

# Villa Isolabella

Region: Sicily Sleeps: 12

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## Overview

In a breathtaking position overlooking the bay of Isola Bella and surrounded by a centuries-old park in the hilltop town of Taormina is stunning Villa Isolabella. Built in the second half of the 19th century, quality and timeless elegance are in every example of superior craftsmanship throughout the villa's expansive interior.

This air of nobility and excellence attracted acting and music royalty to enjoy lavish stays at Villa Isolabella – as well as actual English royalty itself. Feel the sense of history as you follow in the footsteps of the revered and the regal through the series of interconnected lounge rooms and sprawling outside grounds.

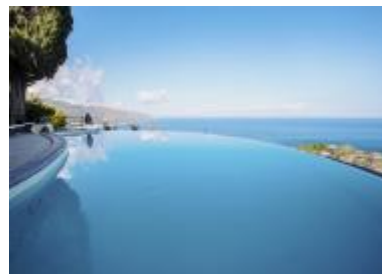
The villa is set over two floors and sleeps up to 12 guests in total comfort and luxury. On the ground floor is a choice of two living spaces to suit all occasions. Whatever your mood, you'll find impeccable style and fine antiques the perfect backdrop for relaxing or entertaining. There's also a library for times of quieter reflection and unwinding with a good book in front of the beautiful fireplace.

Gourmet delights can be cooked up in the kitchen for unforgettable mealtimes in the main dining room; a grand space in which to dine by soft candlelight. All of the ground floor rooms offer access to outside areas; bringing close the sea views and enchanting atmosphere of the gardens.

Villa Isolabella's six exquisite double bedrooms are all upstairs and therefore offer clear views of either the sea or the lush surroundings. Each bedroom has been tastefully furnished with antique pieces, sumptuous fabrics and modern conveniences to make them impossibly comfortable retreats after long days. All of the bedrooms are ensuite, with two featuring a jacuzzi bath for particularly indulgent bathing.

The outside grounds that encircle the villa are simply spectacular. Bordered with exotic plants and trees, a grand courtyard is home to a lounge area for pre-dinner drinks on typically balmy evenings. Several other seating areas can be found dotted around the extensive terraced gardens, meaning there's always a spot to while away a few idyllic hours. The sea views from these areas are magnificent, with those from the infinity pool being the best of all. There's also a covered dining table and barbecue for laidback al fresco meals.

The hill that Villa Isolabella nestles on sweeps down to the coast with its



beaches and hidden coves. Swim in the azure sea or soak up the tranquility of the area by simply relaxing on the sand. Explore the island of Isola Bella with its picturesque nature reserve. Stroll into the heart of popular Taormina to discover ancient ruins and chic café culture.

## Facilities

Wow Factor • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hot Tub • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Heating • Watersports • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Two lounges with antique furnishings
- Library with fireplace
- Dining room with table for eight guests
- Smaller dining room
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Staff quarters in private area

### First Floor

- Four double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, satellite TVs and panoramic views
- Two double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with jacuzzi baths, satellite TVs and panoramic views

*Two bedrooms can be made into twin bedrooms upon request*

## Outside Grounds

- Gardens
- Swimming pool with jacuzzi corner
- Sun loungers
- Covered outdoor dining table for four people
- Outdoor seating areas
- Outdoor lounge area in courtyard
- Barbecue
- Parking for two cars

## Facilities

- Air conditioning
- Heating
- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV
- Alarm system
- Safe
- Washing machine



## Location & Local Information

Villa Isolabella is in an incredibly privileged position close to the centre of Taormina (1km). The town's bars, restaurants and nightclubs are within a 15-minute walk, as is the ancient Greek theatre, Teatro Antico di Taormina (950m). Other historical highlights in Taormina include Duomo di Taormina (1.5km), a cathedral that is typical of Sicilian churches in the area, and Chiesa Madonna della Rocca (2km). The latter can be reached by walking up the slopes above the town, with a stepped footpath leading to the church cut into the rocks. The views from here over the town and Greek theatre are simply breathtaking.

Corso Umberto (1km) is the main shopping street in the town and is lined with luxury boutiques and various other shops selling clothing, jewellery and souvenirs. Shops and restaurants that cater for international visitors sit alongside many traditional, family-run restaurants for soaking up the local ambience. After enjoying a delicious meal, end the evening in Piazza IX Aprile (1km) by taking in panoramic views over the bay from its huge terrace.

The villa is also close to the coast with its beautiful beaches. The stunning small island of Isola Bella (4km) is a definite must-visit. It's a steep and winding 35-minute walk down from the villa, with a thin strip of sand connecting the coastline to the island. There's a pebble beach on offer here, as well as clear waters for swimming and trying activities such as snorkelling and diving. It's a truly idyllic spot, with lots of hidden coves to explore.

Beaches with a mix of sand and pebble can be found at the resort of Giardini Naxos (6km) - along with centuries of history. Giardini Naxos was said to be the first ancient Greek colony in Sicily, which you can still see some evidence of at the archaeological park and museum.

Also enjoy a day trip out to Mount Etna (55km) to marvel at this iconic and still-active volcano on a guided tour. Another great place to visit is the ancient port city of Catania (52km), which sits at the foot of Mount Etna itself. There's also Messina (53km), a city that's known for its ornate cathedral and elegant fountains.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Catania</b> <b>(66 km)</b>
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Nearest Airport 2	<b>Palermo</b> <b>(290km)</b>
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Nearest Town/City	<b>Taormina (1 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(1 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(1 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(1 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>(4 km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- The setting of Villa Isolabella is simply breathtaking, with its hillside position allowing for stunning views over the sea
- The heritage of the villa can be felt throughout its spacious rooms that are beautifully furnished with antique pieces
- Enjoy total rest, relaxation and luxury with the range of services included
- The villa is set within expansive gardens that offer a private pool, outdoor dining and several seating areas
- Taormina town centre, gorgeous beaches and the island of Isola Bella are all within easy reach

## What you should know...

- This villa is suitable for adults only
- The staff quarters are located in a private area of the villa

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €3000 charged to client's credit card by the owner upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 2.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, plus 4 hours cleaning per day. 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (4 nights on request).
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, plus mid-week towel change.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- Pool heating charge?: The pool may be heated on request at an additional cost.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).