

Villa Cucchiella

Region: Eastern Sicily **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Experience the beauty and tranquillity of nature at Villa Cucchiella, a minimalist abode on the edge of Vendicari Nature Reserve in southeast coastal Sicily. Surrounded only by rolling plains and dipping hills, this calm retreat calls for long walks and hikes through the surrounding idyllic countryside.

Just off the toe of Italy's boot, the country's largest Mediterranean island is steeped in rich history. It is well known for its wonderful cuisine, unspoilt beaches and ancient towns, and the looming Mount Etna, one of Europe's highest active volcanoes. Luckily, Villa's Cucchiella's superb location allows you to discover all the highlights of this sun-kissed island.

Spread over one level, the modern house sits within neatly manicured gardens framed by olive and carob trees, with panoramic views below.

Designed to accommodate six guests, the interiors have been finished to a high standard with neutral-hued sofas and minimalist furniture lending a luxurious feel. Spacious and equally tastefully decorated, each of the three bedrooms has its own en-suite bathroom to provide guests with privacy and comfort. With floor-to-ceiling windows letting an abundance of natural light in, you'll have plenty of opportunities to soak up the harmonious views or keep tabs on children playing outside on the lawn. On warm evenings, the shaded patio is the perfect place to serve refreshing aperitifs alongside homemade Mediterranean dishes, while on sun-drenched days, the cutting-edge pool will provide a much-needed shelter from the blazing Italian temperatures.

The closest city, UNESCO-protected Noto, is only a 20-minute drive away, and it is known for its Baroque architecture, dazzling palaces, and trendy corners worth exploring. The city's vast central square is also home to an enchanting Fontana dell' Elefante statue and a richly decorated Catania Cathedral.

For a complete change of scenery, head to the Vendicari Nature Reserve, located only a 25-minute drive away. Situated on the rugged east coast, this picturesque destination is ideal for a wholesome break. It boasts many walking and hiking trails that take you through a varied landscape with incredible views and archaeological remains.

Also known for its ancient ruins, the city of Syracuse is excellent for a day trip filled with many exploring opportunities, and it's conveniently located only a 45-



minute drive away.

One of the island's most visited cities Catania, located at the base of an active volcano, Mount Etna, can be reached in just over one hour by car. Full of boutique shops, trendy seafood restaurants and whimsical squares, it shouldn't be missed on your Sicily bucket list.

Facilities

Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Sailing • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor (140m2)

- Large open-plan living and dining room
- Open-plan kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, microwave, coffee machine and bar island with bar stools
- Laundry room with a washing machine and dryer
- Bathroom with a WC
- Bedroom with a king-size bed and en-suite bathroom with a WC and bathtub
- Two double bedrooms with an en-suite bathroom with a WC and shower

Outside Grounds (5000m2)

- Pool (4.5m x 10m, max depth: 1.5m). Open approximately beginning-April to end-November
- Sun terrace with sun loungers and umbrellas
- Terrace with a shaded pergola, dining table and chairs
- Garden
- Portable barbecue
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Boasting a rural location enveloped by south-eastern Sicily's scrubby farmland, Villa Cucchiella is an ideal holiday destination for those looking to escape the strain and stress of everyday life.

Despite its quiet position, the closest village Rosolini is only a 15-minute drive away and is home to typical local amenities such as traditional restaurants, authentic cafés and the closest supermarket where you can conveniently do your weekly grocery run. When cooking at home is off the cards, you'll find that the closest restaurant serving superb seafood and typical Mediterranean dishes is only a 10-minute drive away. And don't forget to stop at the local winery on your way home to pick up a bottle for later or a thoughtful souvenir for friends and family.

Those seeking adventure can explore the nearby Vendicari Nature Reserve, full of hiking and walking trails and many mysterious coves. Popular for birdwatching, you can spot species such as herons, stalks and sometimes even flamingos flying and stomping through the marshes. The reserve is made up of 1,500 hectares of unspoiled, protected land, including five different beaches – consider this a unique alternative for a day trip.

Amazing beaches are located all over the coast. They include Isola Bella, also known as the Pearl of the Ionian Sea, with a pebble beach perfect for snorkelling and the closeby Spiaggia di Calamosche with honey-toned sand set in a protected rocky cove.

Only a 20-minute drive away, the UNESCO-protected Noto is famous for its number of Baroque buildings, such as the 18th-century Noto Cathedral. There are also stunning palaces and churches to tick off your sightseeing list. Notably, the 19th century Porta Reale resembles a triumphal arch and marks the entrance to the city, while Corso Vittorio Emanuele is one of the city's most popular streets with an abundance of shops, restaurants, cafés and gelaterias.

Syracuse – a city loved for its rich Greek and Roman history – can be reached in 45 minutes by car. Full of photograph-worthy landmarks, it lures crowds with its UNESCO World Heritage Site-listed old town and Archeological Park Neapolis with a Roman Amphitheater and the Orechcio di Dionisio – a limestone cave shaped like a human ear.

Sitting at the foot of Mt. Etna and being just over one-hour drive away, Catania is Sicily's second-largest city. Once the most important cultural and political centre, home to many of Italy's most prominent artists, its artistic past is reflected in the whimsical piazzas, Baroque and Renaissance architecture, and a sun-kissed coastline. After a stroll through its buzzing streets, visit the La Pescheria fish market or enjoy a cinematic view of terracotta-hued roofs



from the ornate Catania Cathedral.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Catania (106km)
Nearest Airport 2	Palermo Airport (330km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Pozzallo Port (28km)
Nearest Restaurant	Rosolini (8km)
Nearest Supermarket	Rosolini (8km)
Nearest Beach	Marzamemi (17km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Rosolini (8km)
Nearest Golf	Floridia (42km)
Nearest Train Station	Rosolini (8km)
Nearest City	Noto (16km)

What we love

- The splendid villa benefits from a truly rural setting enveloped only by rolling plains, allowing guests to unwind
- With an exclusive stone terrace boasting a sleek swimming pool as well as an expansive garden and al-fresco dining area, you'll find yourself spending lots of time in the fresh air
- The lovely baroque town of Noto, full of ancient landmarks and winding streets, is only a 20-minute drive away
- Get lost in the enchanting nature reserve full of neon-pink flamingos, located less than a 30-minute drive away

What you should know...

- Please note that small children shouldn't be left unattended due to the pool's sharp and steep edges.
- Hiring a car is highly recommended to get around the island and comfortably discover all its beautiful corners due to the villa's rural position.
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
- 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: €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 can be requested at an extra charge. The late arrival fee (from 9.00 p.m. to 12.00 a.m.) is €50, to be paid on the spot.
- Departure time: 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday from end-July to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately beginning-April to end-November. 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.
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