### Overview

The hilltop town of Taormina sits on the east coast of Sicily and found nestling on one of its many lush cliffsides is tranquil Villa Fantastica. A 20-minute walk down a nearby stepped pathway will bring you to the sandy stretches at Mazzarò and the small island of Isola Bella. And the heart of historic Taormina with all its amenities and ancient attractions is just a short walk away.

Four-bedroom Villa Fantastica is contemporary in style and perfect for a relaxing holiday. Unspoilt views over the water can be enjoyed from inside the comfortable interior and from around the terraced gardens. The en-suite master bedroom is an especially calming space, as it boasts a terrace for starting each morning with the sight of the sea.

The bright and stylish accommodation is set over three levels, with a great family room on the lower floor that has an area for everyone. Doors lead out into the garden; increasing the sense of light and space.

Also full of light is the main living/dining area on the upper floor. Chill out on the sofa after a day spent exploring Taormina as you soak in sea views through doors that open onto a pretty terrace. Here you can enjoy al-fresco meals, with the chic indoor dining table an ideal option on cooler evenings.

And it's not just seating and dining terraces that Villa Fantastica has to offer in terms of outside space. The villa is set within typically Mediterranean, terraced gardens; the highlight of which is an infinity pool for refreshing dips and the most breathtaking views.

Sandy beaches can be reached by following the pathway down the cliffside to the coastline. Mazzarò is a lovely place to pass a lazy afternoon, with the tiny island and nature reserve of Isola Bella being a particular paradise.

The town of Taormina is rich in history, with the ancient Greek open-air theatre, Teatro Antico di Taormina, being one of its most-impressive sites. There's also the remains of old town walls, a medieval cathedral and hilltop church to visit.

More ancient history is on offer at nearby Giardini Naxos and famous Mount Etna is just over an hour's drive away.









### Facilities

Wow Factor • Modern • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Satellite TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

# **Interior & Grounds**

#### Villa Interiors (200 m2)

Lower Floor (split-level)

- Family room with sofa, TV, fireplace, kitchenette, dining table for eight
- people, work space, doors to garden
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be double)
- Bathroom
- Gym

#### Middle Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, TV, doors to terrace with sun loungers, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with queen-size bed
- Bathroom with bath and shower

#### Upper Floor (split-level)

- Open-plan living/dining space with sofas, dining table for six people,

fireplace, doors to terrace

- Open-plan kitchen with oven, hob, microwave, dishwasher, fridge with ice maker, toaster, coffee/tea maker, TV

- Bathroom

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Infinity pool (13x6m)

- Pool terrace with sofa, sun loungers, umbrellas, small lawn areaCovered upper-floor terrace with dining table for 10 people and sofas

- BBQ
- Terraced gardens with trees, plants, flowers
- Private parking for up to 4 cars

#### Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning and heating
- Satellite TV with Sky
- Washing machine
- iPod dock
- Iron
- Hair dryer









# **Location & Local Information**

Villa Fantastica really does occupy a fantastic setting in the town of Taormina. Sweeping sea views that come from being on a cliffside are yours to enjoy, with the town centre within easy reach. Close to the villa is a stepped pathway that will take you down to the beaches at Mazzarò and Isola Bella in around 20 minutes. You can also stroll into town and take the cable car down to these beautiful sandy stretches instead.

Taormina offers a great choice of bars and restaurants for evenings out, with most being within a 15-minute walk. Head to Corso Umberto for some retail therapy, with this street being the town's top shopping destination. It's lined with luxury boutiques and shops selling souvenirs, clothing and jewellery.

Taormina is also full of ancient landmarks, with history around every corner and many attractions just a stone's throw from the villa. These include the medieval cathedral, Duomo di Taormina, Palazzo Ciampoli, and Porta Catania; the ancient arched gateway to the town. The town is most-famous for the ancient Greek open-air theatre, Teatro Antico di Taormina.

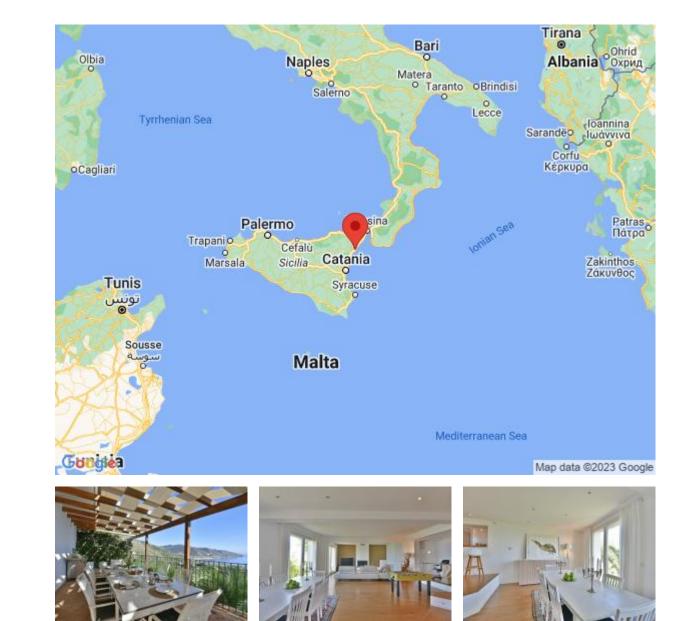
If you walk up the slopes above Taormina you'll reach historic Chiesa Madonna della Rocca by following a stepped pathway cut into the rocks. The views over the sea and the ancient Greek theatre from this tiny church are simply stunning.

The resort of Giardini Naxos offers sandy beaches and is said to be the first ancient Greek colony in Sicily. Visit the archaeological park and museum to see ruins of the settlement and learn about its fascinating past.

Majestic Mount Etna is just over an hour's drive away and is an absolute mustsee. The volcano overlooks the city of Catania, known for its lively atmosphere, bustling markets and good quality cuisine.

### **Local Amenities**

Nearest Airport	Catania (54km)
Nearest Airport 2	Comiso (144km)
Nearest Train Station	Taormina Giardini (4km)
Nearest Town	Taormina (1km)



Nearest City	Catania (54km)
Nearest Restaurant	(700m)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(900m)
Nearest Shop	(900m)
Nearest Beach	(1.3km)
Nearest Golf	II Picciolo Etna Golf Resort (33km)

## What we love

- This cliffside villa is surrounded by terraced gardens and enjoys a laid-back atmosphere
- Enjoy panoramic sea and island views from the infinity pool or beautiful dining terrace
- The family room is a great space for relaxing, dining and socialising
- Stroll into the centre of Taormina in just 15 minutes

## What you should know...

- The terraced gardens are fairly steep and connected by several sets of steps so please be careful with little ones
- The lower-floor living space is not equipped with air-conditioning
- 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

# **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival or paid in cash to the owner and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m. 10.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Up to 330 KWh per week is included. Any extra is payable locally, based on consumption.
- Heating costs included?: No, extra charge depending on consumption, payable locally.

- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- 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.

- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €20 per pet per day will apply (payable locally).
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- 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
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- Other Ts and Cs: A/C is available in all rooms except in the lower floor living area.