

Villa La Sabbia

Region: Sicily **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Villa La Sabbia is a charmingly renovated country home just outside Ispica for six guests, set within luscious gardens and brimming with locally authentic flavour. Executed with natural raw materials, local stone and sloping timber ceilings, this single storey home is a rustic abode, which also offers guests every comfort for a seamless stay.

The pretty gardens provide abundant space for stylish outdoor living, with a stone-paved veranda complete with billowing curtains and night lighting and green sloping lawns fragrant with blossoming plants. Tall palm trees and a fairy-tale style wishing well offer finishing touches. A generously-sized pool is framed by elegant loungers, ideal for reclining and enjoying the sunshine.

The interiors offer a blend of modern style and traditional Sicilian country home, with vibrant neutrals and soft duck egg blues offset with exposed timber beams and original touches. A well-equipped kitchen-dining room sets the scene for lively group meals while the large living space is delightfully finished with full-height ceilings, comfortable furnishings and natural timber, with original flat-tile flooring throughout.

The serene bedrooms offer restorative calm and each is decked out in pristine whites with accents of jade green, buttercup yellows and taupes. With decorative flourishes at every turn, the attention to detail is evident, from soft lamps to scatter cushions to wall art to sprigs of dried flowers. Finished with care and personal touches, Villa La Sabbia is a beautiful abode within the heart of the Sicilian countryside.

Just a ten-minute drive from the amenities of Ispica, and around 5km from the beach, this delightful home offers



the best that the region has to offer. Ispica is set a little inland from the stunning South-Eastern coast of Sicily, overlooking the sea and surrounded by lush vegetation and was re-built after the 1963 earthquake. Known for its 13 kilometre long caves, baroque architecture and historical monuments, notably the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, dripping with the fresco paintings of prolific regional artist Olivio Sòzzi, this region offers a taste of authentic Sicily.

The Val di Noto is known for its UNESCO cities, Sicilian baroque style, pre-historic excavations and stunning coastline, where the Ionian and Mediterranean Seas meet.

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Cots (Cribs) • Watersports • Rural Location • Modern • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Washing Machine • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

- Well-equipped kitchen including coffee machine, microwave, oven and toaster
- Dining and open plan living space with seats for 6 guests
- Double bedroom with double bed
- Double bedroom with double bed
- Twin bedroom
- Two bathrooms with showers

Outside Grounds (1000m2)

- Pool (12 x 4 m, depth: 0.5m - 1.4m). Open approximately from May to end-October
- Garden with lawns
- Veranda
- Outdoor dining and lounge furnishing
- Outdoor kitchen with wood oven
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue
- Loungers and umbrellas
- Wishing well
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Television
- Washing machine
- Hair dryers
- Iron and ironing board



Location & Local Information

Nestled between Noto and Modica, only a few kilometres from the historically beautiful town of Ispica, while the closest amenities are just a ten-minute drive away and the beach is 5km away.

The area around Ispica is renowned for its prehistoric caves and the beautiful coastal resorts such of Santa Maria del Focallo and Ciriga (both ten minutes drive) where visitors can enjoy unspoilt blue flag beaches and clear waters. Ciriga in particular, offers lovely coastal scenery with white cliffs and rock formations in the sea and the whole coast has long sandy beaches.

Ispica is known for its prehistoric monuments and in particular, the famous 13km long “Cava Ispica.” Re-built in the eighteenth century, the most prominent church is Santa Maria Maggiore, known for its beautiful frescos, pretty portico that looks onto the piazza and decorative flourishes. Ispica sits on a hill surrounded by rocky canyons and wild countryside, while its honey-toned limestone architecture comes to life at “golden hour” as the sun sets. A must-see is an archaeological area known as Parco Forza, reached by 100 steps carved into the rocks.

Nearby Noto, Ragusa and Scicli have similar flamboyant, classically Sicilian style. The stunning city of Noto has UNESCO World Heritage status for its beautiful baroque architecture, while Scicli has an impressive castle and spectacular beaches. Modica is an elegant town built up the sides of a gorge, known for being the location for Inspector Montalbano and its beautiful centrepiece church, San Giorgio. Also famous for its Aztec chilli flavoured chocolate, Modica is home to the oldest chocolate shop in Sicily.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Comiso (62 km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Catania (136 km)
Nearest Village	Ispica (4.5 km)
Nearest Town/City	Ispica (4.5 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Ispica (4.5 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Ispica (4.5 km)
Nearest Beach	(5 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Ispica (4.5 km)
Nearest Shop	Ispica (4.5 km)

What we love

- This is a charming traditional Sicilian home featuring a blend of local flavour, authentic touches and a clean, modern finish
- Extensive gardens complete with outdoor kitchen, pool, dining veranda, green lawns and charming wishing well
- This country dwelling is nestled just outside the historical town of Ispica on the beautiful South Eastern coast of Sicily
- As well as the Baroque towns of Noto, Modica and Ragusa, glorious beaches and azure waters await nearby

What you should know...

- A car is recommended in order to enjoy this beautiful region and the main road to access the local amenities (10 minutes drive) is located behind the villa.
- There are some stone steps externally and there is a decorative well, so little ones may need to be monitored.
- Air conditioning is featured only in the bedrooms.
- The pool is not fenced, so children should be supervised when outdoors.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 charged to client's credit card by the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes and mid-stay change for stays of 10 nights or more.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is featured only in the bedrooms. Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information. 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.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. Extra €150, payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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 in July and August. 5 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax charged to client's credit card before arrival by the owner (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately 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.
- **Property Licence Number:** CIR: 19088005C218886 CIN: IT088005C2XD3CHNWG