

Villa Nyla

Region: Croatia Sleeps: 8

Overview

Less than 15 minutes' drive from the centre of Rovinj, the beautiful Villa Nyla enjoys a peaceful location while still being close to this charming coastal city. With a fresh, open feel, this one-storey property is set in large gardens and comes with a private pool.

Villa Nyla can accommodate up to eight guests and has three bedrooms. The spacious, tree-filled gardens create a lovely open area, while the terrace which wraps itself around the house features a dining space and loungers from which to soak up the views. There's a barbecue too, and a comfy lounge with easy access inside.

The house impresses immediately with its space and homely character. From the terrace you walk straight into the open-plan living area which comprises a lounge, dining area and kitchen. You have ample seating on the sofas or at the dinner table, a large TV, fireplace and everything you need for cooking and entertaining. Floor-to-ceiling windows ensure natural light pours into this inviting room.

A king-size bedroom and a twin bedroom can be found on the same level, along with a bathroom each – one of these has a bathtub and both have a shower. If you would like extra privacy, stroll across the lawn to the separate building which contains another bedroom, along with its own kitchen, dining area, living room and bathroom. A pull-out sofa can accommodate two more guests here if required.

The jewel of the Istrian coast, gorgeous Rovinj is just 9km from Villa Nyla. Gateway to the nearby islands, it has a charming Old Town dominated by the bell tower of the Baroque church of St Euphemia. Especially busy in summer, this popular town hosts art and music festivals and delivers excellent dining, shopping and sporting



opportunities. It's also a great base if you fancy exploring other major cities, with Poreč and Pula to the north and south respectively.

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa

Main House

- Fully equipped kitchen with dining area
- Open plan living area with fireplace
- Double bedroom with king size bed
- Twin bedroom with two single beds
- Two bathrooms; both with showers and one with bathtub

The Cottage

- Minimalist kitchen
- Open-plan living room and dining area
- One bedroom with en suite bathroom and pull out sofa

Exterior Grounds

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Location & Local Information

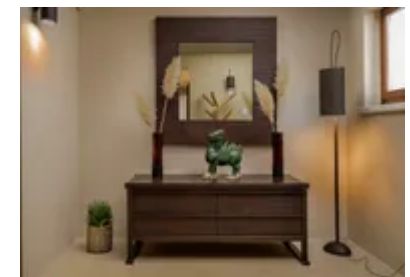
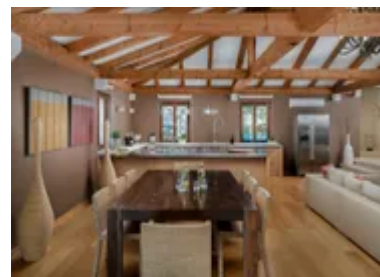
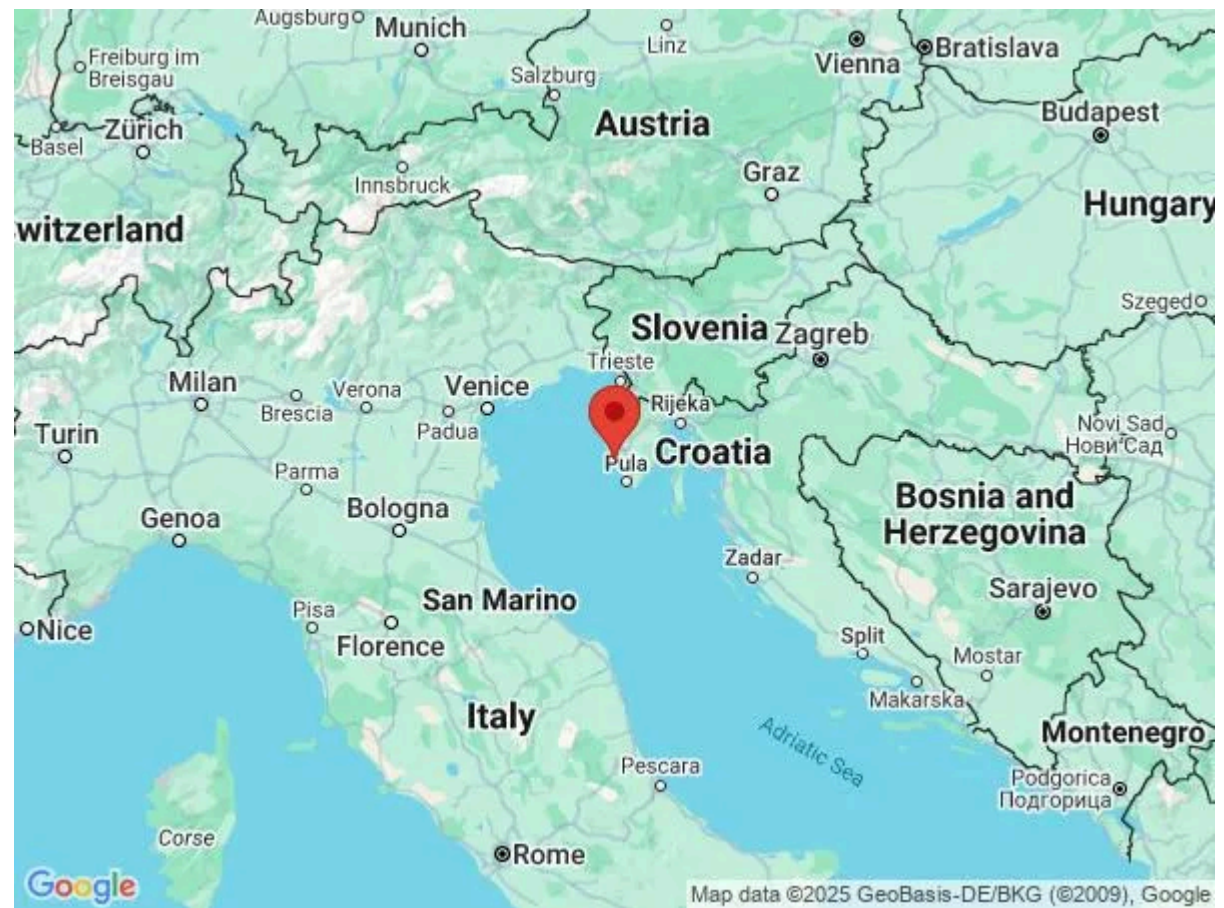
The Old Town of Rovinj, which sits on a peninsula protruding from the west coast of Istria, is one of the Croatia's top attractions. Rivalled only by Dubrovnik on visitor numbers, it's an atmospheric place with a pretty harbour and an Italianate vibe. It's relatively central position on the coast puts Pula, Poreč, Novigrad and even the outskirts of Italy and Slovenia within reach.

It's worth exploring the pretty Old Town for gems like the church of St Euphemia, Rovinj's most prominent landmark, and a host of courtyards and Venetian-style houses. The lofty bell tower of the church was modelled on that of St Mark's Cathedral in that same city. Nearby Grisia is a cobbled street lined with craft and souvenir shops. You will also find plenty of cafés and bars dotted around Rovinj which add to a relaxed atmosphere, even if it can get busy during the summer.

Several islands lie off the coast of Rovinj, so it's a good place to take a boat trip. If you're into diving, the wreck of an Austrian steamer, the Baron Gautsch, lies beneath the waters of Rovinj, with organised dives available to join. For beach life, a lovely stretch lies south of the Old Town, and you will find some pebbly coves at the Punta Corrente Forest Park – a relaxing spot about 15 minutes' walk away.

A few museums and galleries can be found around town, while in summer, arts and music festivals and cultural events in the main square bring the town to life. Rovinj isn't a big party town, but what it lacks in clubbing, it makes up for with an excellent dining scene. Some restaurants here are among the best in the region, and many are among the most expensive too, but it's still possible to find great food at a reasonable price.

Further up the coast, Poreč is a good choice for a day away. The 6th-century Euphrasian Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is among the notable historic sights, while the lovely Sveti Nikola island is just a few minutes' boat ride offshore. If you fancy a bike ride instead, head for the Parenzana Trail. The local cycle route of choice, it



runs along the path of what was once a railway track stretching all the way to Trieste.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Pula Airport (33km)
Nearest Town/City	Rovinj (9km)
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Nearest Beach	Cisterna Beach (3.2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Agriturismo Arka (1.)
Nearest Supermarket	Plodine (8km)

What we love

- There's a real warmth and cosiness to the styling of this charming villa – you are sure to feel right at home.
- The beautiful garden is itself a highlight of this property. There are lovely country views and a wonderful feeling of openness and tranquility here.
- If you value getting a bit of time to yourself, you might want to secure the separate apartment. It's a charming property in its own right, with a mini-terrace dining area surrounded by green space.

What you should know...

- A security deposit is required to stay at Villa Nyla.
- Pets are not permitted at this property.
- This is a non-smoking property.

Terms & Conditions

The youngest of the family can enjoy a wide variety of experiences in Istria. If they are into caves they will be spoilt for choice. Complete with lakes, Baredine Cave is just a bus ride from the centre of Poreč, while the cave of Špilja Mramornica is found just outside Novigrad. This is one of the largest in the country and boasts stalagmites as long as 13m. Meanwhile, Festini Caves, near Zminj, offer tours underground as well as a play park and mini-farm.

For water park fun, one of the best places to be is Aqualand Istralandia near Novigrad. Croatia's first water park is reckoned to be one of the best in Europe and has a huge range of rides and big water slides. Poreč's Aquapark Aquacolors is another one for your list, with zones for adrenaline, fun, relaxation and a (dry) kids' playground. The huge, colourful slides like Freefall, Windigo and Turbolance definitely belong in the adrenaline category.

To slow things down, try the Kamenjak Nature Park, just outside Premantura. It offers beautiful beaches as well as stunning scenery made for walking or cycling. A dinosaur nature trail and adventure playground appeal for younger children, while anyone will get a kick of spotting a dolphin off the coast.

Another pleasingly peaceful spot can be found near the small town of Pazin – the beautiful Zarečki Krov Waterfall. This delightful landmark offers a great opportunity to get back to nature and is surrounded by forest, so you might want to take a picnic and just chill out for a bit.

If your kids love dinosaurs, Dinopark Funtana is a must. About 15 minutes' drive south of Poreč, this park has dino-fun and activities galore, making for an entertaining family day out. Poreč packs in a lot of family attractions – Motodrom offers go-karting for younger children, teens and adults, and the Sky Fox park has paintballing, obstacle courses and zip-lines.

Also be sure to check out Glavani Park, an outdoor adventure park with high ropes, a climbing wall and a human catapult among other stimulating activities. Adults and kids alike rave about the place – it's about 40 minutes from Rovinj.

If wildlife is more their thing, Papago Park in Poreč has exotic birds aplenty, including parrots, ducks and cockatoos. Meanwhile Pula Aquarium, situated in the mighty Fort Verudella, is just one place to get to know the creatures of the Adriatic. While you're there, be sure to stop by the city's amazing amphitheatre – one of the region's

architectural high-spots.