

# Villa Salsa

Region: Western Sicily **Sleeps: 6**

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## Overview

Nestled on the edge of the Torre Salsa nature reserve, not far from Agrigento on Sicily's southwestern shore, Villa Salsa enjoys a scenic location with excellent views.

With stunning countryside and the coast just a few minutes away by car, you can easily discover the varied landscapes in this area of Sicily without needing to go far.

Situated entirely on the ground floor with an interior that combines modern style with traditional touches, Villa Salsa has plenty of comfort and charm. The open-plan living space has a relaxing area for watching TV as dinner is cooked in the kitchen just around the corner. The master bedroom benefits from an en-suite bathroom featuring a walk-in shower, and all three bedrooms have direct access to the sun-flooded terrace. Open the glass doors for an al fresco meal on the veranda overlooking the pool while catching a glimpse of the glistening blue sea in the distance.

A great feature of the property is the expansive outdoor space, featuring a spacious pool with Roman steps to make the entry to the water a breeze. Bring your inflatables or relax on the sun loungers with a magazine to work on your holiday tan. Dining al fresco can be accommodated in the shaded gazebo next to the pool as the sun begins to set over the sea after you've prepared fresh fish and vegetables on the grill outdoors. The abundance of comfy seating spaces means gathering with your family or friends over glasses of wine is practically effortless.

The nearest beach, Spiaggia di Bovo Marina, can be found less than a 10-minute walk away via a gentle path, allowing you to go swimming, snorkelling and tanning in the sunshine whenever you feel like it. The wild stretches of Riserva Naturale Orientata Foce del Fiume Platani are also a short drive away. Hike, cycle and swim in these gorgeous spots while soaking up sweeping views over the sea and wooded hillsides.

The closest town, Montallegro, is only a 10-minute drive away and has local amenities and plenty of walking opportunities that will make your stay feel more idyllic. Stroll around the quaint streets lined with houses and expect to be greeted by friendly locals playing chess and sipping coffee on their iron-wrought balconies.

When you want to explore further afield, head to the medieval Ribera with a



wonderful historical atmosphere, with admirable buildings such as Chiesa Made and Piazza Duomo. This area is known for its rich soil that aids the growing of vegetables, almonds, olives and varieties of grapes, which all contribute to the town's excellent dining scene.

Agrigento, a hilltop city just over a 30-minute drive away, is known for its ruins of the ancient Akragas in the Valley of the Temples - a vast archaeological site with well-preserved Greek temples.

Sicily's capital city Palermo is less than a 2-hour drive away, so guests can visit historical landmarks such as the magnificent neoclassical Teatro Massimo, baroque-meets-rococo interiors and vaulted frescoes of Chiesa di Santa Caterina d'Alessandria and the Royal Palace of Palermo, Palazzo Reale. The city's streets act like a timeline through its erratic past, and although they're filled with ancient buildings, there are also modern bars, chic restaurants and stylish boutiques waiting to be discovered.

## Facilities

Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Seaview • Watersports • Sailing • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Paragliding • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

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## Villa Interior (100m2)

- Open-plan living room and dining room with a sofa, TV, dining table and chairs
- Open-plan kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, hob, oven, dishwasher, kettle, mixer, toaster, coffee machine and island bar
- Bedroom with a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Bedroom with a double bed
- Bathroom with a shower and WC

## Outside Grounds (1000m2)

- Pool with Roman steps (5m x 10m, depth: 1.2m - 2.20m) and safety gate, open approximately from beginning-April to end-November)
- Pool terrace with umbrellas and sun loungers
- Terrace with garden furniture, dining table and chairs
- Outdoor kitchenette with a barbecue and sink, additional dining table and chairs
- Shaded veranda with lounge furniture
- Outdoor shower
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Iron
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine
- Dryer



## Location & Local Information

The southern coast where Villa Salsa is located belongs to Sicily's quieter areas, away from the hustle and bustle of the two large cities, Palermo and Catania.

Your holiday home is just a stone's throw away from magnificent nature reserves and uninterrupted beaches, making it an ideal base to be immersed in Sicily's extraordinary natural surroundings.

The Riserva Naturale Orientata Foce del Fiume Platani is only a 20-minute drive away and is excellent for a stroll through its forest, passing a small river and finishing at a gently secluded sandy beach with crystal-clear water. When driving in the opposite direction, you'll find Riserva Naturale Orientata Torre Salsa – dominated by chalk cliffs, sometimes covered by a layer of clay, as well as herbaceous and bushy vegetation which allows access to a splendid beach from narrow paths between the rocks. Here you can also visit Torre Salsa, an ancient watchtower in the heart of this natural oasis and admire the stunning landscape.

The closest restaurant and bar is less than a 10-minute walk towards the beach, while more restaurants can be found in Montallegro (which translates to 'Happy Mountain'), a typical Sicilian town with amenities such as a supermarket, tourist centres and charming bakeries. Also, consider visiting Monte Suso – a trekking area with ancient remains and town views. The Bosco San Nicola and Ingresso Bosco San Nicola are both fantastic walking trails with views of fields, lawns and Mediterranean greenery.

In Sicily, keen hikers and nature lovers shouldn't miss visiting Europe's most active volcano, Mount Etna. There are plenty of guided walks and hiking trails to choose from. Monte Nero Degli Zappini snakes through dark lava fields, lava flow caves and wooded formations before reaching the Botanical Garden New Gussonea. The Schiena dell' Assino is one of the more accessible paths, taking you through a thick pine forest with rocky soil. If you want to enjoy spectacular views of the Ionian Sea without hiking, you can take the cable car up to an altitude of 2500 metres.

In only 1 hour 30 minutes, you can reach Marsala – a coastal town known for its ancient ruins, fortified marsala wine and another nature reserve Stagnone Nature Reserve with salt pans and species of migratory birds. Although small, you can find history and culture here in museums and galleries, such as the Flemish Tapestry Museum featuring well-preserved 16th-century pieces alongside a bustling restaurant scene.

If you're looking for even more hustle and bustle, get your fill of city and sand in Palermo, located less than a 2-hour drive away. Sicily's capital is an excellent option for a day trip. The 12th-century Palermo Cathedral houses



royal tombs, while the royal palace Palazzo dei Normanni used to be the seat of the King of Sicily and is open to visitors. You can also stroll through the city's winding streets and admire architecture along the way, shop at markets such as the central Ballarò street market and the Vucciria before ending your day with an aperitif in one of the historic centre's superb restaurants.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Palermo Airport (152km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Catania Airport (192km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Spiaggia Di Bovo Marino</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>By the beach (700m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Montallegro (6km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Montallegro (6km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Sciacca (25km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Licata (76km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Palermo (133km)</b>

## What we love

- The superb pool terrace is an excellent place to spend an entire day sipping on cocktails and soaking up the sunshine
- There are many areas to unwind, relax and enjoy the views of the surrounding countryside and sea in the extensive outdoor space
- The house is situated only 700 metres away from one of the most beautiful beaches on Sicily's southern coast, Bovo Marina
- Explore stunning nature and incredible vistas in the nature reserves of Torre Salsa and Foce del Fiume Platani

## What you should know...

- Please note that hiring a car is recommended to enjoy everything the island has to offer conveniently.
- 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.
- 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, and weekly change included.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from approximately end-June to end-August. 5 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday from approximately end-June 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 from 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
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