

Villa Aracena

Region: Andalucia Sleeps: 10

Overview

Situated in the beautiful Andalucian countryside, this charming villa enjoys exceptional views over the surrounding parkland, offering a secluded setting to enjoy a relaxing break with family and friends.

Surrounded by cork and chestnut trees, Villa Aracena is a typical *cortijo*, a traditional rural property featuring a large main house and a separate outbuilding, where you can find a self-contained studio space for additional guests.

With white-washed walls and traditional terracotta tiled roofs, the main house has plenty of character, and various plants and flowering climbers add colour to the exterior. Entering through a charming porch-way, the ground floor opens out to bright and spacious rooms with tall sloping ceilings and exposed timber beams. Traditional tiled floors run throughout, and country-style furniture is thoughtfully arranged to create a warm and inviting space.

A large living room sits to the side of the house, with a series of openings that lead out to the upper terrace, and a handful of sofas positioned beside the fireplace offer a comfortable place to sit or enjoy a cosy evening during the cooler months. An arched opening through to the kitchen, which has a typical farmhouse feel, and a dining table in the centre provide ample room for all the guests. To the rear of the house, a beautiful terrace enjoys views over the garden, and a dining table sits beneath the pergola with a lovely wisteria that winds down the pillars to the level below.

On the lower floor, an impressive library invites you to browse the high shelves and relax with a book, whilst to the back of the room, a large pool table and TV are perfect for kids to entertain themselves during the evenings or on rainy days. Sitting to the side of the house, a charming



courtyard features a tiled patio full of planted pots, and a pleasant seating area offers the ideal spot for enjoying a coffee in the morning sun. The large grass lawn stretches away from the house, where you can enjoy a game of croquet or practice some morning yoga, and a beautifully planted pathway leads down to the lower terrace, where the saltwater pool invites you to cool off with a swim. A handful of loungers nearby are perfectly positioned for drying off beneath the sun or sitting around the table and enjoying lunch beside the pool.

The main house has four bedrooms for guests to choose from, each with its own character. The master suite sits to the corner of the house with double doors that open out to a private balcony, which you can leave ajar to enjoy a gentle breeze and the sound of the birds in the morning. The room features a large double bed, as well as a settee and traditional writing table. A second double bedroom also enjoys its own ensuite bathroom, whilst two further rooms with double zip link beds each have access to private shower rooms across the corridor.

The fifth bedroom can be found in the outbuilding, where a self-contained studio enjoys its own separate entrance. As well as a double bed and bathroom, the charming studio enjoys a small seating area and a little kitchenette offering independence to guests who want additional privacy.

Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Cycling • Washing Machine • TV • Villa • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • Cots (Cribs) • Pool/Snooker • Private Pool • Has Offer • Special Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Spa Treatments Available • Children's books • Ideal for Kids • Changing mat • Ideal for Teens • Microwave • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Aracena is a secluded and calming property in Andalucia, with a separate studio accommodation, for those who are looking for a slice of rural paradise yet still close to local towns.

Main House

- Living room with high ceilings, fireplace, and access to the exterior
- Dining room with large table and access to the exterior
- Library with pool table and books
- Main bedroom with double bed (150 x 200 cm), en-suite bathroom, and access to the terrace
- Bedroom with double bed (200 x 200 cm) and en-suite shower
- Bedroom with joined single beds (180 x 200 cm) that can be set as twins and private shower
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Studio

- Bedroom with double bed (150 x 200 cm), private entrance, and en-suite shower
- Open-plan living room and kitchenette
- Access to a private patio with seating
- Laundry room (next door to the studio)

Exterior

- Various outdoor spaces within a private gate and fencing
- Large garden space with various plants, rose garden, and trees
- Staircase leading down to a fenced pool with outdoor shower, poolside cabana, and sun loungers
- Covered terrace with outdoor dining table and barbecue
- Outdoor table tennis

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Heating
- Washing machine (x2)
- Extra children's beds (*please see T&Cs*)
- Cot and highchairs (*on request*)
- Standing fans
- Coffee maker
- Archery game

Tourist License Number: VTAR/HU/0071



Location & Local Information

Located within the beautiful Sierra de Aracena Natural Park, Villa Aracena enjoys a secluded setting whilst being roughly a twenty-minute walk from the local town however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements.

Covered in acres of cork and chestnut trees, the surrounding landscape has plenty of trails to enjoy, inviting you to discover the sloping hills and long valleys. Timeless villages dot the hillside, where you can discover the rural settlements with their traditional Moorish heritage, ancient mosques and unassuming baroque churches. Explore the area on foot or enjoy a gentle horseback ride guided by local caballeros. The nearby El Chaparral riding centre offers excursions and courses for all ages and abilities.

Roughly two kilometres from the villa, the charming settlement of Aracena dates back to the Chalcolithic period, originally built as a "castle" village on the hill. The impressive Castillo Fortaleza occupies the highest point and enjoys panoramic views over the town and surrounding countryside. You can learn about its history on a guided tour and explore the remaining ruins of its defensive walls, or visit the historic Nuestra Senora del Mayor Dolor church with its blend of architectural styles. The central Plaza de Marques de Aracena, known as the *paseo* (main square), is lined with lively bars and restaurants. Stop off at Cafe-Bar Mazano to enjoy some lunch and sample traditional plates of tapas such as the typical *jamon serrano*, wild asparagus or delicious *setas* (wild mushrooms), which are prominent during the autumn months. For a sweet treat, head to the long-established Confiteria Rufino to enjoy some exquisite pastries and cakes that have been said to have been praised by kings.

Just a 15-minute drive away, the pretty village of Fuenteheridos is worth visiting, where you can wander along the narrow cobbled streets and discover the traditional houses with their rustic wooden balconies and colourful geranium plants. Visit the spring-water fountain from which the settlement took its name or walk up to the main square, where you can find a handful of restaurants, such as the popular La Posada bar, where you can enjoy a beer on its sunny terrace and observe the daily village activity.

The vibrant city of Seville is just over an hour's drive away, where you can discover the spectacular Islamic architecture and take a tour around the beautiful Royal Alcazar. There are plenty of shops and restaurants to enjoy, as well as a handful of art and sculpture galleries, making it easy to spend the day getting lost in this colourful, romantic city. Why not stop off for some *tapas* in the beautiful Jewish Quarter before heading to a passionate *flamenco* show?



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Seville Airport (96 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Port of Huelva (118 km)

Nearest Train Station	Jabugo Train Station (23 km)
Nearest Town	Aracena (2 km)
Nearest City	Seville (90 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurante Casa Sirlache (2 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar Chotela (2 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Mercadona (3 km)
Nearest Beach	Mazagon Bech (115 km)
Nearest Golf	Corta Atalaya Golf Club (33 km)

What we love

- Surrounded by cork and chestnut trees, Villa Aracena enjoys a completely secluded position, with plenty of hiking trails making it easy to explore the wonderful surrounding landscape
- The beautiful garden is full of vibrant planting and pretty flowers, inviting you to enjoy warm days outside, reading a book beneath the trees or relaxing beside the pool
- With its traditional furnishings and personal touches, Villa Aracena offers a homely setting to relax and spend time with the family in comfort
- Set within the beautiful Sierra de Aracena Natural Park, the Villa enjoys exceptional views over the surrounding area and you can watch the beautiful sunset from the balcony

What you should know...

- Since the nearest airport in Seville is over an hour away, we recommend renting a car to reach local amenities and explore the surrounding area! Get in touch with our Concierge (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/concierge/>) team to enquire about car rentals today...
- It is possible to arrange events, such as retreats, at Villa Aracena - please enquire for more information!
- Please note that the owner can accommodate an extra 3 children on extra beds! Please request this during the booking process
- You may see a farm cat around
- There is a bumpy road to get to the property so make sure you drive slowly
- The property is set on different levels both internally and externally accessed by several stairs throughout

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €300 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection. An extra 3 mattresses can be provided for guests, in order to accommodate 3 more children. Please note that these beds are available, subject to availability, and are only suitable for children for an additional charge of €20/night. If you require them, please request this during the booking process.
- **Arrival time:** 4 pm. Please advise the owner if you plan on arriving later.
- **Departure time:** Departure is at 10am but guests are asked to leave their bedrooms by 9:30 am.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price, and changed weekly.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not permitted.
- **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. Please be aware that guests are only permitted to use the barbecue on the outdoor terrace. It must be kept away from dry grass and other fire hazards.
- **Changeover day:** Friday and Saturday during April to September. Other days on request. Flexible during other periods.
- **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?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during April and September. 4 nights during other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Not available.
- **Tax:** Tourist Tax included in the rental price.
- **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.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes
- **Beach towels included?:** Not available.