

La Piazzetta

Region: Sardinia Sleeps: 5

Overview

La Piazzetta is a charming family home built into the rocks overlooking the Tyrrhenian sea and La Maddalena islands below. This spacious villa is the ideal base for your trip to the North of Sardinia, an island with delicious food, a wealth of cultural attractions and a stunning coastline.

As you enter this home, which is all on one floor, you will approach a large living room with comfortable seating which flows through in to the dining room. These bright and airy rooms are a great social space with doors and windows out to the garden and incredible sea views. With a fully-fitted kitchen, air conditioning in the living room, Wi-Fi and TVs, you will have everything you need for a comfortable stay with friends or family. There are 3 bedrooms to choose from to retire to after a busy day, including two double bedrooms, one of which is en-suite and a single room.

With fantastic weather year-round, you will want to be outdoors as much as possible and there is a beautiful garden at La Piazzetta. Firstly, you will notice the uniquely shaped swimming pool moulded around the rock, which is the ideal spot to take a refreshing dip. There is also a covered al-fresco dining space with a barbecue and, of course, lovely views of the sparkling sea below.

When you wish to visit the beach, there are plenty nearby to choose from. The closest, Porto Rafael, is a mere 600m away from the villa! This is a small sandy bay close to the village and marina of Porto Rafael which is just a little further up the coastline. Here you will find more beaches as well as a selection of restaurants dotted around the cobbled streets.

The town of Palau is just 4km away and features more stunning beaches including the Blue Flag awarded Palau Vecchio beach which backs on to a park with lots of shady spots for a picnic.

The Bear Rock, a vast sculpture which sits 122 metres above sea level on a rocky outcrop is another key site in Paula. You can also visit Capo d'Orso lighthouse, which is a great place to walk in the late afternoon. As it is still a working lighthouse, visitors can see it light up as the sun sets. Palau also has a thriving historic centre, markets and lively bars so there is lots to see and do here. From Palau it is also possible to take a 15-minute boat ride over to the Maddalena Archipelago. This is a collection of 7 main islands and over 50 smaller islands, with countless unspoilt beaches which are protected by a national park. Take the boat to just one island for the day or book on to a boat



tour which stops off at a few different locations on the islands. If you would like to visit the city of Olbia, which is at the start of the famous Costa Smeralda and is packed with archaeological sites, then you can drive there in around 45 minutes.

Facilities

Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • 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 • Satellite TV • Fenced Grounds • Watersports • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (100m2)

- Open-plan living and dining room with garden access, large sofa, dining table and TV
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, blender, coffee maker, toaster and kettle
- Bedroom with double bed and garden access with en-suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with single bed
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Outside Grounds (1000m2)

- Private swimming pool moulded around the rock (5m x 10m, depth: 1.80 m)
- Open approximately beginning-May to end-October
- Outdoor shower
- Bathroom accessed from garden with shower, sink and WC
- Covered al-fresco dining area
- Outdoor lounge area
- Deck chairs and sun loungers
- Barbecue
- Grassy lawn
- Fenced grounds
- Trees, flowers, plants
- Parking for 2 cars

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (in living room)
- TV
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers



Location & Local Information

Located just minutes away from a superb range of beaches, towns and a golf course this villa is perfectly situated for getting to know Northern Sardinia.



One of the main attractions of this area is of course the glistening coastline which can be seen from the garden. The closest beach, Porto Rafael, is under 1km away and is a lovely sandy spot for sunbathing and taking a dip in the clear water. There are a wealth of beaches nearby, from sweeping sandy ones to tucked-away swimming coves, so you will always find one that you and your party love.

For unspoilt beaches then visit the protected islands of La Maddalena Archipelago which can be accessed by boat from the town of Palau which is 4km away. Most people tend to visit some of the 7 main islands, though there are almost 60 islands in total! Book on to a boat tour and you will be able to snorkel in tiny coves only reachable by boat and see the celebrated pink beach on Buddeli island. For something a little different, make sure to stop on Caprera island which is famous for being the home of revered Italian general and revolutionary Giuseppe Garibaldi, who lived there for 26 years. Today you can visit his former home to learn more about him and see many original artefacts.

As well as being the launch point for boat trips, Palau is a fantastic town to visit in its own right and is handy to have so close thanks to its large selection of cafés and restaurants. While in town you can hike up to The Bear Rock or the imposing fortress on Monte Altura and take in the breath-taking views or visit Porto Pollo Beach and try out some of the water sports on offer. Whilst wandering around the town, it is also worth paying a visit to the Ethnology Museum which has lots of information and artefacts on the history of the area. If you would like to do some shopping while here then Palau has a number of artisan shops and bustling markets which continue in to the evening.

A lovely place to visit for a day trip is Santa Teresa Di Gallura which is 25km away. Due to its proximity to the island of Corisca, this town has its own distinct culture and dialect as many Corsicans have moved here over the centuries. The town was actually built in the early 19th-century to stop smugglers entering Sardinia, but since then a thriving settlement has emerged. The Rena Bianca beach is one of Sardinia's most beautiful beaches so is a must-see if you are visiting. Other attractions include the impressive Longosardo Tower which was built in the 16th century and the quaint churches dotted around the town centre. For dinner, head to a streetside restaurant off the main square, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele I, which is lined with pastel-hued buildings. You can even take a boat trip over to French Corsica from here which is just 11km away.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Olbia Costa Smeralda (42km) |
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| Nearest Ferry Port | Olbia Isola Bianca (38km) |
| Nearest Train Station | Olbia (38km) |
| Nearest Village | Porto Rafael (<1km) |
| Nearest Town/City | Palau (4km) |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | Porto Rafael (<1km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Porto Rafael (<1km) |
| Nearest Beach | Porto Rafael (<1km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Porto Rafael (<1km) |
| Nearest Golf | Pevero Golf Club (30km) |

What we love

- La Piazzetta is a bright and spacious home which looks out over the dazzling Tyrrhenian Sea and the La Maddalena archipelago
- The garden is an oasis nestled in the rocky landscape where you will find an inviting pool and al-fresco dining spaces surrounded by shady trees and leafy plants
- The pristine beaches, marina and charming eateries of Porto Rafael are under 1km away from the villa
- The nearby town of Palau has a wide selection of restaurants, historic buildings and nightlife and from here you can take ferry trips to the Maddalena islands

What you should know...

- The garden and pool area is on various levels connected by steps which those with limited mobility should be aware of (children will need to be supervised).
- There is an additional bedroom carved into the rock underneath the villa which is best suited to two teenagers rather than two adults due to its unique design. It is available on request only, subject to an extra charge.
- It is recommended that you bring a car in order to explore more of the coastline and nearby towns and there is covered parking available for guests.

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 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, except for stays of 14 nights+.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, except for stays of 14 nights+.
- Energy costs included?: No, extra €300 per week, payable locally.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request. .
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- 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.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately beginning-May 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Cot and highchair are available on request for an extra €30 each, payable locally.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is available in the living room only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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