

Casale I Monaci

Region: Eastern Sicily **Sleeps: 15**

Overview

Approaching the twenty-five-hectare estate, along roads framed with seemingly infinite vineyards, and with the imposing Etna dominating the horizon, you will already begin to imbibe the unique atmosphere of this region.

Beautifully exemplifying the spirit of the estate, Casale I Monaci fuses the spectacular environs of Mount Etna with contemporary ornamentation and uniquely Sicilian hospitality, creating a salubrious and unforgettable experience for up to fifteen guests to share.

While your cases are being unpacked, uncork your welcome bottle from the estate's wine selection, then explore your three suites and two deluxe rooms - each with a king-sized bed and superbly appointed bathroom. Throughout this stunning and painstakingly restored lodge, striking grey lava stone walls rise to meet vaulted ceilings, their beams crafted from the finest chestnut timber. Each room features meticulously selected contemporary artwork, with each thoughtfully curated room's shape, size and character delivering its own unique experience.

Finest linen dresses sumptuous mattresses, some atop smartly designed iron bed frames that cause them to appear to float. Another, a contemporary four-poster, faces a cinematic window, revealing an astonishing panorama once you throw open the curtains. If you're visiting during cooler months, the stylish wood burners keep the rooms as warm as the welcome they offer, with air-conditioning maintaining comfort during the summer.

Wake to orange skies at sunrise, before easing into the day with a yoga session in your private garden with a view of the Mediterranean Sea. Relaxation and tranquillity are your default settings at Casale I Monaci, where you'll also receive a complementary massage during your stay!

It isn't just the lodge's attention to detail, ultra-luxe furnishings and touches of luxury that will take your breath away – once you step into your superbly furnished private garden, the environs of Etna provide a majestic vista. Recline on a shaded lounge as gentle breezes animate the vineyards, with the volcano at one side, and a glorious sea view at the other. Enjoy sun-kissed walks in the estate's immaculate gardens, stopping for lunch and cocktails at the poolside bar.

Whilst the villa has no kitchen, this should give you the opportunity to put your feet up and make the most of a relaxing holiday. The concierge will be



delighted to arrange your dinner reservations, as well as scheduling any of the wonderfully immersive experiences on offer in and around the estate. Join the house mixologist for a cocktails masterclass that will delight your taste buds or explore one of the region's most famous exports, as the estate's sommeliers guide you through a wine tasting session. A cooking class is a great way to take home some of Sicily's signature cooking techniques while exploring Etna along hiking routes will guarantee a phenomenal day out with fabulous views.

Facilities

Villa/House • Instagrammable • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Spa/Massage • Gym/Fitness Room • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

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Villa Interior

- 5 x bedrooms with king-size beds, en-suite bathrooms with shower – two with bathtub
- 3 x sofa beds
- Single bed
- Four fireplaces
- Antique and contemporary designer furniture

**Please note that this villa does not have a kitchen*

Outside Grounds

- Private garden with vineyard view, sea view
- Beach lounger and umbrella
- Garden furniture

Facilities

- Wi-fi
- Air-conditioning
- Four Technogym cases
- Bose Wi-Fi speakers
- Coffee machine
- Yoga mats
- Robes and slippers
- Kettle



Location & Local Information

The exclusive resort where this holiday home lies embraces the geology and terror of western Sicily and will enchant you with its elegant synergy of traditional local architecture and produce, vibrant contemporary art, and passion for hospitality.

If you don't feel like venturing very far then the make the most of the fabulous facilities on offer at the estate. For example, why not be introduced to some of Etna's wines by the in-house sommelier? In the volcanic heart of one of Italy's foremost winemaking territories, who could resist the chance to sample expertly selected Sicilian labels? Serving dishes curated from the very best local produce, the estate's organic restaurant and cocktail bar are also sure to delight.

The estate is also a fine base from which to explore Mount Etna and its surrounding territory. Arrange cycle rentals or horse riding around the estate, as well as a private helicopter tour for phenomenal aerial views of the volcano.

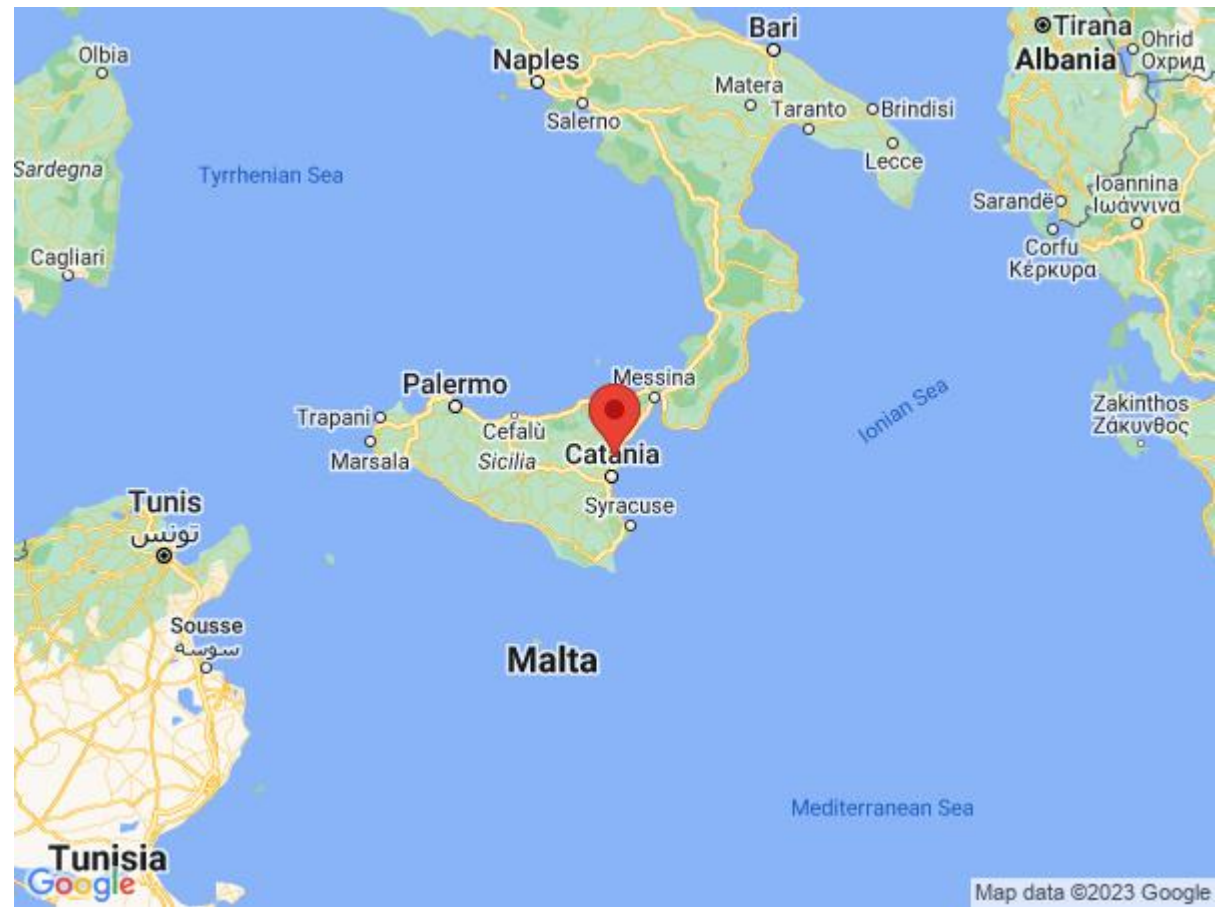
When you do decide to discover what lies further afield then a glorious day at the coast can be enjoyed just forty minutes away at Taormina – known as the 'Pearl of the Mediterranean'. Here you can discover Spiaggia di Isola Bella, considered by many to be Sicily's most beautiful beach. Reachable by cable car, this pretty pebble beach faces its namesake 'Beautiful Island'. Sunbathe to your heart's content, swim in the crystal clear water and even rent a jet ski.

Catch a boat from Giardini Naxos Harbour, and tour the scenic coastline's bays, including the Grotta Azzura, where you can even enjoy a swim. At high tide, you can even walk across from the beach to the Isola Bella itself.

Also under an hour away from the villa is the fantastic Etnaland Park- a theme park packed with spectacular rides and family entertainment, along with an aqua park boasting thrilling waterslides, rafting and pools. The park has extended opening hours during the summer months, with the evening lighting adding another layer of excitement to the tremendous rollercoasters!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Catania Airport (30km)
Nearest Airport 2	Palermo Airport (329km)
Nearest Airport 3	Comiso Airport (114km)



Nearest Ferry Port	Catania Port (25km)
Nearest Train Station	Giardini Naxos (Taormina) Train Station (30km)
Nearest Village	Zafferana Etnea (3km)
Nearest Town/City	Catania (25km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Zafferana Etnea (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	(3km)
Nearest Golf	Il Picciolo Etna Golf Resort (33km)
Nearest Beach	Taormina (30km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Zafferana (4km)
Nearest Restaurant	On-site (0km)

What we love

- The innovative use of the original cottage's lava stone walls is a real triumph; they add so much to an already characterful building.
- With two ironing services available during your stay, and packing and unpacking taken care of, you can simply immerse yourself in the estate's relaxed atmosphere, barely lifting a finger!
- With vineyards, a sea-view and private garden, this holiday home really has it all!
- As an old millstone turned into a suite, this historic lodge has a uniqueness that is rare to find in a holiday home.

What you should know...

- 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.
- Please note there is no kitchen in the villa, although the resort has restaurants and bars for the guests to make use of.
- Please note that daily breakfast is served in the pine wood area (200m from villa, close the main building of the Estate) in summer and, in winter, there is a breakfast hall, still close to the main building.

Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool heating charge?: Pool heating is included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Pool opening dates?: 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 on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- 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.
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- Minimum stay: 3 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that daily breakfast is served in the pine wood area (500m from villa, close the main building of the Estate) in summer and, in winter, there is a breakfast hall, still close to the main building.