

# Casa Castera

**Region:** Southern Corsica   **Sleeps:** 10

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## Overview

This comfortable and elegantly designed modern air-conditioned villa offers accommodation for up to ten guests and has stunning rural views. It is situated close to the attractive seaside village of Cargèse on the west coast of the magnificent island of Corsica, north of Ajaccio.

Downstairs, a well-equipped kitchen stands adjacent to the large dining table from which you glide gracefully round into the smart living area and onwards towards a games area. The sense of space in this light-filled open plan area is beautifully enhanced by the high white vaulted ceiling.

The characterful mezzanine level above is cleverly designed to hold four single beds - this would be a fun place for a group of older children or teenagers to sleep. There are three lovely and more conventional en suite double bedrooms downstairs, one with views of the pool.

There is a beautiful garden and a large terrace with superb far stretching rural views, just perfect for an al fresco evening meal around the barbecue as you watch the sun set on the horizon. The swimming pool, artistically designed to look as natural as possible, blends beautifully into the grounds towards the landscape of olive trees and wooded hills beyond.

Cargèse, a short drive away, is an attractive town of blue shuttered white houses in a picturesque setting overlooking the deep blue waters of the Gulf of Sagone. It has a fascinating history and was founded by Greek immigrants in the 17th century with two beautiful Latin and Greek churches facing each other high up above the sea.

Cargèse has an easily accessible sandy main beach, a huge range of summer water sports and there are other



beaches to explore locally around the bay. You may be tempted to navigate the winding route towards Piana and beyond to see the amazing rock formations of the Calanches or more simply view it from one of the great boat trips which will also whisk you away to the wonderful Scandola Nature Reserve, sometimes with a swimming stop along the way.

## Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Villa • Beach Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Table Tennis • Watersports • Rural Location • Modern • On-Site Concierge • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Safety Deposit Box • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (320m2)

### Main Floor (split-level)

- Open plan living and dining area
- Open plan kitchen, well-equipped
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed, TV, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower
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- Bathroom with shower

### Upstairs (open mezzanine level above living space)

- Bedroom with four single beds

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool with safety alarm
- Outdoor shower
- Large terrace (130m2) with al-fresco dining and lounge area
- Gas barbecue
- Pétanque
- Private parking



## Location & Local Information

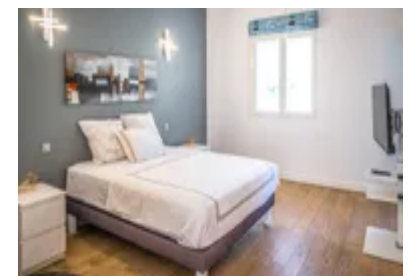
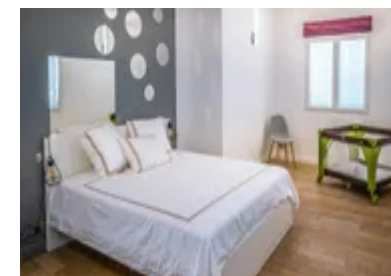
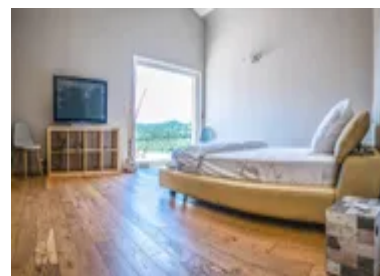
Casa Castera is situated 2.5km inland from Cargèse, a popular seaside resort on the west coast of Corsica between Ajaccio and Porto. The villa is surrounded by a small handful of neighbours and has stunning rural views, located just off the road heading north and within 250m of a local supermarket.

Cargèse is an attractive town of white houses with blue shutters in a picturesque setting overlooking the deep blue waters of the Gulf of Sagone. Founded by Greek immigrants in the 17th century, it is best known for its two Greek and Latin churches, the Church of St. Spyridon and the Church of the Assumption, dramatically facing each other with their bell towers against the sky.

Roads are often narrow and winding, especially north of Piana, so car travel might take longer than expected. Start your holiday locally in Cargèse enjoying its restaurants and sandy beaches - the Plage de Peru just north of the town is one of the best and most accessible. There are plenty of opportunities here for summer watersports and activities such as paddle boarding, jet skiing, scuba diving, snorkelling, fishing and speed boat trips.

Walkers will enjoy the scenic circular walk to Cargèse Hafen or the slightly more challenging 7 mile hike to the ruins of the Genoese Tower of Omigna. An easy way to view the landscape is to take a boat trip from Cargèse around the gulf of Sagone and along the coast. There is a semi rigid inflatable boat which visits the wonderful Scandola Nature Reserve, the old fishing village of Girolata and the dramatic Piana creeks, with a welcome swimming break along the way.

The Scandola Nature Marine and Terrestrial Reserve has regulated access, only possible by sea. It is part of the regional natural park of Corsica and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Along the cliffs with their small caves and amazing rock formations, you may spot an osprey or peregrine falcon.





The Calanches di Piana, around 19kms northwards, is an unusual rocky landscape south of Porto where the coastal red granite rocks rise dramatically 400m above sea level next to the blue sea and green pines. There are several amazing trails here for experienced hikers and a mountain biking section between Piana and Porto.

Intrepid drivers only may now be tempted to take the car further afield. Heading northwards along the D81, the Calanques de Piana is a very narrow, winding and often busy scenic balcony road (road cyclists go off season), said to be one of the greatest and most challenging drives in Europe.

Alternatively, drive the 53km southwards to the very pleasant port city of Ajaccio, the birthplace of Napoleon with its many statues, restaurants, bars, museum and airport to remind you of this famous French leader. It has great shops, a lively daily market, picturesque boulevards and tree lined squares.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Ajaccio Airport (53km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Ajaccio (52km)
Nearest Village	Cargèse (2.5km)
Nearest Beach	(1.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	By the beach with seasonal opening hours (1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Small supermarket (Within 250m)
Nearest City	Ajaccio (53km)

## What we love

- You are sure to feel away from it all in this elegant, air-conditioned villa with a lovely garden and superb rural views
- Chill out in the natural looking swimming pool before taking lunch on the spacious terrace with its fine views across the olive groves towards wooded hills
- Only 2.5km from the attractive west coast seaside village of Cargèse with its sandy beaches and a huge range of watersports
- It's an exciting boat trip along the coast to the dramatic red rocks of the famous Calanches di Piana and the wonders of the Scandola Nature Reserve

## What you should know...

- As you can see from the photographs, the fourth bedroom is on an open mezzanine level above the open plan living and dining space, best suited to older kids/teens or adults.
- The grounds are beautiful with the most wonderful views – youngsters will need to be supervised.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2500 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. 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?:** 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.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 6 nights in July and August. 4 nights during all other periods.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** 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.
- **Beach towels included?:** Yes.