

Villa Nerello

Region: Eastern Sicily **Sleeps: 16**

Overview

Villa Nerello is a stylish home sleeping 16 guests located on the doorstep of Europe's most active volcano, Etna.

The country abode, set in 15 acres of extensive land dates back to the 19th century and was previously a working home – the owners lived upstairs in the main house, and wine was produced in the *Palmento* downstairs, using grapes from the surrounding vineyards. Today, guests are welcome to sample the local wines kept downstairs in what has now become a wine cellar.

Whilst the current owners have retained the original features of this farmhouse, the villa has been lovingly converted into a contemporary home with stylish, design-led interiors. Seven bedrooms are split between the main house and the two annexes – formally used as accommodation for the animals and staff – and now form an idyllic base for families and groups of friends holidaying together on the east coast of Sicily.

The hub of Villa Nerello is the spacious living room in the main house with its modern and comfortable seating and dining area – the perfect spot to relax after a day exploring the local area or basking in the sunshine by the outdoor pool, or to enjoy a home cooked meal prepared in the colourfully-tiled kitchen.

Alternatively, guests can make use of the outdoor kitchen and barbecue and dine al-fresco under the gazebo with extra-ordinary views of Mount Etna. These breath-taking views can also be admired from the infinity pool or relaxing on one of the loungers – it's hard to miss!

And when it's time to recharge your batteries, you can retreat to the two ensuite bedrooms in the main villa or retire to the annexes with two and three bedrooms respectively – the larger of the annexes also features a fully-equipped kitchen.

The nearest village is 2.5km away from Villa Nerello and Castiglione di Sicilia is also close by (7km), with shops and restaurants on offer. Etna is a must visit during your stay, along with Taormina (35km), Giardini Naxos (26km), Catania (53km) and, further away, Syracuse (120km).



Facilities

Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con •
Pets on Request • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Satellite TV •
Wine Cellar • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Rural Location •
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby •
Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit &
Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Main Villa (250m²)

Lower Floor

- Wine cellar
- Comfortable sitting areas
- Play/TV room
- Study
- Guest WC
- Two open fireplaces

Upper Floor

- Fully-equipped kitchen including a dishwasher, cooker/hob, American fridge freezer and coffee machine, breakfast bar seating three guests, armchairs and fireplace. Leads out onto an al-fresco dining terrace for 8 guests
- Large open living/dining space (80m²) with a sofa and chairs and dining area for 16 guests
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with bath and separate shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower
- Guest WC

Annexe 1 (150m²)

Ground Floor

- Living area with sofa, satellite TV and open fireplace
- Fully-equipped kitchen including, dishwasher, induction hob, cooker, coffee machine and an American fridge freezer. Leading out onto an al-fresco dining area
- Bedroom with double bed and an en-suite bathroom with shower



Upper Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bath with hydro-massage bath
- Study/reading area

Annexe 2 (40m²)

- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with Queen-size bed
- Bathroom with shower

Annexe 3

- Bedroom with twin bed and ensuite bathroom with shower

Outside Grounds

- Private infinity pool (16x8m, depth: 1.4m), open approximately May to end-September
- Sun loungers, deckchairs and parasols
- Changing room with WC
- Extensive grounds (15 acres)
- Al fresco dining spaces
- Shaded gazebo with a large table
- Outdoor kitchen with a barbecue
- Kitchen garden, fruit trees and vineyards
- Parking for 4-5 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Washing machine
- Satellite TV
- Wine cellar (extra fee)

Location & Local Information

The local area is a favourite for trekking, walking and cycling. Active guests shouldn't miss the opportunity to take a guided tour (with varying options of difficulty) up Europe's most active volcano and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mount Etna with incredible views from its summit. For keen golfers, Il Picciolo Golf Club (8km), an 18-hole golf course is just a 15-minute drive from the villa, and there are also places to go horse riding nearby.

Wine lovers will appreciate being in the heart of the Etna DOC wines region. Many of the local wineries offer tours and wine tasting as part of the Etna wine routes. Food lovers should visit Bronte (35km), known for producing pistachios and is full of great places to eat.

The closest village is just 2.5km away, with a small grocery shop and a local restaurant. The hilltop village Castiglione di Sicilia (7km) is also close by, with further places to eat and drink, and supermarkets to stock up on essentials. Randazzo (17km), has a medieval past and religious gothic architecture and is the closest town to the summit of Etna. It is known as the 'black town' for its buildings made of black lava blocks giving the town its unique character.

Like Etna, the elegant town of Taormina (35km) is also well worth a visit for its clifftop panoramas of the Mediterranean. It is also known for its ancient Greek theatre and beautiful Isola Bella beach. Take the cable car from the beach to the old town for fantastic views both out to sea and inland towards Etna. There are plenty of opportunities for shopping and wining and dining alongside the historic streets.

Giardini Naxos (26km) is another beach spot with white sands and crystal-clear water, making it a picturesque and popular option with tourists.

An hour away by car is the ancient city port of Catania (53km) with its pretty piazzas, Baroque Palazzo Biscari and the Monastery of San Benedetto. A little further, Syracuse (120km) is also a great day out for those interested in Greek and Roman history. Another UNESCO site, Syracuse was home to Archimedes – the engineer and mathematician, and it's landmarks include the Necropolis of Pantalica.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Catania Airport (66km)
Nearest Airport 2	Palermo Airport (244km)



Nearest Village	(2.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	(2.5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Winery/Bar (2km/6km)
Nearest Supermarket	Small supermarket (6km)
Nearest Golf	Il Picciolo Golf Club (8km)
Nearest Tennis	Circolo Sportivo Polivalente (14km)
Nearest Train Station	Rovittello (4.5km)
Nearest City	San Marco (21km)

What we love

- The impressive views of Mount Etna from the poolside
- Sample the local wines stored in the villa's wine cellar, where wine was once produced
- The local area is great for active guests, with golf, horse-riding and walking opportunities close by
- The beautiful beaches of Taormina (31km) and Giardini Naxos (26km) are both within reach for a day trip to the seaside

What you should know...

- Please note the bedrooms are divided between the main villa and two separate annexes - ideal for those travelling in a few family groups.
- One of the sleek bedrooms in the main house has a bath tub in the room itself; perfect for soaking with a good book.
- 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: €700 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation or paid in cash upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- 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.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Extra cost, based on consumption, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- 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).
- 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.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to end-September. 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: 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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- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests can sample the wine from the wine cellar for a small fee, payable locally.