Villa Ametista

Region: Sicily **Sleeps:** 3

Overview

With breathtaking views of the beautiful bay of Isola Bella and the charming town of Taormina, you will be hard-pressed to find a villa in as spectacular a location as Villa Ametista. Azure water and glorious beaches await during your stay in this glistening corner of Sicily.

Once an old tower, this villa has been converted into a gorgeous home spanning three floors and sleeping up to three guests in two lovely bedrooms. The open plan living/dining room with kitchenette is bright and modern with doors leading out onto a little balcony. Enjoy your morning coffee here while you watch the bay come to life.

The most dazzling feature of this villa is undoubtedly its large terrace, which can be found on the third floor. Boasting a panoramic outlook of the sea and the beaches of Taormina, there is no better place to spend your day. Soak in the stunning scenery from a sun lounger, moving between the sun and shade offered by the retractable clover. In the evenings watch dusk fall as you dine al-fresco and relax in the luxurious heated jacuzzi.

Taormina can be reached on foot in just 20 minutes. It's home to some wonderful restaurants and a pretty central piazza as well as a striking Greek amphitheatre. The town's two beaches, Isola Bella and Mazzarò, have clear water making them ideal for swimming.

The beach at Giardini Naxos is just a 10-minute drive from the villa and is equally as attractive, with golden sand, cobalt water and a promenade lined with bars and restaurants.

Mount Etna is just over an hour's drive while a 50-minute car journey takes you to Catania and its historic, UNESCO-listed centre. An ancient port city, it enjoys a vibrant atmosphere and contests some of the best street markets in Sicily.









Facilities

Boat Trips • Scuba Diving • Sailing • Air-Con • Fishing • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Recommended • Canoeing/Kayaking • Watersports • Walking/Hiking Paths • Chef/Cook Available • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Maid Service Available • Beach Nearby • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Hot Tub • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Transfers Available

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (80m2)

First Floor
- Open-plan living/dining room with arm chairs, table and chairs to seat 4 guests and doors leading to balcony with table and chairs to seat 2 guests
- Kitchenette with 2 x fridges, freezer, hob, microwave, toaster and espresso machine
- Bedroom with single bed
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Second Floor (in the loft, via spiral staircase)
- Mezzanine bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Third Floor
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Terrace with outdoor jacuzzi

Outside Grounds (40m2)

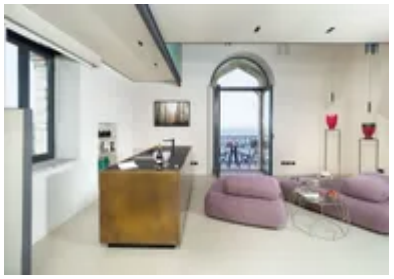
- Large terrace with retractable cover and panoramic views
- Jacuzzi heated to 26 degrees approximately (1.5m x 1.5m, depth 1.6m)
- Al-fresco dining table and chairs to seat 4 guests
- Sun loungers and comfy chairs
- Outdoor tap

Facilities

- WiFi
- Air-conditioning (3 units)
- Satellite TV
- Home sound system
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron
- Hairdryer
- Safe
- Mosquito repellents x 2









Location & Local Information

Villa Ametista enjoys an envious location on the cliffside of one of Sicily's most trendy summer towns. Taormina attracts both tourists and locals alike thanks to its medieval buildings, magnificent views and great quality cuisine. The villa is on the road leading from the sea to Taormina and stepping outside your front door takes you to a restaurant and a viewpoint for taking photos in just a few metres.

A 20-minute walk up the hill takes you to the old town centre. Explore the winding streets, pausing for an ice cream as you make your way up to the main square, Piazza IX Aprile. Among the many significant sites the town boasts, Teatro Antico is perhaps the most spectacular. Learn about the history of this ancient Greek amphitheatre or time your visit to coincide with a concert for an unforgettable experience. The public gardens, Duomo and Corvaja Palace are also not to be missed.

There are two pebbly beaches in Taormina. The nearest one is Isola Bella while Mazzarò is just a little further away, on the other side of the island of Isola Bella, known as the 'Pearl of the Ionian Sea' for its beauty. Both beaches are sheltered with idyllic water and sun loungers and umbrellas available to hire in summer. Mazzarò even connects to the old town via a scenic cable car.

Other beaches within close proximity include Spisone and Mazzeo. A summer beach club and restaurant can be found at Spisone, which is just a 5-minute drive from the villa and usually a little quieter than Taormina's popular beaches.

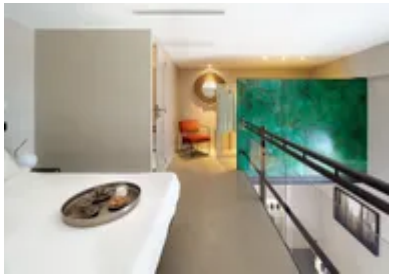
Mazzeo also enjoys a calmer atmosphere than some of its neighbours and can be reached by car in 10 minutes. A number of restaurants, bars and ice cream parlours line the long stretch of sandy/pebbly beach here.

Various different watersport activities are available to try out at Giardini Naxos, including sailing, snorkelling and diving. The resort town is just a 10-minute drive away and as well as the beach it boasts a fascinating archaeological park and a museum.

Head further inland and discover some of Sicily's areas of outstanding natural beauty, including the imposing Mount Etna. Tours of the active volcano depart from Taormina and Catania and provide an awe-inspiring day trip. The Gorges of Alcantara are just 30km away and the rocky canyons, piercing blue water and black lava walls make them a must-see attraction.

The ancient port city of Catania has a rich historic and cultural heritage, so much so that it's centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its baroque architecture can be best seen in the Palazzo Biscari, while the Monastery San Benedetto has become one of the symbols of the city, which is just 50 minutes away. No visit here is complete without taking in the renowned fish markets which are among the most celebrated and animated on the island!









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Catania (65km)**

Nearest Train Station	**Taormina (2km)**
Nearest Town	**Taormina (2km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**50m**
Nearest Shop	**Taormina (2km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Taormina (2km)**
Nearest Beach	**Isola Bella (1km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Taormina (2km)**
Nearest City	**Catania (50km)**

What we love

- Villa Ametista boasts stunning panoramic views across the bay of Isola Bella and the Ionian Sea
- The villa's large terrace features an al-fresco dining table, sun loungers and luxurious heated jacuzzi – ideal for admiring the breathtaking scenery
- The beautiful town of Taormina, with its lovely restaurants, pebbly beaches and ancient Greek amphitheatre, is within walking distance
- The sandy beaches at Mazzeo, Spisone and Giardini Naxos can all be reached by car in under 15-minutes

What you should know...

- Due to its many levels and open staircases, please note that this villa is not suitable for young children(under 12 years old)
- Please note the double bedroom is on a mezzanine level overlooking the living-dining area, via a steep spiral staircase
- While there is no private parking, parking along the road can usually be found easily
- 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 after departure. Alternatively, guests may request to arrange the deposit via credit card, at least one month before arrival. A pre-authorisation will be taken and released two weeks after departure. Subject to full security inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Late arrivals, if agreed, will be charged €30 (payable locally).

- **Departure time:** 08.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that jacuzzi opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
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- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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:** 4 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.