

Villa Di Maranello

Region: Eastern Sicily Sleeps: 8

Overview

Before being lovingly renovated in the last few years, Villa Di Maranello was used as a wine press since the eighteenth century. The owners have added all necessary modern touches to the home, but it retains the character of the old wine press, including the millstone in the living area!

This spacious and quirky four-bedroom home sits in an equally impressive location, at the foot of Mount Etna in the East of Sicily. In a semi-rural setting surrounded by vineyards, you are perfectly placed to enjoy panoramic views of the countryside and over the beautiful sea of the Costa dei Ciclopi. The stunning garden of the house blends seamlessly into the hillside and is still filled with vines used to grow wine by the owner. You are able to sample or purchase the local Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio wines, made from the unique Etna grapes which you can enjoy on the terrace overlooking soaking up the atmosphere.

Inside the villa, enjoy well-furnished living spaces with extensive original features which charm to the building. The house has been beautifully renovated, and the mixture of rustic touches alongside modern fittings creates an ideal holiday home. Villa Maranello is perfect for a family holiday; with everything from a private pool, chic kitchen and living spaces and even a billiards room there is everything you need for a relaxing break.

When you are planning for a day out, the best place to start is Mount Etna itself. The largest volcano in Europe is a great attraction which you can walk up with a guide or by yourself if you wish. If you would rather enjoy the views in style and pass through some of the lovely little villages on the slopes, then instead you can head up on the Circumetnea circular railway. On the way up you will go through some of the closest villages to the house, including Pedara which has shops and some great restaurants.

You are also well-placed for visiting some wonderful places further afield to make the most of your trip to Sicily. If you want to see some of the extensive and stunning coastlines, you could head to Catania for long sandy beaches, food markets and a lively centre at 20km away. Finally, no trip to Sicily would be complete without a day trip to the beautiful, ancient city of Syracuse which you can reach within ninety minutes.



Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids •
Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor
Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • Tennis Nearby •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Tourist License Number: 19087034C212067

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open plan living area with fireplace and old millstone
- Sitting and dining area with feature fireplace
- Modern fitted kitchen with hobs, oven, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, breakfast bar and dining table
- Billiards room
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Two double bedrooms with an en-suite bathroom with a shower



First Floor

- Two double bedrooms with an en-suite bathroom with a shower

Outside Grounds

- A spacious garden surrounded by vineyards (3000 m²)
- Private saltwater pool (4m x 10m, depth: 1.3m), open approximately April to end-October
- Poolside seating with parasols
- Large terrace with dining furniture
- External shower
- Barbecue
- Parking



Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Hi-Fi system and CD player
- Billiard table
- Two fireplaces
- Ceiling fans in some bedrooms
- Microwave
- Mixer
- Espresso machine
- Kettle
- Toaster

- Iron
- Hairdryer

Location & Local Information

The East of Sicily is a wonderful place for a holiday with family or friends as there is so much to see and do that you will be able to keep your whole party happy. Villa Di Maranello sits in a unique and beautiful location, with volcanic landscapes up the hill to Mount Etna and sea views in the other direction. The villa is tucked in amongst vineyards and citrus trees offering a serene environment and a great location for visiting local vineyards to sample the wine!

A visit to Mount Etna is a must when staying so close; there are many tours you can book with specialist guides who will be able to show you hidden caves or the best views. If you prefer to ascend while sitting down, then take the circular train up and relax. On your way back down again there are many lovely villages you can head to for something to eat, some of the small trattorias are the best places to try the fresh seafood or local favourites like Arancini which are stuffed rice balls and have been made on the island since the tenth century.

The coastline of Sicily is stunning and varied with many different kinds of beaches, coves and harbours for you to visit. Catania is 20km away and has wide open sandy beaches which are great for sandcastle making, and the city itself is a lively place to visit too. If you prefer the feel of a fishing village and small pebble beaches, you could visit Taormina which is surrounded by little coves and gorgeous seafood restaurants as well as one of the best views in Sicily from the Piazza IX Aprile, Taormina is forty-five minutes away by car along the coast.

If you wish to visit the famous ancient city of Syracuse, then it is well worth the ninety-minute drive and is a must-see city. If you set off early you can make the most of this amazing place and fit lots in. A great place to start is the old town Ortigia Island which is best explored on foot, in this area, you will discover charming yellow-hued winding streets opening on to traditional markets and squares filled with attractions such as temples, castles and churches. The busy harbour leads you back into Syracuse city where you can carry on exploring or head to the incredible Neapolis Archaeological Park before sitting down to soak up the atmosphere in a pretty square to enjoy a delicious local pizza together.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

Catania
(32km)



Nearest Airport 2

Comiso
(110km)

Nearest Village

(2.5km)

Nearest Restaurant

(3km)

Nearest Bar/Pub

(3km)

Nearest Town/City

Catania
(20km)

Nearest Beach

Spiaggia Lucia/Spiaggia di Praiola
(18.5km/20.5km)

Nearest Tennis

(4km)

Nearest Supermarket

(2km)

What we love

- Villa Di Maranello sits at the foot of Mount Etna and offers amazing views of the sea and countryside
- The private pool and gardens with terraces surrounded by vineyards is perfect for days relaxing as a family
- You are in a great location for visiting nearby Catania, Syracuse and Taormina
- If you wish to book a chef or order local produce to the house, this can be arranged by the owner

What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager
- This eighteenth-century building has lots of quirks and features due to its use as a wine press, this means some areas are split level with several staircases so may not be ideal for those with reduced mobility
- Villa Di Maranello has an annexe which is sometimes occupied by the owner, they will be very happy to help. Guests will have exclusive use of the swimming pool and outside grounds.
- In order to explore the coastline and surrounding towns, a car is recommended, and the house has plenty of parking for guests
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted

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. - 9.00 p.m. Late arrivals, if agreed, will be charged €30 (paid locally).
- Departure time: 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost on consumption, payable locally.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from end-July - end-August. 4 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday only from mid - end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, plus mid-week towel change.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately April 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.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (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, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, plus mid-week cleaning (kitchen, bathrooms and bedrooms). 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?: No.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Additional beds are available, on request. Extra €30 per bed, per day payable locally.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
- Other Ts and Cs: Villa Di Maranello has an annexe which is sometimes occupied by the owner, they will be very happy to help. Guests will have exclusive use of the swimming pool and outside grounds.