

Villa Poinsettia

Region: Northern Corsica **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Floor to ceiling windows frame the magnificent sea view at Villa Poinsettia, a contemporary gem in the Balagne hills just a short distance from some of north-west Corsica's most gorgeous sandy beaches.

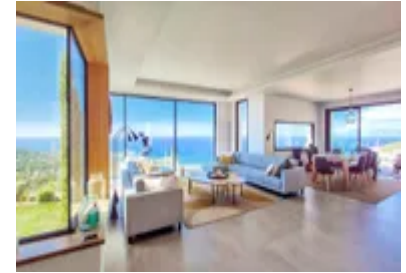
Indeed, light floods into the open plan living, dining and kitchen space at this modern and stylish holiday home whilst sliding doors open straight out to the decked terrace, al-fresco lounge and heated swimming pool. Imagine lazing outside with a glass of chilled Corsican rosé as you gaze towards the Balagne coast and shimmering blue sea.

Up to ten fortunate guests can stay at this stunning Corsican villa, sleeping in five double bedrooms scattered across the floors, each one with air-conditioning and a private shower room, some also with views towards the sea.

You are within a short drive to a characterful hillside village where you can admire the surrounding scenery and there's a small handful of places to eat, or venture slightly further afield to other idyllic villages scattered across the Balagne landscapes such as Pigna, Monticello, Lumio and Sant'Antonino, one of France's classified '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

Some of the region's most beautiful beaches are also within easy reach from the sandy shores, crystal-clear sea and summer beachside restaurants at Plage de Ghjunchitu to the watersports and long sandy beach at nearby Algajola. Not to mention the close proximity of Calvi, only 20km away, with its ancient citadel, historic lanes, glitzy marina and another fantastic beach.

Even closer to home is the incredibly charming seaside



town of L'Île-Rousse, such a picturesque place to soak up the Corsican ambience. After dining in an authentic restaurant in the old town or on the beach, wander up to the lighthouse at sunset when the rock glows red and experience yet more sensational views.

Facilities

Seaview • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Watersports • Historical Sites • Cycling • Boat Trips • TV • Coffee Machine • Wine Tasting • Villa • Washing Machine • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Wow Factor • Maid Service Included • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Modern • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (lower, ground and intermediate level)

- Living and dining area with sea-view
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped including fridge-freezer, dishwasher, oven, induction hob, toaster, Nespresso machine, juicer and kettle. Door leads to pool terrace and patio
- Annexe with laundry room and large freezer
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning, sea-view and door leading to garden. En suite bathroom with shower and separate WC
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- Annexe bedroom (independent access) with double bed, air-conditioning, mini-bar, sea-view and door leading to garden. En suite bathroom with shower and WC

Two of the bedrooms connect via a sliding door (so one is accessed via the other)

Some of the bathrooms are partially open-plan to the bedrooms

Outside Grounds

- Infinity swimming pool (12m x4m) heated approximately June to September. Security barrier installation available on request
- Poolside terrace with railings
- Weber barbecue
- Al-fresco lounge and dining area
- Rear patio
- Garden (various levels)
- Outdoor WC

Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms)



Location & Local Information

In the Balagne region of north-west Corsica, close to some of the region's most idyllic beaches, Villa Poinsettia enjoys incredible sea views from its perched position in the countryside.

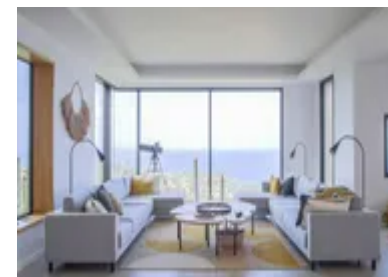
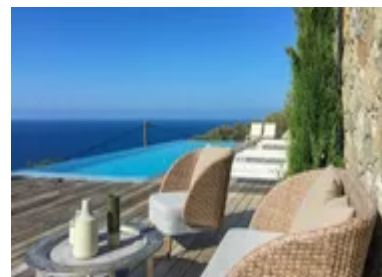
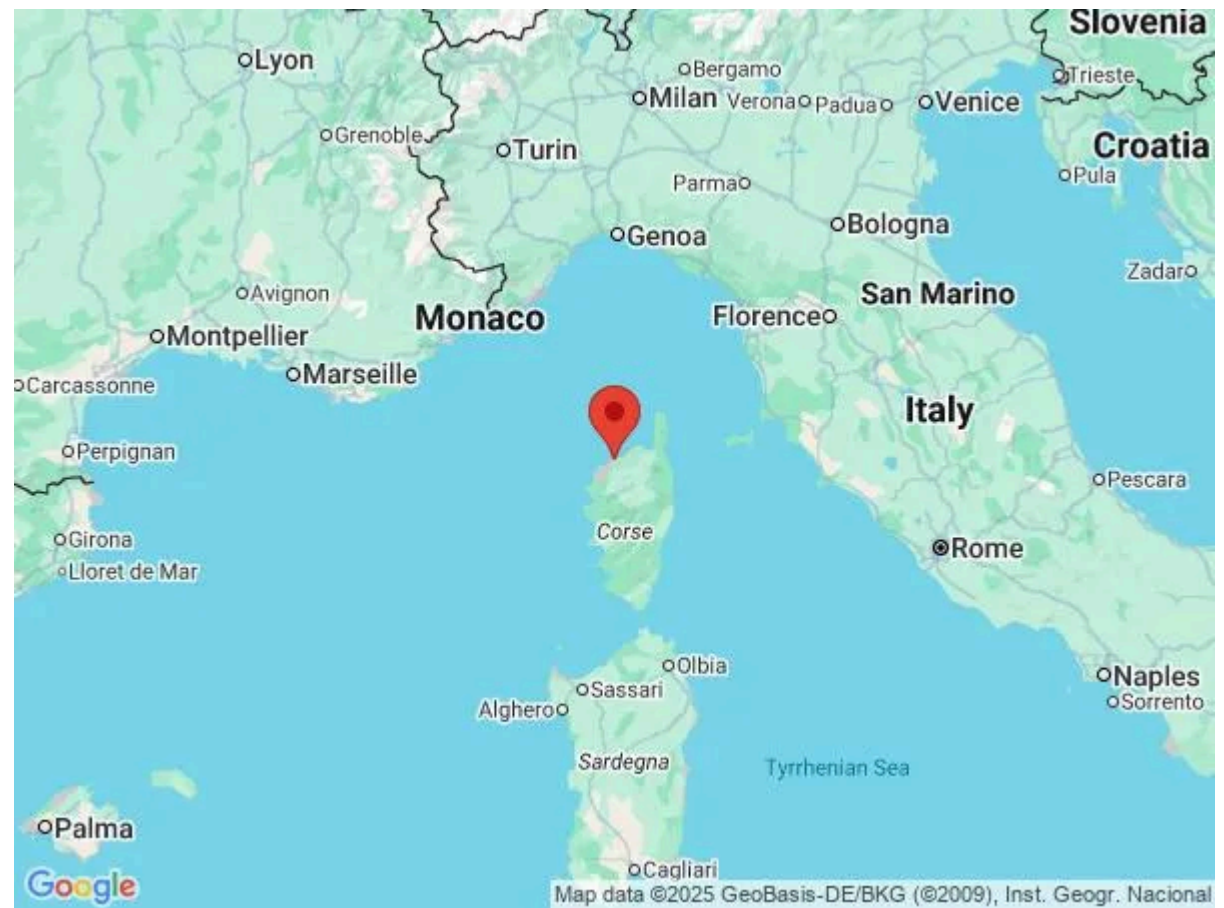
Set above a small country road with other villas dotted around, it's only a 2km drive to the main part of the local village where you can appreciate more wonderful vistas towards the Mediterranean.

Heading down towards the coast, within a short distance you can be exploring some of Corsica's loveliest beaches. Plage de Ghjunchitu is a scenic sandy bay with crystal-clear sea backed by gorgeously scented maquis with a couple of summer beachside restaurants. Plage de Bodri is another Corsican gem close by or come across picture-perfect little bays such as Plage de Cala di Furnellu. The small seaside town of Algajola (5km) is easily reached with its restaurants, watersports and glorious long beach, Plage d'Aregno.

L'Île-Rousse (4.5km) is a particularly beautiful old town with little streets filled with shops and restaurants specialising in delicious Corsican food such as chestnuts, wild boar or the catch of the day on one of the beach restaurants. The little covered food market is also a joy to experience. Walk up to the lighthouse at Ile de la Pietra for spectacular views, especially around sunset when the rock glows red.

Take time to discover many of the traditional villages in the Balagne countryside such as Pigna (5km), known for its ceramics, Monticello (8.5km) and Sant'Antonino (11km), one of France's classified 'Plus Beaux Villages'. Lumio (11km) is also incredibly picturesque with its baroque church, olive trees and Wednesday morning market. From Lumio, keen hikers can venture up to the abandoned village of Occi for more panoramic scenery or take advantage of the many walking trails across the superb Balagne landscapes.

Back by the coast, the handsome town of Calvi (20km) has



an amazing citadel with spectacular vistas, narrow streets filled with charming restaurants and shops as well as a glitzy marina with cafes and bars. The town beach has lovely shallow waters and watersports including jet-skis, paragliding and windsurfing. The setting of Calvi is particularly spectacular with the rugged mountains in the background.

Boat trips can be taken from the marina in Calvi to the Scandola Nature Reserve (a World Heritage Site), an unspoilt area of fascinating rock formations with restricted access only by boat (or foot via high mountains).

Another area of outstanding beauty is the beach at Ostriconi (18km), north-east of L'Île-Rousse, a wild beach only accessed by foot. Continue along the winding roads of the Desert des Agriates to the harbourside town of St Florent (50km) at the foot of the equally stunning Cap Corse, a wild peninsula with characterful fishing villages and mesmerising scenery. There are also some good wines to taste in this part of the island, especially around Patrimonio (57km).

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Calvi Airport (20km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bastia Airport (76km)
Nearest Ferry Port	L'Île-Rousse (5km)
Nearest Village	Hilltop village (2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (2km)
Nearest Beach	Plage de Ghjunchitu (3.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	 (2.5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Reginu (15km)

Nearest Town	L'Île-Rousse (4.5km)
Nearest Tennis	(4km)

What we love

- Admire the magnificent sea vistas of this impressive contemporary Corsican villa
- The decked terrace with its al-fresco lounge, heated swimming pool and views of the Balagne coast
- Some of north-west Corsica's most beautiful beaches are within a short drive
- Soak up the Corsican charm of L'Île-Rousse and its beaches or head inland to discover idyllic hilltop villages across the glorious landscapes of the Balagne

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- One of the bedrooms is in an annexe with independent access – see the "Features" tab for further details.
- It's also worth noting that two of the bedrooms connect via a sliding door (so one is accessed via the other).
- If travelling with children, supervision is needed across the picturesque gardens and grounds with various levels.
- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 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?:** No, €47 per bed. Payable locally.

- **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. If travelling with children, supervision is needed across the picturesque gardens and grounds with various levels. One of the bedrooms is in an annexe with independent access – see the "Features" tab for further details. It's also worth noting that two of the bedrooms connect via a sliding door (so one is accessed via the other). Special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.

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

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €300, payable locally. 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.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required), payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is heated from June to September approximately. 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?:** No, €8 per beach towel. Payable locally.