

Villa Aria Serena

Region: Amalfi Coast **Sleeps: 16**

Overview

Experience elegance and sophistication at this prestigious villa with the most stunning sea views, close to an idyllic village, one of the Amalfi coast's hidden gems.

This exclusive residence is owned by a well-regarded and musical Neapolitan family who have the most discerning taste and classic style. Just admire the gracious living spaces with antique furnishings and the dining room with original Roman remains. All the time, arched windows frame picture-perfect vistas of the sea and doors lead out to grand and romantic terraces - Villa Aria Serena would also make a wonderful wedding venue.

The main part of the villa is home to six stylish bedrooms, each one with their own intricately tiled en suite bathroom and terrace. A further two bedrooms, simpler in style, can be found at the very top in the separate tower with yet more sea views from the charming balcony.

Follow the pretty stone steps down to the swimming pool, passing trailing bougainvillea and jasmine that add to the serene character of this superb home. Head back up to the main terrace and sip an aperitivo gazing out towards the sea or cool off with a limoncello made from local lemons as the sun sets beautifully in the horizon.

Listening to the bells ring from the local church just adds to the enchanting ambience of this special place. You can wander out to nearby restaurants or walk into part of the village if you don't mind the hilly walk with many steps. It's a remarkable village and wherever you climb you are always rewarded with the most sensational views.

Explore this part of the Amalfi coast by sea-kayak, discovering its caves and little islands, or perhaps take a trip to nearby Positano, just 8km by car although the approach by boat is far more impressive.

Swim from perfectly positioned platforms jutting out to the sparkling sea or discover some of the beautiful little beaches such as Fiordo di Furore, so loved by Federico Fellini. Villa Aria Serena really does offer guests every opportunity to explore the charms of this magical coastline.



Facilities

Wow Factor • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids
• Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Walk to
Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer •
Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby •
Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist
Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Main/Middle Floor

- Living area with doors leading to terrace
- Dining area for up to 12 guests with doors leading to al-fresco terrace
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, hobs, fridge-freezer, kettle, toaster, coffee maker, microwave and blender
- Guest WC

Lower Floor (via outside steps)

Two of the bedrooms on this floor can interconnect if needed

- 4 x bedrooms with king-size double bed, doors leading to terrace and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double/twin bed, doors leading to terrace and en suite bathroom with shower
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- Laundry room (staff use only)

Tower (separate entrance via pathway and steps)

- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with shower
- 2 x small balconies

Please note the main part of the villa also features a top floor which is not accessible to guests.

Outside Grounds

- Heated salt-water swimming pool (18x5m, depth: 2.2m) open May to end-September. Opening times during the day confirmed by owner on arrival.
- Outdoor shower
- Access to changing room
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue and wood burning oven
- Terraced levels and steps
- Parking (150m from house)

Facilities



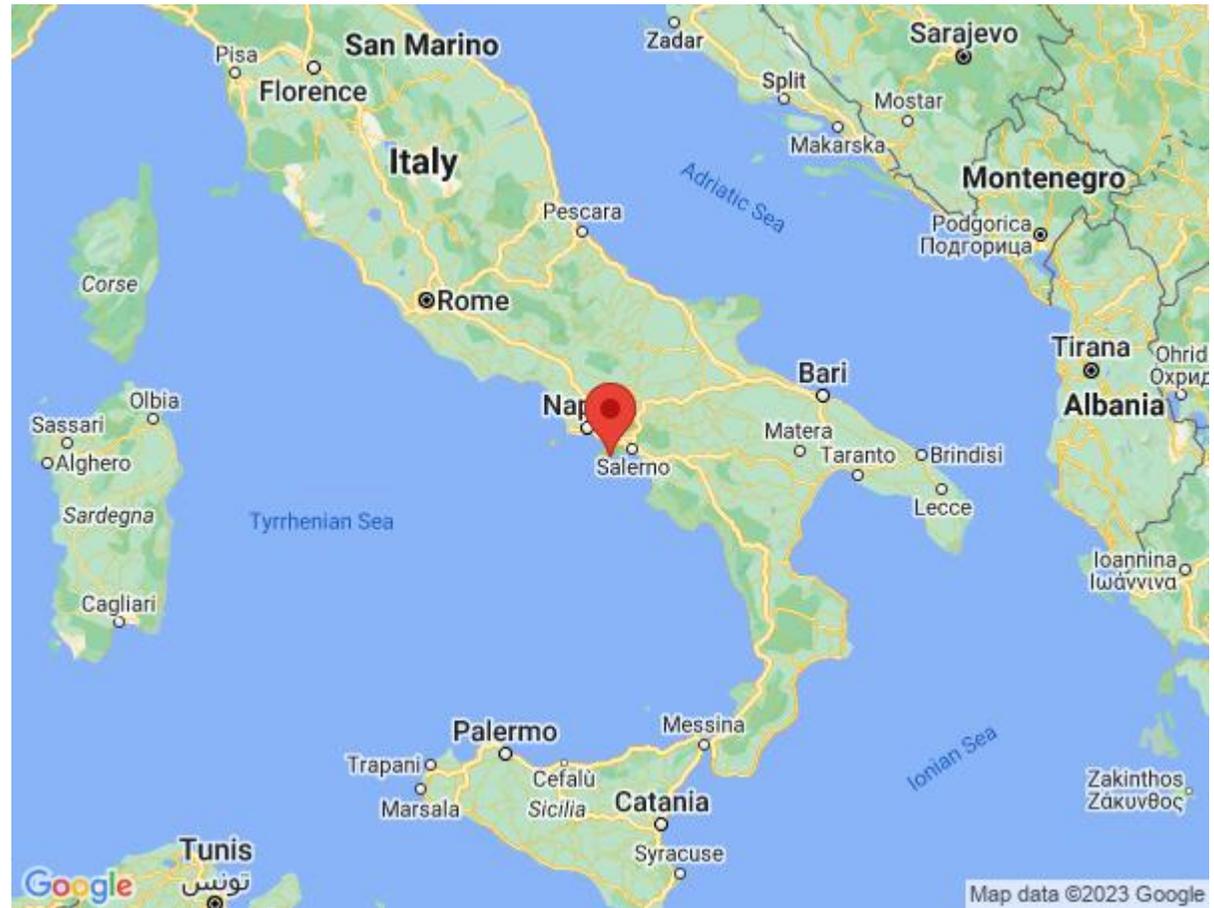
- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Fireplace
- TV (in all bedrooms)
- Safe (in all bedrooms)
- Hairdryers

Location & Local Information

In an elevated position above the glistening sea, Villa Aria Serena enjoys a privileged location with incredible views, close to the centre of an enchanting and picture-postcard coastal village.

You can wander out to the local neighbourhood with bustling restaurants with gorgeous sea-facing terraces. Stop off to visit the beautiful church close by and watch locals as they gather by the church's piazza in early evening. There is also a small beach at this end of the village, via steps of course, with a lido where you can rent sun loungers and dine in the beachside restaurant in the summer.

The main part of the village itself is scattered across the hillside with many steps and terraces, always with the most wonderful vistas of the sea. The main part of the village itself is scattered across the hillside with many steps and terraces, always with the most wonderful vistas of the sea. As you explore the maze of lanes, look out for little shrines and admire beautiful villas of this serene village – after all, it was once the preferred summer destination of the Doge.



At the far end, around 2km away (via many steps and hills) is the main beach, a small but very picturesque spot with a handful of restaurants and a lido. As well as summer sea taxis and boat excursions, you will also find windsurfing and diving here as well as sea-kayaking excursions, a fantastic way to visit the surrounding coast and islands. There are also other places across the village from where you can swim with access via platforms or rocks.

Keen hikers can head inland towards Agerola via two thousand stairs with the most beautiful views! That said, you may prefer to explore the Amalfi coast by car or boat with so many idyllic places nearby. No doubt the magical and much-loved village of Positano (8km) will be on your to-do list, usually best reached by boat not just because of the views on your approach, but also due to the sheer number of visitors, many by car, in the summer.

Further along the coast heading east, Amalfi and Ravello are also stunning villages to visit or stay more local with the Furore and its incredible fjord (much loved by the Italian film director Fellini). The caves at Grotte di Supraiano and Grotta dello Smeraldo are spectacular or enjoy the views and atmosphere at the square in front of Chiesa San Pancrazio Martire before perhaps attempting to discover Capo di Conca.

Whilst there is so much to see and many ways to relax along the Amalfi coast, if you feel like a change of scene then Mount Vesuvius is a fascinating day out, as are the Roman sites of Herculaneum and of course Pompeii, all around an hour by car with plenty of guided tours available.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Naples (70km)
Nearest Airport 2	Rome Fiumicino (300km)
Nearest Train Station	Sorrento (Circumvesuviana) (21km)
Nearest Village	(1.5km (uphill via steps))
Nearest Restaurant	Local neighbourhood (Within 500m)
Nearest Supermarket	(1.5km)

Nearest Beach	Sea access (Within 200m (via steep steps))
Nearest Tennis	(6.5km)
Nearest City	Naples (60km)

What we love

- An elegant and prestigious residence with the most wonderful sea views
- Enjoy sunsets from one of the many grand and romantic terraces – this is also a perfect wedding venue
- Expect gracious interiors and beautiful furnishings – there are even Roman remains in the dining room
- Close to the sea, restaurants and an idyllic coastal village – this is a true Amalfi coast experience
- Positano is just 8km away – why not visit by boat for the most sensational views

What you should know...

- There are six bedrooms in the main part of the villa and two in the 'tower' (with a separate entrance)
- Please note that the bedrooms in the tower are simpler in style compared to the refurbished bedrooms in the main house
- There are many steps across the villa, its tower and terraced grounds (as well as around the local village)

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 - 7.00 p.m. Arrival after this time is upon request and subject to an additional fee, payable locally.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes. Towels are changed on a Wednesday.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and daily maid service also included. 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.
- Pool heating charge?: Yes, there is a pool heating charge of up to €2500 per week, payable locally. April:€2500 / May:€1800 / June:€800 / July:€650 / August:€500 / September:€1800 / October:€2500. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Pool opening dates?: 2023 - The pool is open approximately May to end-September. 2024 - The pool is open approximately end-April to end-October. The pool opening times during the day will be confirmed by the owner when you arrive. 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).
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request. Cot hire is €400 per week including linen with a mid-week change.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: The top floor of the main part of the villa is not accessible to guests.