Casa Ariel

Region: Amalfi Coast **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

There are spectacular sea views from this beautiful villa with steps enticingly leading down to a rocky platform by the sea. Casa Ariel is within walking distance of the gorgeously photogenic Positano on the Amalfi coast, with easy access to the island of Capri and the spectacular port of Amalfi. From Casa Ariel, you will have direct access to the sea and to a public beach, partly gravel and partly rocky-ideal for nature lovers and those seeking a more authentic coastal experience. The beach is reached via a public walkway carved into the rocky cliffside, featuring approximately 260 steps and offering breathtaking views along the way. To reach the villa itself from street level, you'll go down a stairway consisting of about 36 steps.

Terraced levels, so typical of villas along this coast, comfortably accommodate up to 10 guests. Each of the five en suite double bedrooms in the air-conditioned main house has access to terraces or small balconies, just perfect for watching the boats bobbing on the blue waters below.

Watch the colours of the sea and sky change as you dine together beneath the wisteria covered pergola on the upper terrace next to the spacious living and dining area. Casa Ariel features an inviting outdoor tub measuring 1.70 x 2.50 meters, perfect for a refreshing dip. Adjacent to the tub, you'll find an outdoor shower with hot water for added convenience.

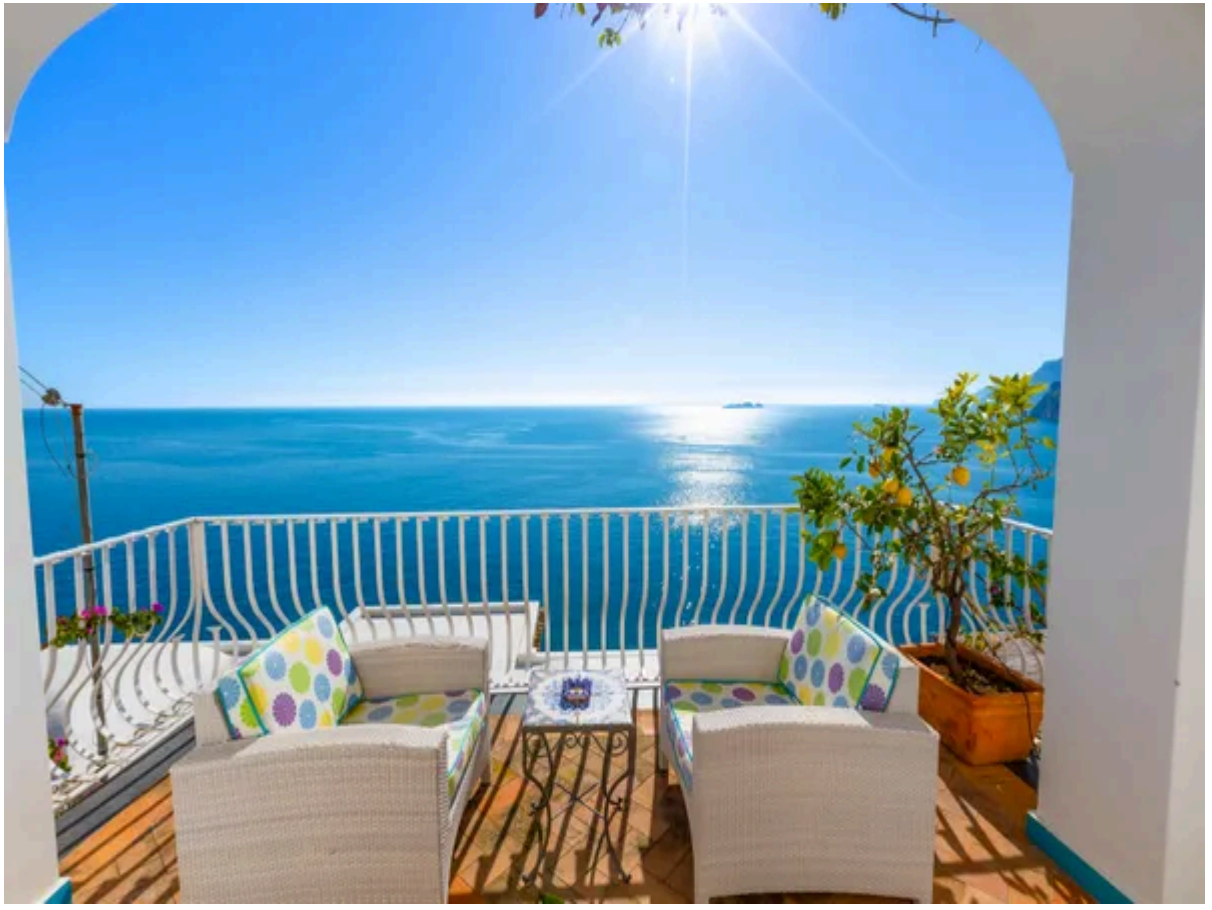
There are two 25-m² terraces, the first accessed from the first-floor lounge, the second from the garden. Both terraces are partially shaded and furnished with tables, chairs and sun loungers.

Positano is famous for its peach, pink and terracotta buildings, art galleries, boutique shops and excellent restaurants. Its tiny winding roads tumble down to the pretty main beach where you can hire a beach chair in the shade and order a cool glass of wine. In the summer there are daily boat tours to Capri, Amalfi and the Sorrento peninsular as well as to the local bays and grottos. Hire a boat or kayak to visit quieter beaches or stay in the bay with a paddleboard.

Facilities

Fishing • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Watersports • Air-Con • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Included • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Wi-Fi/Internet • On-Street Parking • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Hot Tub • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Breakfast Included • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds



Casa Interiors (500m2)

Upper Floor

- Living-dining room with air-conditioning, satellite TV, DVD player, iPod and dining table for up to 10 guests. Doors lead to upper sea-view terrace for al-fresco dining
- Kitchen, professionally equipped with gas hobs (x6), electric oven, large fridge-freezer, dishwasher, microwave, American coffee machine, Moka pot and toaster
- Bedroom with double bed (can be twin on request), air-conditioning, iPod, radio docking station, safe and door leading to small balcony with sea view. En-suite bathroom with shower and WC
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Lower Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (can be twin on request), air-conditioning, iPod, radio docking station, safe and door leading to small balcony with sea view. En-suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (can be twin on request), air-conditioning, iPod, radio docking station, safe and door leading to lower terrace with sea view. En-suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (can be twin on request), air-conditioning, iPod, radio docking station, safe and door leading to lower terrace with sea view. En-suite bathroom with whirlpool bath and WC

Outside Grounds (300m2)

- Swimming pool (2.7m x 7m, depth: 1m - 1.8m). Open approximately April to end-October
- Jacuzzi (1.3m x3 m) Open approximately April to end-October (not heated)
- Poolside terrace with table, chairs and sun-loungers
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue
- Upper sea-view terrace (25m2) with wisteria pergola, al-fresco dining table and sun-loungers
- Lower sea-view terrace (25m2) with shade, table and chairs
- Garden (300m2) with trees, garden furnishings and sea view
- Parking is on the road, subject to availability, or in a town centre public car park, for a fee

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV
- iPod docking station
- Bose acoustics
- Hydromassage pool
- Ironing facilities

Location & Local Information

Casa Ariel is located in a convenient setting about 2km from the edge of Positano, a picturesque beach town on the glorious Amalfi coast with easy access to Amalfi, Capri and the Sorrento peninsula.

The villa is 36 steps down from the coast road with available parking on the road above or in town, a walk away. There are a further 260 steps from the villa down a public footpath to the rocky platform by the azure water below - if you don't feel like the walk, just enjoy the amazing sea views from one of the terraces!

Positano is famous for its peach, pink and terracotta buildings, art galleries, boutique shops, excellent restaurants and tiny roads winding their way down to the sea. Once you have reached the clean and pretty main beach, hire a chair under an umbrella and order a cool glass of wine during the summer months. Enjoy a moment of calm in the Santa Maria Church, renowned for its 13th century Black Madonna and Child and for being one of the most popular places for weddings in southern Italy.

Browse in the shops, looking out for the typical white linen clothing and the lemon flavoured or scented produce such as soap and limoncello. Take a local market tour, learn Italian culinary secrets at a cookery demonstration before a 4 course lunch or dinner at the home of a Positano local.

Take a boat tour or rent a private boat to the nearby grottos or jump on one of the daily summer ferries to Amalfi, Sorrento and Capri. Closer to home, there is paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkelling and scuba diving or a boat trip to Arienzo beach.

Climb up the stone staircases from Positano to the little town of Montepertuso at the foot of the Lattari Mountains or take the more strenuous Santa Maria del Castello trail from Positano to the little church above. Slightly further afield is "The Path of the Gods", a glorious 5 mile trail between Agerola and Nocelle.

The spectacular port of Amalfi is only a half hour drive or a boat trip away. Spend a day here and visit the Cathedral of Sant'Andrea, wander through the Rione Vagliendola before a relaxing swim at one of the town beaches. If you have time, call into the tiny fishing village of Atrani near Amalfi, so loved by the Dutch artist, Escher. A few kilometres further inland is tranquil Ravello, known as "The City of Music" having attracted composers and artists over the centuries.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Naples (62km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Sorrento (17km)**
Nearest Town	**Positano (2km)**

Nearest Restaurant	**(1km)**
Nearest Shop	**(1km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Positano (2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Positano (2km)**
Nearest Beach	**(<1km)**
Nearest City	**Naples (62km)**

What we love

- A beautiful air-conditioned villa just outside Positano with stunning views over the Tyrrhenian sea and a footpath down to the waters below
- Spacious al fresco dining space beneath a wisteria covered pergola as well as a swimming and hydro-massage pools
- Stroll to Positano, an idyllic town loved by visitors from across the world
- Summer boat trips leave for Capri, Sorrento and Amalfi – a wonderful way to explore this captivating region

What you should know...

- As is typical of the Amalfi coast, this villa features many terraced levels and steps. There are 36 steps from the main road to the villa, then another 260 steps along a public rocky footpath down to the sea.
- If you bring a car, please note that car parking is either on the main road above the house (36 steps away) subject to availabilty, or in Positano public car park (around 2km away) for a fee. Alternatively, there is a bus stop a short walk away.
- 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:** €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. A luggage service is available between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. A luggage service is available between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including change twice per week on Wednesday and Saturday for stays of more than 14 nights or more.

- **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. Highchair is included while a cot is available on request. Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **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:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

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

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per person 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 April 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.