# Villa Sul Mare

Region: Sicily Sleeps: 16

### Overview

On a rocky outcrop right above the sea in a traditional fishing village close to the town of Acireale is luxurious Villa Sul Mare. The villa's seafront position means clear and unspoilt views over the water, nearby marina and dramatic lava rock formations. Villa Sul Mare also offers direct sea access, with a terrace letting you slip into the water with ease.

Halfway between Catania and Taormina, the baroque town of Acireale is just 15 minutes away by car. Sandy beaches, ancient sites and fascinating towns and cities all await with a stay at Villa Sul Mare.

And this five to eight-bedroom villa is a wonder in itself. The white, modern interior feels fresh and bright. And elegant pops of colour reflect the blues, greys and neutral tones of the surrounding coastal landscapes. Marine-inspired art and furnishings made from natural materials create a look that channels beach house vibes.

After days of sun, sea, sand and sightseeing, let the sofa in the open-plan living/dining space take the weight off. The sea is a constant presence here, with views over the water through doors that lead out to the main terrace. Relax and dine indoors or enjoy al-fresco drinks and dinners on the terrace. Each en-suite bedroom is as refined as the communal spaces, with terrace or balcony terrace access. Start every morning with a deep breath of sea air and end nights with drinks under the stars.

Stargazing is just as special in and around Villa Sul Mare's pretty gardens. The draped gazebo with sofa is an especially romantic spot. But the highlight is most definitely the long swimming pool that overlooks the sparkling sea.







Sandy beaches that are easy to reach from Villa Sul Mare include those in the Giardini Naxos and Recanati areas. There's also Mazzarò, Isola Bella, and the golden stretch of La Playa in the city of Catania to visit. Iconic Mount Etna can be reached in less than an hour by car.

### **Facilities**

Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Waterfront • Cots (Cribs) • Watersports • Tennis Nearby • Table Tennis • Seafront • Beach Nearby • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Transfers Available • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Table Football • Heating • High Chair(s) • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

### **Interior & Grounds**

Whole villa including ground floor - 8 en suite bedrooms (16-person rate - available mid-June 2022 onwards only)

#### Villa Interiors (240 m2)

Ground Floor (accessed from the outside)

- Large living room with sitting room, dining room and kitchen
- Bedroom with king-size bed, en-suite bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with twin beds, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Games room with table tennis, table football and punch bag

#### First Floor (accessed via external staircase)

- Open-plan living/dining room with sofas, TV, dining table for eight guests, doors to terrace
- Open-plan kitchen with oven, hob, fridge, freezer, microwave, dishwasher, Nespresso machine, black coffee percolator, kettle, mixer, toaster, doors to outside
- Laundry room
- ${\rm -2}\,{\rm x}$  bedrooms with king-size beds, doors to terrace, en-suite bathrooms with showers
- Bedroom with double bed, doors to terrace, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with French bed, doors to terrace, en-suite bathroom with shower

#### **Outside Grounds**

- Swimming pool (20m x 6m, depth: 1.5 to 4m), open approximately April to early-November
- Garden with lawn, trees, plants, sun loungers
- First-floor terrace with dining table for eight guests, sofas, seating
- Gazebo with sofa
- Barbecue
- Bathroom with shower
- Parking

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Smart TVs (x4)
- Iron
- Hair dryer
- Table tennis
- Table football
- Punch bag
- Washing machine (x2)









### **Location & Local Information**

The sea couldn't be much closer at Villa Sul Mare, with direct access to the water from its pretty outside space via terraces and rocks. Just a short stroll away is the village marina, where you can watch boats passing peacefully across the water. Restaurants and other amenities such as a bar and post office are also easy to reach. Enjoy walks along the rocks and black sand of the shoreline, with lots of inlets and hidden nooks to explore.

Just a 15-minute drive away is the attractive town of Acireale. It lies at the foot of Mount Etna and offers stunning views over the Ionian Sea, as well as a wealth of Baroque architecture. Highlights are Piazza del Duomo, the Basilica of San Sebastiano and the church of San Pietro e Paolo. For one week in February, the town is especially vibrant when it plays host to one of Sicily's most-famous festivals. Stop and take in the sight of flower-covered floats and masked parades making their way down streets to lively music.

Sandy beaches can be found all along the coast here, with some of the best in the Giardini Naxos and Recanti area. Turn relaxing on the sand into a great day out by driving to the ancient city of Catania. One of the most-popular beaches here is La Playa, with its golden sand and family-friendly facilities. Catania is also bursting with history. Sightseeing must-visits include Palazzo Biscari and the Cathedral of Sant'Agata.

Another historic town that's easy to reach by car is Taormina. Perched on a hilltop, the views over the sea and out to Mount Etna from ancient Greek theatre, Teatro Antico di Taormina, are breathtaking.

Mount Etna itself is around a 50-minute drive away. The iconic, still-active volcano is well worth the extra journey time to experience. Hike around lunar-like landscapes or take the cable car up to the summit.

### **Local Amenities**









| Nearest Airport    | Catania<br>(40km)      |
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| Nearest Village    | (500m)                 |
| Nearest Restaurant | (200m)                 |
| Nearest Bar/Pub    | (450m)                 |
| Nearest Shop       | Santa Tecia<br>(3.5km) |
| Nearest Beach      | Riposto<br>(12km)      |
| Nearest Town       | Acireale<br>(8km)      |
| Nearest City       | Catania<br>(25km)      |
| Nearest Tennis     | Acireale<br>(8km)      |

### What we love

- This luxurious villa overlooks the sea and outcrop of lava rock, with direct access to the water.
- Take in amazing views from the main terrace with outdoor dining and seating areas.
- The highlight of the garden is a huge swimming pool that overlooks the sea.
- The town of Acireale is a 15-minute drive away, with Catania and Taormina reached in 40 minutes.

## What you should know...

• The first floor (which is home to the main entrance) is accessed via an external staircase.

### **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €2000 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. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- Departure time: 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including mid-week change.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: 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. Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- Changeover day: Saturday from mid-June- beginning-September. 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. All other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Internet access?: WiFi internet access included.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately early April to early November. 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: 19087004C205289 CIN: IT087004C26VJ4L9P8