

Villa Minette

Region: Sorrento & Amalfi Coast **Sleeps: 9**

Overview

Villa Minette is a luminescent three storey villa which blends original architecture and rustic style with contemporary comfort.

Upon entering Villa Minette, guests will immediately feel the sense of laid back and understated luxury; executed immaculately, this villa also offers a “home from home” feel. The traditional touches are abundant: terracotta floors; pretty tiled detailing, inner arch within living space and exposed traditional stonework. The result is a cosy, inviting, yet impeccably finished home.

Informal, and brimming with character, Villa Minette offers an open plan living room: natural daylight pours in through the floor to ceiling glass doors; indoor and outdoor living fuse effortlessly - with views across the expansive green lawns.

Naturally sub-divided, yet all part of the same space, the dining table is magnificently commanding, a long, natural timber table that seats twelve guests - imagine sitting down to a special chef-prepared celebration meal, or just a fun family breakfast!

Beautiful plants, charismatic artwork, accents of canary yellow and wicker furnishings retain the relaxed and “beachy” vibe, while the living room offers a luxurious lounging space with large, comfortable sofas and ample soft furnishings for when downtime is in order. This home has been restored sympathetically to its original format, with a light touch and an unpretentious feel; the raw materials, stone and natural timber furnishings speak for themselves.

Far from being just another bland holiday rental, there are antique touches and a real sense of the locality; the scent of lemon trees and olive groves filtering in from the gardens, and many nods to the region through the decorative touches inside.

The kitchen is a space full of quirks and personality - again, brimming with Sorrento flavour; the deep blue glossy unit fronts and brass fittings along with the pretty local tiles in burnt orange and marina blue give it a distinctively local feel. Every top range appliance is at guests disposal, in a set up which is designed for group catering, while the small table is ideal for toddler meals.



Playful touches give this home its unique, bohemian feel; the fantastic art-piece glass blue lighting, and gorgeous white spiral staircase being among some of these, keeping guests guessing at every turn!

Villa Minette accommodates nine guests across five bedrooms, and with five bathrooms, there is no need for bathroom queues! The bedrooms offer low-key, restorative indulgence, with beautiful, quality fabrics and soft furnishings, each room has its unique touches of character or accents of colour, whether it be ethnic style fabric; antique carriage lights, or direct courtyard access.

The bedrooms on the upper floors offer stunning views; the polished hardwood flooring is so attractive, while the antique artwork and beautifully refined rooms offer such a refined ambience, together with comfortable armchairs and beautiful Italian cotton bed linen. The bedrooms smart also provide own lounging potential, or writing desks, doubling as a sedate office space, or reading room!

The lawns are pristine, expansive and impeccably maintained; framed by a riot of flowering bushes and luscious shaded trees, the pool area is a smooth affair, with an array of parasols, loungers and sun beds. Guests will be able to sit back with a good holiday read and a cool beer or enjoy meals al fresco on the terrace as the sun softens at the end of the day and the gardens are romantically lit up.

Villa Minette is such a pleasant and comfortable, home-like villa, bursting with local flavour and original charm, designer quirks and interiors panache combining with effervescent style, in one of the most beautiful parts of Italy - an ideal option for a family break or a couple of families holidaying in tandem.

Facilities

Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Walking/Hiking Paths • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Minette is a three-floor villa with swimming pool, ideal for families, set in the Sorrento area. There are 5 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms, and it can accommodate up to 9 people.

Ground floor

- Living room with fireplace and TV
- Dining room for 12 people opening onto a terrace
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Guests toilette
- Double bedroom opening onto the terrace
- Bathroom with shower and hairdryer

First floor

- Double bedroom with views of Capri
- Bathroom with hydromassage bath, shower and hairdryer
- Single bedroom
- Twin bedroom with views of Capri
- Bathroom with shower and hairdryer

Second floor

- Double bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Laundry room with washing machine and tumble dryer, iron and ironing board

Exterior

- Garden with benches
- Swimming pool (11.5m x 7m), open approximately beginning of May to end-October.
- Outdoor shower
- Terrace with outdoor furniture
- BBQ and pizza oven

More facilities...

- Parking spaces
- Safe
- Maid service included 3 hours a day (Monday to Saturday)



Location & Local Information

Villa Minette is just a short walk from Sant'Agata Sui Due Golfi which is a small community nestled above Sorrento. On one side lies the Gulf of Naples and Vesuvius, on the other lies the Gulf of Salerno with the Galli islands and Amalfi coast, and just off the beach is the famous and glamorous island of Capri.

Locally, the Monastero del Deserto has charmed travellers such as Stendhal and Goethe, and the church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, which is known for its opulent inlaid altar, laid with marble and mother of pearl.

The region has a robust gastronomical heritage, with some multiple starred restaurants including Don Alfonso and Lo Stuzzichino, as well as cheese dairies which offer tours.

The magical, historical site of the Bagni della Regina Giovanna - famous for the legendary tale of Queen Giovanna; a natural seawater lagoon inside the old Roman ruins is worth a visit, while the area around Sorrento is rich with culture, and the beautiful Amalfi coast offers so much.

For a taste of the dolce vita Positano is a beautiful picture-card perfect day trip with stunning coastal roads.

Pompeii requires a full day (and plenty of cooling drinks in the heat of the summer.) This ancient preserved town has been crystallised in time; the statues are a sobering and unforgettable sight. Parents of toddlers should be aware that the streets are cobbled; the cafe offers a good selection of ice lollies, however.

Capri is a fun boat trip away, with smart restaurants and beautiful, excellent sandy beaches.

Naples itself is buzzing, and bustling working city; the markets, the narrow streets with their outdoor washing lines and cobbled alleyways offer an authentic taste of southern Italian colour and life, along with plenty of history, beautiful churches and allegedly the best pizza Italy has to offer.

Sorrento itself looks over the Bay of Naples on the Sorrentine Peninsula; sitting on the clifftops that separate the town from its busy marinas, it is renowned for its sweeping water views across the waters and central Piazza Tasso, the cafe-lined square.

The centre of Sorrento is steeped in history; within a warren of narrow alleys the Chiesa di San Francesco is a sight to behold; the 14th-century church in rich, opulent Italian style with tranquil cloisters.



Amalfi itself is so attractive with its ochre tones, set in a fertile region known for its fresh produce, boat trips and long sandy beaches are the tones of the day. Seafood restaurants are aplenty, as are small, little authentic towns set within the cliffs.

Whether it be hiking, fine cuisine or historical sites, this part of Italy offers opportunity in abundance. The Lattari mountains hug the Sorrentine peninsula impressively. Jazz concerts in the open air are popular in the summer months, and the renowned Museo Correale di Terranova is a must-see for art lovers.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Naples International Airport (60 km)
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Nearest Village	Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi (500 m)
Nearest Town/City	Sorrento (7 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurants & Cafes (500 m)
Nearest Beach	Sandy/Stone Beach (4km)
Nearest Shop	Supermarkets & Shops (500 m)

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid in cash or card to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 2 pm - 8 pm (late arrival fee €60).
- Departure time: 10 am.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Pets not allowed.
- Changeover day: Saturday from end-June to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €200, paid locally. 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from end-June to end-August, 3 nights during all other periods.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €500, paid locally.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi connection included.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately beginning of May to end-October. 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.