

# Villa I Ritratti

Region: Cinque Terre **Sleeps: 8 - 12**

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## Overview

In a leafy spot within the Magra Valley and close to the heart of Sarzana town sits Villa I Ritratti. This spacious holiday home has been carefully renovated and blends the traditional with the modern to perfection. Bright, contemporary art features in almost every room, giving Villa I Ritratti a totally unique look and feel.

The Villa is surrounded by Mediterranean trees, with the garden also offering views over to the Apuan Alps. The villa is well-located for easy travel to the Cinque Terre National Park and its five famous seaside villages. Amenities and attractions are close by too, with Sarzana town centre just minutes walk away.

The ground floor is where you'll find the stylish living room. Stunning art pieces feature alongside touches of rustic charm, including the area of exposed stone wall and the attractive fireplace. It's a cosy place to relax and enjoy a drink as you sink back into one of the comfortable sofas. The dining room also features areas of exposed stone wall, which complement the tiled floor and traditional wood dining table. Preparing and cooking meals is easy in the fully-equipped kitchen.

There are five double bedrooms in total at Villa I Ritratti, each with its own style and artistically themed name. There's a romantic ground floor en-suite bedroom with its own entrance in the adjacent house, whilst there are three bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs in main building, accessed by an external staircase from courtyard.

Within the walled garden is a private pool that's surrounded by a terrace with outdoor seating close by. There's also a partially-covered patio with a large dining table and a built-in barbecue for enjoying al fresco meals. The lawns are home to various trees and plants, creating a pretty idyll for taking in the countryside and mountain views.

Sarzana old town is less than 10 minutes away from Villa I Ritratti on foot, so you can be discovering its beautiful medieval architecture in no time at all. Your historical sightseeing list must definitely include Fortezzo di Sarzanello and Sarzana Cathedral.

Within easy driving distance or train is the famous Cinque Terre. These five



ancient coastal villages are known for their stunning natural beauty and the pastel-coloured houses that cling to rugged cliff edges.

## Facilities

Quirky • Wellness • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • Hot Tub • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • DVD • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Fenced Grounds • Watersports • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa I Ritratti is an amazing property spread over two buildings providing that little extra privacy and sleeping up to 10 guests.

### Ground Floor

- Living room with flat-screen television and two single sofa beds
- Fully-equipped kitchen with dishwasher and coffee maker
- Dining room with large table for 10-12 guests
- Suite with queen size bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, accessed via an independent entrance
- Bathroom with shower

### First Floor

- Suite with queen-size bed, double sofa bed (suitable for one adult or two children) and en-suite bathroom with shower and jacuzzi, accessed via an independent entrance
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with small double bed (suitable for one adult or two children) and en-suite bathroom with shower

### Annexe (from May 2022)

- Sauna
- Hot tub

## Outside Grounds

- Private pool
- Garden
- Sun loungers and deck chairs
- Covered seating area
- Covered dining table
- BBQ
- Private parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (all rooms from May 2022)
- Heating
- Alarm system
- Safety deposit boxes



- Hair dryer
- Laundry room with washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Cot and highchair

## Location & Local Information

Villa I Ritratti enjoys a great position, close to Sarzana town centre and all its restaurants, bars and shops yet with lovely countryside views. You can even reach a few restaurants within a five-minute walk from the villa. A supermarket is also a short drive away.

Take a 10-minute stroll from the villa and you'll be in the heart of Sarzana. This medieval town is incredibly picturesque, with the typical brightly-coloured buildings you'd expect from such an ancient Italian town. Streets and squares are lined with historic sites of interest, including 15th-Century La Cittadella Fortezza and 13th-Century Sarzana Cathedral.

The famous Cinque Terre is within easy reach; either by train from Sarzana or by car. The closest village to the villa is Riomaggiore (32km), with the drive there taking about 45 minutes. These five ancient fishing villages are made up of clusters of pastel-coloured buildings perched on cliff edges and hillsides. Each village also has its own personality and range of things to do. Walk along the clifftop trail known as 'The Path of Love' between Riomaggiore and Manarola for stunning sea views. Monterosso al Mare has a sandy beach, perfect for everyone to relax on and enjoy a swim.

Lerici (9km) is nestled within the famous Gulf of Poets and is the best place to go for a day out by the sea. The coastline that runs from Lerici to San Terenzo for about 4km boasts long, sandy stretches, as well as more tucked-away, pebble beaches to enjoy.

The villa is close to the Liguria-Tuscany border, so why not cross over into Tuscany to visit some more fascinating places. Carrara (19km) is famous for its marble quarries, with a museum that covers the history of marble production, as well the city's ancient past.

Also in Tuscany are the coastal towns of glamorous Forte dei Marmi (35km) and Viareggio (45km). Viareggio is famous for an annual carnival that's one of the most popular in Europe.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Pisa Galileo Galilei Airport (68 km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Genoa Cristoforo Colombo Airport (114 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Sarzana (500 m)</b>



Nearest Town/City	<b>La Spezia (14 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(300 m)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(450 m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(1.4 km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- The spacious rooms that perfectly combine contemporary cool style and traditional charm
- The stylish art work that's beautifully displayed throughout the villa, most of it by the villa's owner who is a recognised Pop Art creator
- Lovely external spaces that include a private swimming pool, garden, orchards and outdoor dining with barbecue
- A new sauna and hot tub are welcome additions for May 2022 onwards
- The town centre of medieval Sarzana is within short walking distance, and the Cinque Terre can be easily reached by car or train

## What you should know...

- There's an external staircase connecting the ground floor with first-floor bedrooms
- The ground floor bedroom also has its own external access
- Only one bedroom benefits from air-conditioning (from May 2022 this will be changed to all rooms)

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €300, paid locally on arrival. 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €30 per day, paid locally.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (May to late September) or 3 nights at other times.
- Changeover day: Saturday (May to late September) or flexible at other times.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €5 per pet per day will apply (paid locally).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.