

# Villa Cielo Blu

**Region:** Sicily   **Sleeps:** 4

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## Overview

The beautiful Villa Cielo Blu is located in Salina, a volcanic island just 50 miles north off the coast of Sicily. This stunning archipelago where Salina is located is formed of seven islands, including Alicudi, Filicudi, Vulcano, Lipari, Panarea and Stromboli, each with a different look, feel and distinct characteristics that set them apart. The idyllic holiday home is set in a rural area, in a region known for its culinary delights such as Veltliner wine and capers. It is surrounded by rich flora, with spectacular ocean views.

Split between two adjacent annexes, the interiors are delightfully rural, with exposed ceiling beams, wooden furniture handmade on the island, wrought ironworks and blue artisanal tiles. The bedrooms are comfortably designed with double beds and shelves carved out into the white stone – a feature you can see throughout the entire property. Keen cooks will enjoy the fully equipped, farmhouse-style kitchen with a gas hob and a collection of spices, most found in the surrounding countryside by the owners. Those not involved in the food prep can keep the chef company by kicking back on one of the comfy seats.

Guests will love spending most of their time on one of the shaded verandas, offering a front-row seat to intriguing vistas of volcanic mountains and the azure sea glistening in the distance. At the front of the house, you can relax in a rattan chair or one of the hammocks. A large old olive tree is the courtyard's centrepiece, and an open fireplace can serve as a grill for preparing meat and fish for your al-fresco soirées. Alternatively, relax on the comfortable seating and sun loungers and unwind in privacy if you want to work on your tan.

When the Sicilian heat becomes too much to handle, head to the bay to cool down in the refreshing Tyrrhenian sea. The charming Pollara bay offers uninterrupted natural scenery and excellent spots for snorkelling and swimming. There's also many hiking opportunities in the area, taking outdoor lovers through volcanic landscapes with rewarding views at the top.

Worth visiting are also the nearby fishing villages of Malfa, Salina and Rinella, while Leni is perfect for a quick lunch break thanks to its number of bars and restaurants.

Located along the slopes of Monte Fossa delle Feci – an ancient, massive dormant crater – less than a 30-minute drive away, Santa Marina is a town great for a day trip and is favoured for its array of restaurants and atmospheric cafés, as well as a series of interweaving streets filled with souvenir shops. Home to two marinas, it allows visitors to hop on ferries and boats and visit the rest of the Aeolian Islands or mainland Sicily.

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## Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Watersports • Rural Location • Kid-friendly museum • Water excursions/Boat trips • Transfers Available • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Parking Space • Seaview • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

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## Villa Interior (100m2)

### Main House

- Kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, electric oven, hob, dining table and chairs
- Living room with a fireplace
- Bedroom with a double bed
- Bathroom with a shower and WC

### Detached Annexe

- Living room with a sofa
- Double bedroom with two beds
- Bathroom with a shower and WC

## Outside Grounds (2000 m2)

- Terrace with patio furniture, table, chairs and hammocks
- Garden rattan furniture
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue
- Parking

### Facilities

- WiFi
- Fireplace
- Ceiling fans
- CD
- Hairdryer
- Iron





# Location & Local Information

The house is set in the foothills of the mountains and immersed in nature, with only a couple of other holiday homes around. Smelling of wild fennel and fresh sea breeze, the Aeolian island used to be deserted some 60 years ago. Now it's a fantastic place to enjoy Sicily's splendid weather and alluring landscape without the crowds.

Although you're in the heart of Pollara, a small bay set in the middle of an ancient volcano, the area is pretty secluded and known mainly for its pretty walking and hiking paths. Above the beach, Area Balneare di Pollara offers breathtaking views of the sea, neighbouring islands, and steep rocky cliffs. Keen walkers can take paths through the volcanic landscape to the mountain of Fossa delle Felci – a nature reserve offering a breathtaking view of the peninsula, and you can even see Mount Etna from here. Another must-visit lookout point is Punto Panoramico di Pollara. Alternatively, go snorkelling around the rocky cliffs – chances are you'll spot plenty of colourful fish!

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In less than 20 minutes by car, you can reach Praiola, a cliffside hiking area with sweeping coastal views and scenes. If you're feeling energetic, you can walk up to Monte dei Porri – separated from Monte Fossa delle Felci, the largest mountain in Salina – and its observation deck. On the way here, you'll fully immerse in the island's alluring fauna and flora while also getting your steps in.

The closest village with amenities, Malfa, can be reached in only 15 minutes by car if you're after a change of scenery or need to stock up on ingredients in a supermarket. Here you can also find a bakery, café and a few restaurants serving traditional Sicilian cuisine. The nearby Spiaggia dello Scario beach is convenient if you need to cool down on a hot day. At the same time, the Museo Eoliano Dell 'Emigrazione' offers a peek into Salina and the Aeolian Islands' history.

Santa Marina is worth visiting for its ancient history, especially its impressive archaeological findings dating back to the Greek and Roman domination. Admire its 18th-century Mother Church with distinctive bell towers or take a tour through one of the notable museums such as the Ethno anthropological Museum, the Archaeological Museum and the Wine Museum.

If you're planning a boat trip around the islands, stop close to the cliffs near Casa di Neruda from the film "Il Postino" – a natural arch with turquoise water all around and views of Stromboli in the distance.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Catania Airport (218km)
Nearest Airport 2	Palermo Airport (302km)

Nearest Beach	Nearest Bay - Pollara (1km)
Nearest Beach	Nearest pebbly beach - Spiaggia Dello Scario (7km)
Nearest Restaurant	Malfa (7km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Malfa (7km)
Nearest Supermarket	Malfa (7km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Malfa (7km)

## What we love

- Relax in one of the hammocks on the terrace and enjoy spectacular views of the flora and stunning ocean in the distance
- Traditional Sicilian interiors, such as the blue-tiled kitchen, wooden beams and stone walls, will make your holiday feel even more idyllic
- Spiaggia di Pollara, a bay set in the middle of an ancient volcano on a steep coastline, is a short distance away
- In less than 30 minutes by car, you can be strolling around the picturesque streets of Santa Marina

## What you should know...

- Due to the property's tiled and stone surfaces, families with small children should take extra care.
- A car is highly recommended to explore everything this stunning Aeolian Island has to offer.
- Please note that whilst this property comfortably sleeps 4 guests, 2 guests will be accommodated on floating beds, please see images for bed layout.
- 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 that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €300 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.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, including air conditioning (in bedrooms only)

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, and weekly change included.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. 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. Please note that whilst this property comfortably sleeps 4 guests, 2 guests will be accommodated on floating beds, please see images for bed layout. An extra bed is available at an extra cost of €100 per week.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from approximately end-July to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** 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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from approximately end-July to end-August. 5 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €140 per week, payable locally.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi is included up to 10 GB per week. Excess is at an extra cost, payable locally.