

Villa Etna

Region: Eastern Sicily **Sleeps: 6 - 8**

Overview

Immerse yourself in nature and enjoy splendid views over an organic vineyard at Villa Etna, fantastically positioned on the southern slopes of Mount Etna, in the east of Sicily. Bordered by majestic olive trees and rolling greenery, the rustic-chic country house has been recently renovated and is the perfect base for exploring all the glory this island off the coast of Italy has to offer.

The charming house comes with Juliet balconies and wooden window shutters painted in the azure hues of the nearby ocean. Step inside the white-washed interior to discover a modern kitchen – every minimalist lover's dream. Fitted with first-class appliances and a long island bar, it leads to a light-flooded living and dining area with views over the terraced gardens below.

Patterned tiles and classical paintings create an artistic yet cosy setting, effortlessly drawing upon the island's aristocratic influences. Most of bedrooms look out towards the volcanic landscape and the Simeto valley and some even boast private terraces made for sun worshipping or enjoying star gazing in the evening.

On sunny days, disappear in the rows of vineyards beneath looming Mount Etna or lay down a blanket in the private gardens full of fruit and olive trees. The infinity pool mirrors the contemporary feel of the interiors, yet it manages to blend seamlessly into the romantic setting while offering a place where you can effortlessly refresh.

Surrounded by a volcanic landscape where the remains of magma intertwine with lush greenery, the area is well known for its fertile volcanic soils that support extensive agriculture. Vineyards and orchards spread across the lower slopes – so put on your walking shoes and set out to explore the breathtaking scenery before cooling down with a glass of wine in one of the nearby towns.

Less than a 5-minute drive away, the local village benefits from amenities such as supermarkets, a post office perfect for sending holiday photographs back home, and a few cosy bars, restaurants and bakeries selling local delicacies.

Alternatively, a 30-minute drive will bring you to Sicily's second largest city, Catania. Once the most important cultural, artistic and political centre, it has been home to some of Italy's most famous artists and it is filled with beautiful piazzas, Baroque and Renaissance architecture as well as a sun-kissed coastline ideal for soaking up the stunning Italian weather.



Enveloped by vast gardens extending as far as the eye can see, Villa Etna is an elevated take on rural simplicity great for those looking to escape the strain and stress of everyday life.

Facilities

Sustainable Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips



Interior & Grounds

Tourist Licence Number : 19087058B528095

Villa Interior (200m2)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen with induction hob, oven, microwave, kettle toaster, dishwasher and coffee machine and doors leading outside
- Family suite with bedroom with double bed (140x200cm), bedroom with a sofa bed (suitable for 1 child), air-conditioning and en-suite bedroom with a shower and WC*

***Please note that this bedroom is available on request, subject to an additional charge. Please enquire for full details**

First Floor (accessed via an external staircase)

- Living room with sofas, dining table, air-conditioning and balcony
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) (can be made into 2 single beds on request), air-conditioning and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) (can be made into 2 single beds on request), air-conditioning and balcony
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Second Floor

- Double bedroom with double bed (140x200cm), air-conditioning and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC

Outside Grounds

- Infinity saltwater pool (14m x 3.5m, max depth: 1.10m)
- Pool terrace with sun loungers
- Vantage point with chairs and views over the vineyards
- Terrace with al-fresco dining table, covered by umbrella
- Shared garden
- Barbecue
- Deckchairs
- Private parking (for 3 or 4 cars)

Facilities

- WiFi
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Heating
- Fan
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information

Villa Etna benefits from an ideal location nestled on the southern slopes of Mount Etna, with plenty of opportunities to explore the coal-tinted crater of Europe's most active volcano as well as the turquoise shores of the Ionian Sea.

Step outside to the beautiful countryside filled with endless fields of citrus and olive groves before setting out for a walk along the mountainous terrain. Two well-known walking trails are virtually at your doorstep – notably Monte Nero Degli Zappini takes you through lava fields, lava flow caves and forests before reaching the Botanical Garden New Gussonea. The Schiena dell' Assino is the easiest path through a thick pine forest with rocky soil. A cable car reaching the altitude of 2500 metres is also a sought-after choice for those who want to enjoy unspoilt views minus the effort.

When your legs require some rest, treat yourself to a well-deserved day 'off' at the beach in the seaside city of Catania, just a 30-minute drive away. This holiday destination has a long sandy beach lined with parasols, avenues of palm trees and seasonal bars where you can easily go from an aperitif to afternoon snooze.

Those who long for some hustle and bustle won't be disappointed either - the ancient city is bursting at its seams with iconic landmarks, galleries, museums and rumbling flea markets attracting tourists all year round. Plus, it's home to an array of family-owned trattorias and first-class restaurants serving photogenic plates full of pasta and pizza. What else could you possibly wish for?

For more exploring, why not plan a day trip to the Amalfi-style Taormina, located just over an hour's drive away and popular for its cliff-top panoramas across the Mediterranean. Here you can admire the Ancient theatre of Taormina, visit the Isola Bella beach (accessible via an aerial tramway dating back to 1992) and walk around the historic streets before spending the evening bar hopping and tasting the island's unique wines.

Syracuse – a city notable for its rich Greek and Roman history – is also an hour's drive away. Being the birthplace of the pre-eminent mathematician and engineer Archimedes, it lures crowds of tourists with its UNESCO World Heritage Site-listed old town along with the Necropolis of Pantalica among many other landmarks.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Catania Airport
(34km)**

Nearest Train Station	Stazione Belpasso (16km)
Nearest Village	(2km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	(1km)
Nearest Town	Santa Maria di Licodia (7km)
Nearest City	Catania (27km)
Nearest Beach	Catania (27km)

What we love

- The private infinity pool with salt-water offers a front row seat to spectacular views over the surrounding backdrop
- Retreat to one of the villa's many hidden corners and garden reading nooks to enjoy a dose of uninterrupted privacy
- Thanks to the superb position, an array of hiking trails leading to Mount Etna are virtually at your doorstep
- The closet village is a short drive away, ensuring a comfortable stay with all the amenities at your fingertips
- Sicily's second largest city, Catania, with sandy beaches and turquoise waters is only a 40-minute drive away

What you should know...

- Please note that the villa's terraced gardens feature many steps and uneven stone surfaces.
- Please be careful around the property's many balconies and terraces, especially with curious little ones.
- The friendly and unobtrusive owner lives on-site in an adjacent cottage. He is happy to help with any queries you may have during your stay.
- 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: €1000 paid in cash or by credit card to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Fair usage policy applies. Excess over 85 Kwh per week charged at €0.33 per Kwh. Electricity used will be calculated based on meter readings at the beginning and the end of the lease period.
- 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 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, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Internet access?: WiFi internet access included.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
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