

Casa Victoria

Region: Sicily Sleeps: 8

Overview

Casa Victoria is a modern and stylish villa in Sicily with expansive views to the bay of Palermo. Relax in a beautiful landscape, swim in a superb 12-metre pool and then freshen up with an outdoor shower. You're also only a short drive from sandy beaches and the historic town of Cefalu.

This sleek and chic villa is split over 3 floors with stunning views from every room, including the sitting room/dining room, which has floor-to-ceiling glass walls, and the fully equipped modern kitchen. With four bedrooms, three luxurious bathrooms and air conditioning throughout, 8 guests can holiday in comfort. Sip a cocktail before dinner on the large top-floor balcony, and enjoy Wi-Fi access to keep up with the news from home.

Casa Victoria is close to the shops and facilities at Lascari (3km) and the mountain town of Gratteri (10km), gateway to the Madonie National Park's beautiful walks and mountain scenery. Visit Cefalu (12km) to experience authentic Sicilian culture on narrow medieval streets and its famous beaches with warm, calm water. Keep active by climbing the famous Rocca, which has amazing coastal scenes.

Reach this splendid holiday villa via the Palermo airport (94km).

Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • DVD • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic



Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Basement

- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with shower

Ground floor

- Open plan sitting room and living area
- Fully-equipped kitchen with coffee machine, kettle, dishwasher, microwave, oven, toaster, fridge, freezer and breakfast table
- Dining area opening onto a terrace with al-fresco dining
- Guest bathroom
- Laundry room

Second floor

- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with shower and bathtub

Exterior

- Terraced garden with stunning views over the sea
- Swimming pool (12m x 5m, depth: 1.8m)
- Sun loungers
- BBQ

Facilities

- WiFi
- TV and DVD player
- Mosquito nets
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryer
- Books



Location & Local Information

Just over one hour's drive east of Palermo, sitting serenely between its natural bay and the towering rocky granite mass of La Rocca, is Cefalù.

Cefalù is one of the Mediterranean's undiscovered jewels, the epitome of picturesque grandeur. Cefalù has a beach, winding and narrow medieval streets, and delightful restaurants overlooking a rocky coast. Everything is under the ever-present gaze of the Norman-Arab-Byzantine cathedral, one of the greatest churches of southern Europe. Nestled between the Madonie Mountains and the sea, Cefalù's mountain boasts the ruins of a large fortress and an ancient Sicilian-Greek temple. The view from the summit is inspiring.

Cefalù has a long and lovely beach with clean, golden sand, without doubt one of the best in Sicily. It is very easy to get to, just a short walk from the main road leading through town. It gets very crowded in the summer months, but not quite to the same extent as the beaches near Taormina. Public showers are available on the western side of the beach.

Il Duomo, the cathedral built by the Norman King Roger II circa 1131, is the dominant structure in the town. Its two towers rise up well above the rest of the buildings. The exterior is well preserved, while the interior has been restored several times throughout the centuries. It is more Gothic and Romanesque than Byzantine in character but still has impressive mosaics.

A much more strenuous, yet rewarding, exercise is to climb up to the summit of the promontory above the town. It is steep, and it takes a good half hour, but the views of the coast and the sea from there are impressive. The walk will also take you to the ruins of an old fortress and temple devoted to the goddess Diana from the fifth century BC.

The Mandralisca Museum was founded by a local art collector who bequeathed his art treasures and extensive library to the town. It houses the Portrait of Unknown by Antonello da Messina, an extensive collection of shells, and a variety of *objet d'art*, among which is a Chinese puzzle in ivory.

The beach and the sea offer excellent opportunities for sunbathing, swimming and other water activities to keep families happy. There are pedal boats for hire at the beach in Ogliastrillo, west of Cefalù. Fishing is available everywhere. Walking in the hills to the south of town is another popular activity, and there are several gentle routes that can be enjoyed by kids.

Directly south of Cefalù is the wonderful Madonie National Park with its charming villages and towns, such as Castelbuono, its delightful scenery, its impressive mountains and some wonderful walking. It is no coincidence then that after Taormina and Palermo, Cefalù is probably the most popular tourist town in Sicily, offering something for everyone.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Palermo Airport (94km)
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Nearest Village	Lascari (3km)
Nearest Town/City	Palermo (70km)
Nearest Restaurant	Lascari (3km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Lascari (2.5 km)
Nearest Beach	(10km)
Nearest Supermarket	Lascari (3km)
Nearest Shop	Lascari (3km)

What Oliver loves...

- The views of the mountains and Palermo Bay from the pool and sun terrace are spectacular.
- You'll fight over the downstairs bedroom with direct access to the swimming pool terrace!

What you should know...

- The nearest town is about a 5 minute drive, so a car is needed to explore the area.
- When minimum occupancy is booked, certain rooms may not be accessible (subject to owner's discretion) - best to enquire with us beforehand

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €800 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Up to 300 KWh per week is included. Any extra is payable locally, based on consumption.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: 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?: Outside only.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Saturday. Other days on request only.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. Other durations on request only.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.