit Acquaviva di Marittima, a gorgeous bay enclosed by rugged cliffs and wild flowers with clear water for swimming and snorkeling. Head inland to the village where you can visit the medieval convent, wander through the park and the winding streets and visit a traditional trattoria for an evening meal.

There are a number of larger towns in easy-reach of the villa too such as Castro which is a must-visit coastal destination known as the "pearl of the Salento" and is a mere 5km away or Tricase which is 8.5km away and has a wealth of historic attractions to see. If you would like to head out a little further for the day then why not drive to Lecce which is the main city on the Salento peninsula and is 47km away.

## Facilities

Boat Trips • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Air-Con • Ideal for Kids • Weddings • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Chef/Cook Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Spa Treatments Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (500sqm)

### Lower Ground Floor

- 3 x bedroom with double sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC
- Laundry room

### Ground Floor

- Living room with sofa and TV
- Kitchen with SMEG fridge freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, toaster, blender, coffee maker and kettle
- Bedroom with double sized bed, freestanding bath and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC
- 3 x bedroom with double sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC
- Bathroom with bidet, sink and WC

## Outside Grounds (20,000sqm)

- Infinity swimming pool with hydromassage feature, open approximately May-October
- 2 hectares of grounds with olive groves
- Covered terrace with dining table seating 10
- Outdoor kitchen area with barbecue
- Poolside sun loungers and parasols
- Comfortable outdoor seating
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers



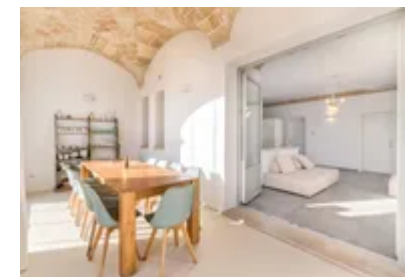
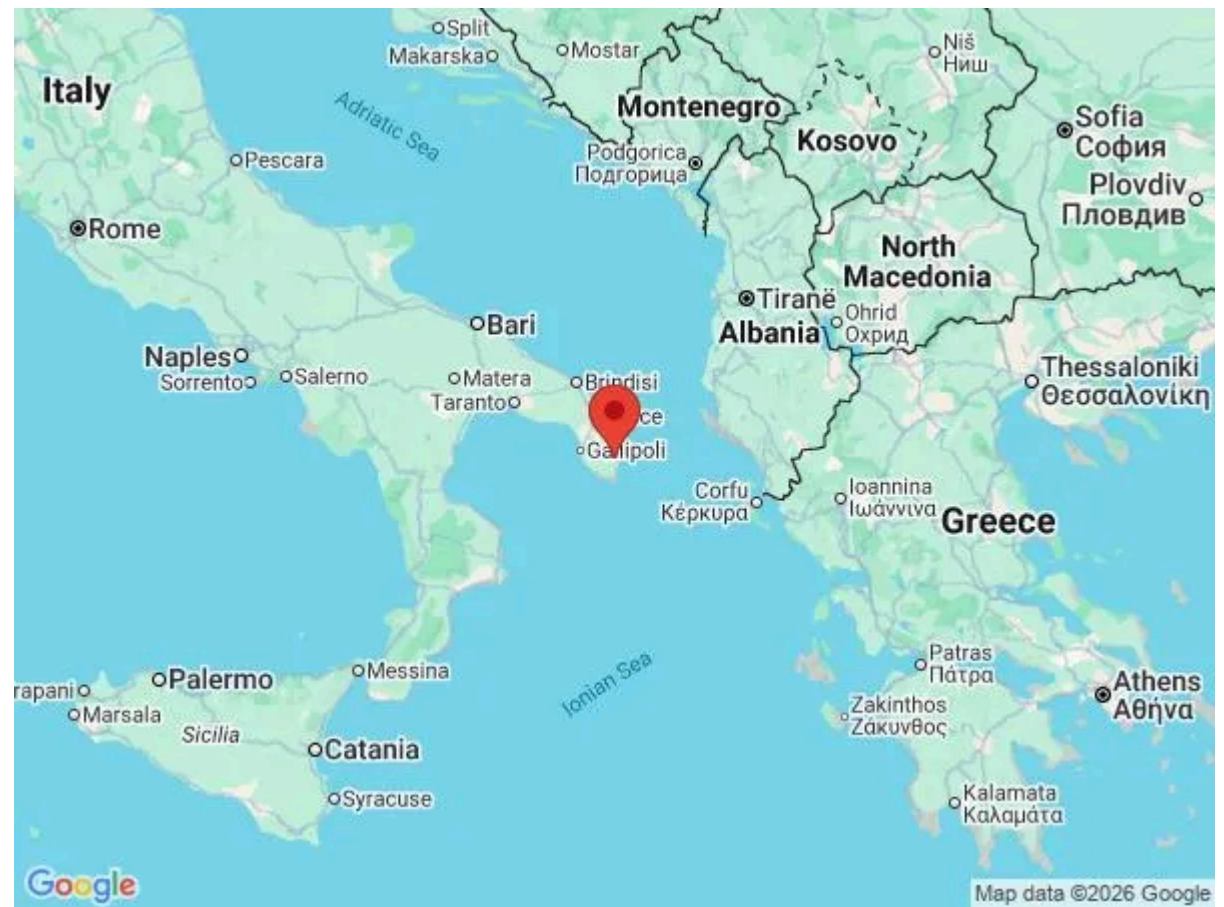
## Location & Local Information

Villa Rhodiola is situated in the idyllic location of Puglia in Italy's heel. With a selection of historic towns and villages nearby, this is a wonderful villa for a holiday exploring with family or friends.

The villa sits amidst swathes of centuries-old olive groves and typical Apulian red-earthed farmland. You are not cut off however as the nearest village is just 1.5km from Villa Rhodiola. It is a calm, traditional style village with shops, restaurants and bars within easy reach. The village is filled with historic architecture as you will see from the 14th-century Spinola-Caracciolo castle which dominates the landscape. The castle once protected the locals from invasion but now it can be visited on guided tours and also holds regular fetes and village events. There are also lots of beautiful medieval churches around the village which you can explore, such as the Chiesa Santa Maria Maddalena.

When you want to head to the sea, there are plenty of rocky bays/cliffs to choose from like Marina di Andrano, or if you would prefer a beach club with sun loungers and a bar then try Swim Liberi di Nuotare. The nearest sandy beach can be found in Otranto (25km). This coastline is also dotted with enchanting caves such as Grotta Verde which you can swim inside to see the stunning interiors and cave formations.

Another lovely place to visit is Tricase which is a large town just 8.5km away from Villa Rhodiola. Tricase is a wonderful place to visit for history lovers as it is filled with Roman, medieval and Baroque buildings. The town has an impressive 5 castles including the 16th-century Caprarica castle in and around the center as well as museums, convents and ornate ancient churches where you can learn more about the history of this area. Start off at the beautiful main square, the Piazza Pisanelli and follow the labyrinth of old streets as you pop in to the historic buildings, ideal for escaping the midday heat. You will also find plenty of places to eat and drink here, ranging from small cafes to trendy bars. Head down to Tricase Porto



which is the coastal area of the town for protected award-winning beaches, walking routes and the pretty port.

Castro is 5km away from the villa and is the largest local town, known as the "Pearl of the Salento". Perched on a cliff top looking out at the sea, Castro is an imposing fortress town with a very long history; settled by Ancient Greeks, followed by Romans and then Normans. These past inhabitants have left their marks on the town in the form of ruins and buildings which you can spot as you walk the postcard-like streets. Some of the key sights include the vast castle and its towers and the 12th-century Romanesque style cathedral. Aside from the charming old town which is packed with historic attractions and eateries, the marina is the place to be. You can find quaint seafood restaurants and bars which overlook the sea in the marina and of course boats which can take you on trips around the coastline and in to stunning caves such as Grotta Zinzulusa which is the biggest in the area.

If you would like to explore the region further then why not drive to Lecce which is 47km away, Santa Maria di Leuca which is 25km away or even Salento which is 73km away.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Brindisi (100km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Bari (220km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Acquaviva di Marittima (pebble/rock cove beach) or Otranto (sandy beach) (6km or 25km)</b>

Nearest Tennis **Tricase**  
(7km)

Nearest Train  
Station **Lecce**  
(50km)

## What we love

- Villa Rhodiola is an elegant new home with the exterior of a traditional Salento farmhouse and spacious, modern interiors
- Guests can choose from 7 light and airy bedrooms, each with chic en-suite bathrooms. You will even find a freestanding bath in 1 of the rooms
- The garden is a little oasis where you can spend plenty of time relaxing; enjoy the hydromassage feature of the infinity pool as you gaze out at the surrounding olive groves
- The villa is situated amongst rolling farmland, but the nearest village is only 1.5km away. There you will find local shops and restaurants

## What you should know...

- This lovely villa is accessed via a small staircase and there are steps to the lower-ground floor bedrooms - guests with mobility issues should be aware of this.
- Rocky beaches/cliffs can be reached easily from the villa (6km) and the nearest sandy beach can be found in Otranto (25km).
- We recommend bringing a car to make the most of the gorgeous Salento region of Puglia as there is lots to see and do.
- 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.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival or through an online deposit request charged to clients credit card and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.<br> This lovely villa is accessed via a small staircase and there are steps to the lower-ground floor bedrooms - guests with mobility issues should be aware of this.<br>
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** 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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Other 2:** 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.
- **Other 3:** Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. 4 nights on request outside July, August and September.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost of 250€ per week, payable locally.
- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to 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.