

# Villa Gessica

Region: Western Sicily Sleeps: 6

## Overview

Villa Gessica is a traditional Italian-style house. It lies in the valley of Mazzo di Sciacca which is by the delightful town of Scopello. Just a few kilometres away from Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, the property is ideally situated for a holiday full of exploration and adventure as it is for one which is set around the pool and local wines!

The interior is bright and welcoming, the décor often reminiscent of the sea which lies beyond. There are three tastefully furnished double bedrooms and access to the first floor is via an external staircase which offers an extra element of independence for groups traveling together.

Outside is magnificent: white walls and red terracotta tiles compliment the vivid Mediterranean garden, which is lush and expansive. A barbecue equipped veranda provides a spacious area in which to relax outdoors, lined by palms and pomegranates; with stunning views of the turquoise sea beyond. The private pool offers breath-taking views.

## Facilities

Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Beach • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Watersports • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Boat Trips



# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

### Ground Floor

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area with sofa, plasma TV and DVD player
- Living room
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Double bedroom

### First Floor (access to the external staircase)

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds
- Bathroom with shower and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool, open approximately from beginning-March to beginning-November
- Mediterranean garden
- Veranda with barbecue
- Outside shower
- Ample parking shaded by eucalyptus trees
- Barbecue

## Facilities

- WiFi
- TV
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Washing machine and iron
- DVD player



## Location & Local Information

West of Palermo, just after Castellammare del Golfo, the coastline becomes rugged and spectacular. Part of this coastline is Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, which stretches for 7km between the lovely village of Scopello in the east to near San Vito Lo Capo in the west. Created in 1981, this park and its surrounding areas are one of the most beautiful parts of western Sicily.

Lo Zingaro has been shaped by nature to dramatic effect. Cliffs drop precipitously into the azure sea and the series of pebbly beaches hidden amongst a myriad of coves are as lovely as you can find in the Mediterranean. The park attracts both walkers and bathers alike and in the summer, when many beaches are overcrowded, it is a good idea to head for Lo Zingaro, walk for half an hour and find relative isolation on a virtually deserted beach.

At the edge of the Zingaro Nature reserve lies the ancient Scopello (from the Greek word "Skopelos" that means "cliff"), a small, pleasant village that was built around a 16th-century "baglio", on the site of a former Moorish hamlet. As you will discover, this nice courtyard is now the heart of the village. Here, ceramics and souvenirs shops, as well as boutiques, cafés and restaurants lie under the shadow of a large eucalyptus. On the road to Trapani one can spot the idyllically situated Greek temple of Segesta, one of the Mediterranean's finest archaeological sites.

Castellammare del Golfo is an attractive seaside town between Palermo and Trapani. The historic fishing port has a picturesque location, below steep mountain slopes; with a handsome curved harbour at the foot of a small headland topped with a castle. There are still small working fishing boats, and you may see fishermen mending their nets on board, or selling the day's catch. Castellammare has a pretty little central park, opposite the elegant town hall on Corso Mattarella. The park has a small children's play area, shady trees and benches views over the harbour.

From this property, surrounded by Italian beauty, its not possible to walk anywhere, a car is required to explore the nearby treasures. The access to this property is trough a car park, that closes at 7pm. After this time, an alternative route can be taken.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Palermo (55 km)</b>
Nearest Airport	<b>Trapani Birgi (55 km)</b>



Nearest Village	<b>Scopello</b> <b>(1 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Cale Mazzo di Sciacca</b> <b>(200 m)</b>

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## What we love

- Sitting in the swimming pool, drinking a glass of wine whilst admiring a sea view is the epitome of relaxation!
- Sizable and pretty veranda with a lovely little bench and BBQ
- Nearby the Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, full of great walks and hidden coves

## What you should know...

- 4x4 vehicles are most suitable for the roads surrounding and leading to the villa - a hire car is recommended to make the most of the beautiful region.
- The access to the villa is through a car park that closes at 7pm. After this time an alternate route can be taken to get to this villa.
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €300 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. Arrivals after 8.00 p.m. must be agreed beforehand.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, plus weekly linen change. Beach towels also included.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €40 per stay will apply (payable locally).
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, plus mid-week cleaning. 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.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, paid locally on consumption.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately beginning-March to beginning-November. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Changeover day: Saturday from approximately mid-June to beginning-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from approximately June to end-September. 3 nights during all other periods.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
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- Stag & Hen Do's Allowed? : Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

**Please note that there is no operating hydro on the swimming pool.**