Villa Sonja

Region: Slovenia **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Dating as far back as 1767, the newly restored Villa Sonja boasts three bedrooms, a private terrace, a tranquil garden and an abundance of countryside charm. Nestled within the mountains and valleys of Slovenia's green Karst region, the villa's location in the idyllic village of Koseze near Ilirska Bistrica offers plenty of beautiful hiking and biking trails, as well as some of the country's most enchanting cultural landmarks within easy driving distance. With authentic features and contemporary home comforts, Villa Sonja is the perfect place to immerse yourself in Slovenia's spectacular natural beauty whilst unwinding with your loved ones.



Each morning, bright blue skies and the gentle breeze will draw you outside to the peace and quiet of the villa's garden, where you can enjoy a leisurely breakfast or a simple cup of coffee in the sunshine. Spend the morning reading in the garden or take a stroll to enjoy the soothing sounds of the nearby river before returning to the cheerful green front door of Villa Sonja. Inside, guests will find a comfortable lounge area with a sofa and a flat-screen TV, which leads to a fully equipped kitchen with contemporary white tilework and modern appliances. Here, there is a charming dining area where everyone can gather together to discuss the day's adventures over a delicious meal and a glass of excellent Slovenian wine.







At Villa Sonja, three beautiful bedrooms offer a restful ambience, with rustic décor that perfectly encapsulates the effortless natural beauty of the villa's surroundings. The first bedroom, located on the ground floor, has been named Flora. This bright and airy double room boasts an original wooden ceiling beam, while a glass door leads to the villa's courtyard terrace, which features a romantic seating area. A modern en-suite bathroom provides guests with a walk-in shower and a vanity basin made from

antique stone sourced locally.

The villa's second bedroom, Vita, is another welcoming double room with traditional flooring, vaulted ceilings with exposed wooden beams and natural wooden furniture. This warm and inviting room offers a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere, while the en-suite bathroom provides guests with another walk-in shower. Vita also features a robust wooden ladder leading up to a secret den for younger visitors! This renovated attic space is very cosy, with original stone walls and a low wooden ceiling.

Meanwhile, the third bedroom in the villa, Gaja, is a large, light-filled space with more hardwood finishes, a sumptuous double bed, and an antique wardrobe. Gaja features another en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower, as well as a relaxing private lounge area with a comfortable armchair.

With a rejuvenating rural setting amidst the wonders of the Karst countryside, guests at Villa Sonja will be enchanted time and time again by Slovenia's stunning natural beauty.

Facilities

Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Great Value • Villa • Cots (Cribs) • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • TV • Heating • Supports the local community (locally owned) • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Interior Grounds
- Feature lobby with antique furniture
- Open plan living space
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Charming dining area
- Cosy lounge with comfortable sofa and flatscreen TV
- Flora: bright double bedroom with terrace access
- Vita: warm double bedroom with access to attic
- Gaja: spacious double bedroom with lounge area
- Converted attic space for kids
- Three modern en-suite bathrooms with walk-in showers

Outside Grounds
- Expansive garden
- Private wooden terrace
- Courtyard area
- Casual outdoor dining space
- Outdoor seating

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Central heating
- Private parking on site
- Flatscreen TVs
- Sofa bed
- Kettle
- Coffee machine
- Toaster
- Hairdryer
- Welcome drink
- Iron
- Unique local experiences available
- Cot and highchair (please request)









Location & Local Information

Situated in the pretty village of Koseze, Villa Sonja is just one kilometre away from the town of Ilirska Bistrica, which is home to a range of convenient local amenities. Guests at the villa will find plenty of scenic hiking and biking trails to explore, encompassing green Karst pastures and ancient woodlands which ascend to the peaks of nearby Sneznik Mountain. Perched at 1,796 metres above sea level, the mountain offers breathtaking panoramic views which stretch from the majestic Alps to the turquoise waters of the Adriatic Sea.

From your peaceful garden at Villa Sonja, the sparkling Mediterranean coastlines of both Italy and Slovenia can be reached within an hour by car. If the sea beckons, you can spend the day exploring the coastal gems of Koper, Ankaran and Piran, or cross the border to enjoy the relaxed ambience of the Italian seaside, where you can swim on Castelreggio Beach, overlooked by the Duino Cliffs. City lovers will adore the bustling Italian port of Trieste, where you can stroll along the streets before stopping off for a coffee at the iconic Caffè San Marco.

Why not make the most of Villa Sonja's unique location by doing something a little different? Roughly thirty-five minutes away by car, the astonishing Postojna Cave provides a fascinating change of scenery! Here, you can board the train and take in the sights of this amazing subterranean wonder whilst travelling along the oldest cave railway in the world. Located nearby, Predjama Castle is an impressive Rennaissance structure built into the mouth of a cave on a dramatic cliffside, which also features in the Guinness Book of World Records. Slightly closer to home, the limestone system of the Škocjan Caves is another awe-inspiring attraction that includes one of the world's largest known underground river canyons, making it a well-deserved UNESCO World Heritage site.

If the imposing Predjama Castle leaves you feeling eager for more picturesque sights, Villa Sonja's nearest castle is Prem Castle, a beautifully preserved fortification which









dates back to before 1213. Pack a picnic and wander around the castle grounds to immerse yourself in Slovenia's fascinating history. Back at home, your friendly and attentive hosts will be happy to introduce you to local traditions, providing an intimate insight into the wonderful world of beekeeping. Guests at Villa Sonja can arrange to visit a local apiary and witness the magic of the natural world first-hand or enjoy the sweetness of the Slovenian landscape at a private honey tasting!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Rijeka International Airport (60 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Ilirska Bistrica Station (2.4 km)**
Nearest Village	**Koseze (Walking distance)**
Nearest Town/City	**Ilirska Bistrica (2.2 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Gostilna in Pizzeria Hiša Primc (700 m)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Park Seventeen - Lounge bar & Pizza (1.2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Tuš supermarket Ilirska Bistrica (1km)**
Nearest Beach	**Plaža Črnikovica - Volosko (Croatia) (29.4 km)**

What we love

- Charming farmhouse features and tranquil natural surroundings made our stay at Villa Sonja a truly authentic rural retreat! We loved waking up to the sound of birdsong each day, before enjoying a leisurely breakfast in the sunny garden
- After a day spent exploring nearby Snežnik Mountain, we adored gathering everyone together at sunset for a delicious meal and a glass of excellent Slovenian wine
- A visit to the breathtaking underground world of the Škocjan Caves gave us a chance to witness a fascinating side of Slovenia we never knew existed!
- We highly recommend the villa's unique beekeeping experience, which was the perfect way to discover an important Slovenian tradition whilst enjoying the sweet taste of local honey

What you should know...

- You may wish to rent a car to make the most of the surrounding area, due to Villa Sonja's rural location
- We recommend that young children remain supervised whilst playing in the garden
- The villa can accommodate up to eight guests. The converted attic space is suitable for younger visitors

Terms & Conditions

- **Arrival time:** 4:00 PM

- **Departure time:** 11:00 AM

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €10 per pet per day will apply

- **Changeover day:** Flexible

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights. All other durations on request

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included