

Villa Il Chiostro

Region: Eastern Sicily **Sleeps:** 12 - 15

Overview

Escape to the stunning Sicilian countryside and take a break from it all at Villa Il Chiostro. With fantastic views of Mount Etna, this spacious farmhouse is sure to take your breath away. Whether it's lounging by the pool or chilling out watching a film in the movie theatre, you will never be short of things to do. What's more, this villa offers an ideal location within walking distance of the local pizzeria and grocery store and just a 5-minute drive to the nearest beach.

The interiors of this traditional Sicilian property will leave you speechless. Whilst maintaining its old 17th-century charm with gorgeous touches such as arched ceilings and intricate frescoes dating back to the 1700s, it also offers a touch of modernity with its contemporary furniture. There is ample space to relax, with 6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, a cinema room, library, dining area, living room and a fully equipped kitchen with a pizza oven.

The outdoor area of Villa Il Chiostro is just as spectacular, with a delightful garden area filled with orange trees, an inviting private pool and a glorious upper terrace with an array of tables for dining al-fresco. Surrounded by outstanding natural scenery, the garden and the pool area are the perfect spots to unwind in. Head up to the terrace for some excellent views of Mount Etna whilst you enjoy an *aperitivo* or delicious homemade pizzas.

When you wish to explore the surrounding areas, you will be delighted to find a handful of amenities within walking distance such as local pizzerias and small supermarkets. You can even walk just ten minutes (along the side of a road) or drive to a beautiful botanical garden from this villa.

Known for its wine making, the plains around the villa have harvested various crops over the years, including almonds and lemons, and walking amongst the vineyards here will leave you feeling truly immersed in the serene countryside.

Additionally, you only have to drive for 5 minutes to reach the nearest pebbly beach, Spiaggia di Praiola, and you could be striking out in the azure Mediterranean Sea in no time at all!

A 45-minute drive from Villa Il Chiostro takes you to the remarkable Parco Dell'Etna where you can marvel at the incredible active volcano, Mount Etna.

The ancient city of Catania, full of history and character, is only a 25-minute drive away and is a must-visit during your holiday in northeastern Sicily. The popular and impressive town of Taormina can be reached in just 30 minutes



by car while the picturesque city of Syracuse is a little further afield and also not to be missed.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Wheelchair Access • Wine Cellar • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Home Cinema • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips



Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Fully equipped kitchen with an oven, dishwasher, kettle, toaster, microwave, - blender, coffee machine and fridge-freezer
- Living room
- Dining area
- Movie theatre
- Library
- Bedroom 1 with queen-sized bed, single bed, en-suite bathroom and private terrace

First Floor

- Bedroom 2 with double bed, adjoining living room with queen-size sofa bed and en-suite bathroom plus balcony with views of Mount Etna
- Bedroom 3 with double bed, en-suite bathroom and balcony
- Bedroom 4 with double bed, adjoining living room with 2 x single sofa beds and en-suite bathroom with walk-in wardrobe and views of Mount Etna
- Bedroom 5 with double bed, adjoining living room with 2 x single sofa beds, en-suite bathrooms with jet showers
- Bedroom 6 with double bed, 2 x single sofa beds, en-suite bathroom with jet showers

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12m x 6m, depth: 1.2m – 1.5m). Open approximately April - October
- Terrace with al-fresco dining area
- Garden, grassy lawns, orange trees
- Barbecue
- Sun loungers
- Fenced property
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Safe
- Washing Machine
- Dryer
- Iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information

Situated in a lovely residential area amongst farmlands and vineyards and surrounded by the glorious Sicilian countryside, Villa Il Chiostro offers a fabulous location for your holiday in northeastern Sicily.

While the villa benefits from a serene countryside location, a handful of amenities are within close proximity, including a local pizzeria which is just a 5-minute walk away and a grocery shop which is only a 10-minute walk from the villa. Moreover, you are a short 5-minute drive away from the nearest beach, Spiaggia Di Praiola. Here you can set up camp on the pebbly shoreline and spend the day relaxing in the sun and swimming in the inviting Mediterranean Sea.

Furthermore, this property is within an hour's drive from the unbelievable Parco Dell'Etna. This remarkable 58-hectare national park is home to caves, spectacular wildlife and of course, the highest active volcano in Europe, Mount Etna. There are many different hiking routes throughout the park, all of which offer tremendous views. In addition, some of the most amazing wine in Italy is grown in the fertile soil on Mount Etna. Take the opportunity to head for a wine tasting and vineyard tour when visiting this extraordinary nature spot.

For a wider variety of restaurants and cultural attractions, make sure to head to the fantastic city of Catania, which is under a 30-minute drive away. As well as an array of restaurants, bars and shops to visit there are many Baroque buildings and terrific sites to see here, including the Roman Theatre, Castello Ursino and Cattedrale di Sant'Agata. For fresh, local seafood pay a visit to Catania's famous fish market and stock up on ingredients for cooking up a delicious meal back at the villas.

The spellbinding town of Taormina is just a 30-minute car journey away. The Piazza IX Aprile, Teatro Antico di Taormina and the Valley of the Temples are just some of the sites not to be missed here. Make sure to also visit the phenomenal nature reserve of Isola Bella, an island which is connected to the mainland by a short strip of sand and can also be reached by cable car. There's a pebble beach on offer here, as well as crystal-clear waters for swimming and trying activities such as snorkelling and diving. Another astonishing attraction to see in Taormina is the Chiesa Madonna Della Rocca. It provides some of the best views in town and is worth the hike to get there!

Further afield, towards the Southern tip of Sicily, the historic city of Syracuse is only an hour's drive away. Here you can admire the city's rich Greek and Roman history, culture and architecture, as well as exploring the island of Ortigia.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Catania Airport (43km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Riposto (8km)
Nearest Train Station	Giarre (5km)
Nearest Shop	(<1km)
Nearest Restaurant	(<1km)
Nearest Golf	Il Picciolo Etna Golf Resort & Spa (30km)
Nearest Tennis	La Caverna Del Mastro Birraio (15km)
Nearest Town	Giarre (5km)
Nearest City	Catania (30km)
Nearest Beach	Spiaggia di Praiola (3km)

What we love

- Villa Il Chiostro has been lovingly renovated from a 17th-century farmhouse and later a former boutique hotel into a characterful and comfortable villa
- Enjoy wonderful views of the active volcano and UNESCO World Heritage Site Mount Etna from your bedroom window at this magnificent country home
- Take advantage of the terrific facilities on offer at this villa such as a cinema room, private pool and wine cellar
- The villa is ideally located, surrounded by glorious countryside yet close to local amenities and restaurants and only a 5-minute drive away from a pebbly beach
- Some of Sicily's most-loved towns and cities, including Catania, Syracuse and Taormina are within an hour's drive of the villa

What you should know...

- Although local amenities can be reached on foot from Villa Il Chiostro (via a road), it is still recommended to hire a car if you would like to reach a wider range of amenities and to travel to other towns, cities and nature sites.
- Please note that the wine cellar is only accessible to guests upon request.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.30 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately April to 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights in low season. 7 nights during all other periods (short-breaks may be possible on request). In 2024, 3 nights in approximately January, February and November. 5 nights during all other periods.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- 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.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax is included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
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