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Zen Vida - Villa in Son Vida



Imagine a Japanese Emperor looking for a modern day holiday home in Europe. He would surely choose MJC's dream property "Zen Vida". Here he could spend splendid nights above the hills of Son Vida, nestled in this tranquil idyll. The villa emanates freedom, inspiration and spiritual protection.

The extensive terraces dominating the front facade of Zen Vida offer the owner alluring dream views far across Palma and the endless sea. A broad porch is perched on white columns and backed up by a zigzag glass front that looks like a distended bellow. Standing behind it inside, the visitor gets an impression of limitless space. This villa in Son Vida is, especially because of its protected private sphere in an exclusive location, ideal for a celebrity, an actor or a show star. Naturally, less public individuals would love the property just as well.

"Zen Vida" is an authentic glamour home, offering all the extras for an outstanding living experience, without being brash. The overall design is coherent and follows one theme. All elements are arranged with style and taste. The approach and the following inspection of the plot generate a growing "wow" factor, as it becomes clear that this is something very special.



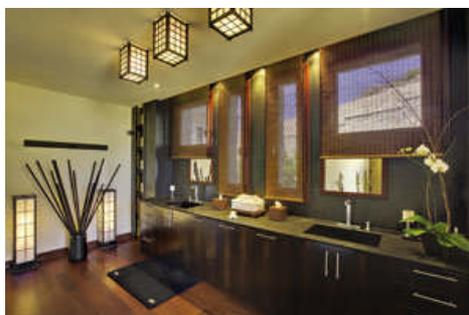
Walls of local stone give the courtyard a quiet, close-to-nature ambience of wellness. Orange and lemon trees sprout from the hanging gardens in the patio. One reaches the ground terrace stepping down an intricate stone staircase which winds around the core building. Entering the area around the swimming pool one fully appreciates the exclusiveness of this place. "Zen Vida" sits above all the other properties in the area, having been built at a majestic height.

The members of the owner family had finished the house's construction in 2006 with the purpose of using the property themselves. But in the end they only used it sporadically. Now the future purchaser has the privilege of enjoying the "dramatic sunrises", highlighted in the MJC Associates' advertisement. The straightforward architecture mingles with the meditative atmosphere. It's not by chance that the building carries the word "Zen" in its name, a homage to Zen Buddhism. Symbols of Far East culture are subtle proof of that almost everywhere in the house. There are Lucky Bamboo spirals in the basement, white cloths with Japanese letters at the wall behind the master bedroom, Buddhist figures on the ground floor (indoors and outdoors), and vessels with wooden sticks in the bathrooms. Thanks to oil lamps with open flames, the indoor and outdoor ambience can become ceremonial.



The entire furnishings to equip “Zen Vida” were produced to order and are included in the total price. Beds and tables are made of massive pieces of wood imported from the US and from South America. The floors are partly made of wood and marble. On the terrace, astonishing Brazilian “Masaranduba” wood is employed - twice as hard as teak. Altogether 100 tons of granite, stone and marble and tropical wood were used.

The furnishings do not seem overly commanding at first sight. The attention is on a pure, classic style and at a second glance, one realises that the highest quality standards for materials prevail. Door and window levers have even been designed by Sir Norman Foster, the architect responsible for London’s Millennium Bridge, amongst other projects. On the first floor, white leather chairs of luxury manufacturer Natuzzi are arranged in the office, whereas in other places in the house one comes across products of superb brands like Züeco and Blum.



The villa in Son Vida has three different floors, amounting to a living space of approximately 800 sq m containing five bedroom suites and a total of six bathrooms. Entering the house from the patio, the corridor leads into a spacious hall. On the first floor, there are the two master suites as well as an impressive executive office with sea views, perfectly fitted to control one’s affairs at arms length. The extensive terrace on the first floor measures more than 150 sq m. Its balustrade is made of thick security glass.

The lower level houses the guests’ rooms and facilities. From this floor, people have direct access to the main terrace and the swimming pool. The estate provides a separate staff apartment (with own entrance and parking place) and two garages for five cars.



Although installed with discretion, the technical equipment of “Zen Vida” is outstanding. The electric systems were imported mainly from Switzerland and installed by Swiss engineers. Everything starts with a sophisticated fingerprint entry at the front door, which leads into the courtyard. The system has memorized biometric data, allowing only authorized people to pass. Beside the main door, a control panel screen is embedded into the wall, for fingertip operation of lighting and heating. The system is provided by German company “Jung”. Current measured values of oil, water and electricity consumption allow energy-saving operation. Whether it’s air conditioning, underfloor heating or the alarm system, ‘all strings are pulled together’ at one control point. Lighting and temperature can be regulated using small panels installed at many different points in the house. The whole house - even the bathrooms - is equipped with a Bang & Olufsen sound system. An LED lighting system hidden in furniture, ceilings and walls provides colourful optical effects if desired.

American architects Fullerton Diaz were responsible for the basic plans of “Zen Vida”. The renowned Miami-based architectural firm has reshaped the Miami skyline with notable high rise apartments such as The Continuum and Murano Grand on South Beach. More recently they designed the Ritz Carlton hotel in Mexico City. Local architects supervised the construction process in

Son Vida. Fullerton Diaz describes the project idea like this: "Clean lines, timeless appeal, generous space and enduring natural materials, while still revering the Mediterranean location." They've achieved all this - and enriched it with a light meditative touch of the Far East.

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