

# Villa Tamarici

Region: Eastern Sicily **Sleeps: 13**

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## Overview

Sitting in the heart of lush Sicilian countryside is characterful Villa Tamarici, an ancient farmhouse that has been skilfully transformed into an ideal family holiday home with an emphasis on wellness and rejuvenation. Its thorough restoration has taken care in retaining much of the farmhouse's original features, such as the thick stone walls found inside and out.

There are seven bedrooms in total at Villa Tamarici, which are found across the main villa and two separate annexes. Tiled floors, wood-beamed ceilings and whitewashed walls create a relaxed and cooling atmosphere for easily drifting off to sleep at the end of long days. Elegant and traditional pieces of wood furniture also remind you of the villa's long history and heritage.

Also full of charm is the main villa's living space, with a grand fireplace to make this sociable and inviting area feel even cosier in the evenings. Sit back and relax on your choice of comfortable sofa here - or upstairs in the mezzanine-level lounge space.

Enjoy memorable meals outside, with the scents of the garden perfuming the air as you appreciate a laid-back lunch or dinner. Adding rustic charm is a wood oven and charcoal barbecue. The dry stone-walled gardens and courtyard are dotted with typical Mediterranean trees and plants, such as olive trees, carob trees, lemon trees and prickly pears. There's also a large swimming pool for refreshing dips and a bar for refreshment of a different kind!



The owners can arrange a range of wellness sessions for you - imagine yoga as the sun-sets and meditation in such idyllic Sicilian surroundings. A local chef can prepare organic meals and trips can be organised for you to make the most of Sicily's wonderful culture, including the island's amazing cuisine.

Villa Tamarici is a rural escape that offers the best of both worlds, with the city of Modica being just a 20-minute drive away. This historic city boasts a wealth of Baroque buildings and cultural highlights, such as the Duomo di San Pietro and Museo Civico. Modica is also famous for its chocolate, with many chocolate shops to be found throughout the city.

Other towns and cities within reach for sightseeing days out include Noto, Ragusa and Syracuse. The coast is also just a 30-minute drive away from the villa, with lovely, sandy beaches at Marina di Avola and Lido di Noto.

## Facilities

Wellness • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Wheelchair Access • Table Tennis • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

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## Main Villa Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas, TV, fireplace and doors to outside
- Dining room with table for six guests
- Kitchen with dining table, oven, fridge and freezer
- Two double bedrooms with ensuite bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom with Jacuzzi bath
- Bathroom

### Mezzanine Level

- Lounge area with sofa, chairs

## Annexe One Interiors

- Double bedroom
- Bathroom with walk-in shower
- Kitchenette

## Annexe Two Interiors

- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom
- Double bedroom
- Single bedroom
- Bathroom

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (9m x 19m, depth: 1.5m - 3m), open approximately from May to October
- Garden with exercise space
- Poolside sun loungers, hammock, seating and parasols
- Pool house with bathroom
- Bar
- Courtyard area
- Wood oven
- Charcoal barbecue
- Stone seating for 50 guests
- Portico with kitchen space, dining table for six guests, air conditioning and bathroom



**Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning in all double bedrooms
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Table tennis

## Location & Local Information

Villa Tamarici enjoys a peaceful situation within the rolling Sicilian countryside, at the heart of the Val di Noto area, which is a UNESCO heritage site. Picturesque walks are on the doorstep, with the nearest amenities, such as restaurants and shops, within a 10-minute drive.

Great for a family day trip is the city of Modica, which is just 20 minutes away by car. This historic city is full of Baroque buildings, many of which are beautiful churches. There are two stunning cathedrals to tick off your sightseeing list: Duomo di San Pietro and Duomo di San Giorgio.

The Museo Civico is home to a collection of archaeological finds, ranging from fossils to ceramics. Another museum worth visiting is the one dedicated to chocolate, as Modica has a long history of chocolate making. You can sample some for yourself in the city's many chocolate shops.

Another historic highlight is the town of Noto with its wealth of Baroque buildings and the nearby family-friendly beach at Lido di Noto. Also on the coast is Cavagrande del Cassibile Nature Reserve. Enjoy scenic hikes with opportunities to spot a variety of Mediterranean plants and wildlife, as well as swimming in rock basins that have naturally formed within canyons.

Hilltop Ragusa has an old town with plenty of Baroque architecture to admire. Take a stroll around the lush gardens of Giardino Ibleo, a public park that offers panoramic views over the surrounding valleys.

Also visit the fascinating city of Syracuse on a longer day out. Its old town, called Ortigia, is full of atmosphere and historic buildings. The Teatro Greco is a highlight of the city, with this relatively well-preserved ancient Greek theatre still being used for performances today.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Comiso (56km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Catania (105km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(5km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Modica (15km)</b>



Nearest Restaurant	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(1.5km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Modica (15km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>(26km)</b>

## What we love

- This ancient farmhouse has been lovingly restored to keep its traditional charm
- The beautiful grounds boast a private pool, bar, outdoor kitchen and dining area as well as lemon and olive trees
- The owner places great emphasis on wellness and rejuvenation - yoga and meditation sessions in the beautiful natural surroundings of your Sicilian garden can be arranged.
- Just a short drive away from the villa is the historic city of Modica

## What you should know...

- The pool table is currently not available to guests.
- The staircase in the main villa to the mezzanine level is open-tread.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the double bedrooms only.
- The two separate annexes offer flexible accommodation for groups.
- In order to explore this beautiful region, a car is recommended.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 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.
- Energy costs included?: Extra €350, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €300, 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: 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- 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 May to 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Two cots are available on request.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is featured in the double bedrooms only.