

“Dobrodošli” at Apartment Tranquillo!

Welcome to Apartment Tranquillo in our Villa Kamenjak!

We are very pleased to have you here and hope that you will enjoy your stay. We have put together a little booklet with some practical tips and advice to make things easier for you. Please read through it carefully. If you need to check something later, everything is in alphabetical order so that you can quickly find what you are looking for.

Villa Kamenjak is my childhood dream. I was born and raised in Vela Luka and have always wanted my own home base here. We completed the house in 2014 after we had mastered all legal, organizational, and logistical challenges. A crucial part of my dream was to build the house with low energy technologies and environmentally friendly. And so we did: In Villa Kamenjak, electricity and warm water are generated by the sun, and water is stored in the rainwater tank under the house. We greatly appreciate your support to our approach: Please use electricity (max 4kw) and water (warm water boiler ca. 200 l for the whole house) with care. In 2021, the house has been connected to local water and electricity supply. We did not want to give up our dream, however, and therefore decided to use the water supply as backup only and for drinking water (see below). In addition, we installed air-conditioners because the summers were getting hotter and hotter... 🌞

Unfortunately, since we live in Germany, we usually stay in our other apartment upstairs only a few weeks during summer. In addition, we do invite friends and family from time to time. The lower terrace and the bathing area with jetty and ladder are for guests from both flats.

If you have any questions or concerns during your stay, please contact the agency or our local housekeeper Maja at +385 91 7293588.

Happy reading -
we wish you a wonderful holiday...

Dunja
with Axel, Lena and Luka



Useful information for Apartment Tranquillo (in alphabetical order)

Air-Conditioner	The air-conditioners in the bedrooms were installed in 2021. Please keep the windows and the bedroom doors closed when you use them – do not use them to cool down the whole apartment. We recommend switching them on only for a while before you go to bed and keeping them off during the nights.
Barbecue	You can use the “Weber” grill if you like, please consult the manual first (in the drawer below the TV) and clean the grill after usage. Barbecue charcoal and fire lighter cubes are all available at local supermarkets.
Car Rental	You can find car rental services at most of the travel agencies. Our favourite is the Mediterano Tourist Agency near the post office (www.mediterano.hr , Contact: tel. +385 20 813832 or mobile +385 91 5349889)
Cleaning	Please leave the apartment reasonably tidy and remove your personal items and your garbage before you leave; we will have the place cleaned properly after your departure. If you do want to or have to clean during your stay, you can find some cleaning devices in the kitchen and in the bathroom.
Coffee	Croatians traditionally drink Turkish coffee at home. The necessary pot can be found in the kitchen with the cups above the stove on the right. You can also use the provided Italian espresso maker or our filter coffee machine.
Damage	If something does not work or you damage something yourselves, please call the housekeeper or the agency so that we are aware and can do something about it.
Doctor	There is a small hospital in town (Dom zdravlja, Ulica 1) that also welcomes tourists and has a doctor on duty around the clock. If you drive to Vela Luka from here, the hospital is about 400 m after you get into town. Head straight for the building, the road makes a sharp bend to the right just before you get there. If you need an ambulance, please call +385 20 601740 or the emergency number 112.
Drinking Water	The tap water in the house is rainwater from our water tank. It is perfectly fine for brushing teeth, cooking or making tea and coffee; however, it is advisable to boil it before drinking it to be on the safe side. If you want to fill up your bottles with regular (drinking) water from the city water system, you can use the tap next to the olive tree under the parking lot (reachable from the stairs).

Electricity	Our system is designed for a usage of max. 4 kW. Therefore, we kindly ask you to use energy-thirsty devices or appliances for a short time only, not more than one at the same time and preferably during the day. Devices and appliances with a high energy consumption include hairdryers, kettles, fans, coolers etc. Our air-conditioner is supplied with conventional electricity (since 2021)
Emergency Number	Hopefully you will not need this number. However, if you do, please call 112.
Fireplace	You should not need it from May to September. If you are here outside that time and would like to heat the house, please call Maja before using the fireplace.
Gas Cooker	The cooker is supplied with gas from a gas bottle (under the cooker on the left). If it is ever empty, please call Maja so she can see to it that it is replaced.
Internet	Internet access is available via mobile network or via Wifi "Kamenjak" (also via mobile network). It works with a prepaid sim-card. If you want to use the Wifi-connection and cannot get access, please contact Maja. The password is 20Luka19. A more stable Wi-Fi (via fixed line or cable) is available in most of the cafés in Vela Luka.
Kitchen	It is equipped with a kettle, toaster and gas cooker. It does not have an oven or microwave due to their high electricity consumption.
Mosquitos	The best way to keep them outside is to pull down the mosquito screens in the bedrooms. It is best to also have the window shutters closed during the day to keep the house cool.
Parking	There is one parking space per apartment under the solar panel roof. Please make sure that you do not block the entrance for guests of the other apartment or for visitors.
Pharmacy	You can find one in town next door to Caffè Tropicana on the right.
Restaurants	There are many of them in Vela Luka. Two restaurants for authentic local cuisine in walking distance are Miletić (just before Mindel Camping Site, tel. +385 95 911 1308) and Siloko (in neighbouring Gradina Bay, tel. +385 91 2011040). You should book a table in advance because these insider tips are no longer a secret...
Showers	It can take a while for the hot water from the solar-heated boiler (on top of the car park roof) to get to the taps. Please use warm water sparingly as you will have to wait till the next sunny day for more when it is finished (200 l for the whole house). After swimming in the sea, you can use the outdoor shower by the garden shed. Please make sure that you close the water tap on the wall afterwards.
Shopping	Vela Luka and the neighbouring town of Blato have everything you need to get by. The biggest nearby supermarket is the Tommy Hipermarket next to Vela Luka harbour.

Taxi	We can recommend the following taxi drivers in Vela Luka: Papre (tel. +385 91 1521993) and Petar (tel. +385 95 7354396). Our address is "Put Stračinčica 7c" (Villa Kamenjak). If the taxi driver does not know it, tell them it is the house next to "Villa Kamen".
Television	There are a wide variety of Astra and Eutelsat channels available via satellite. Simply switch on the television and receiver and select the channel of your choice on the receiver.
Things To Do	<p>There are many sights and attractions waiting to be discovered... Vela Luka is a typical coastal town with many attractive rocky and pebble beaches nearby, as well as several offshore bathing islands. The small, car-free island of Proizd offers beautiful pebble beaches and is a two-time "Croatia's beach of the year" winner. There are several inviting restaurants and bars along the harbour promenade and many good opportunities to do some hiking, biking, fishing, water sports or diving (PADI Diving School).</p> <p>The highest point of the island is Mount Hum (376 m) to the south west of Vela Luka. Besides tourism, the economy also relies on fishing, winemaking and olive growing. Another tourist attraction on the island is the picturesque town of Korčula at the opposite end of the almost 40 km long island. The town is known as "Little Dubrovnik" due to its architecture and vicinity to the city and is also the birthplace of the famous Venetian merchant traveller Marco Polo. There are also countless other authentic coastal and inland towns and villages with a pleasant blend of tourism infrastructure and intact local culture. Please also refer to the separate entry "Travel Agency".</p>
Trash	Please dispose of your trash in the intended waste containers. The nearest one is about 400 m from here on the way to Vela Luka (next to the electricity station). Recycling containers can be found in front of the hospital at the end of the Vela Luka Bay on the way to the town centre. Any purchased plastic or glass bottle with deposits on them can be returned to the Tommy Hipermarket near the harbour.
Travel Agency	They can help with any tourist-related questions, e.g. excursions, car rentals, scooter rentals, boat rentals, accommodation in other places, etc. Our favourite is the Mediterano Tourist Agency near the post office (www.mediterano.hr Contact: tel. +385 20 813832 or mobile +385 91 5349889).
Windows	It is recommended to keep the shutters closed during the day to keep the house cool.