Villa Finocchiara

Region: Amalfi Coast **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Built in the traditional local style, in an elevated position above the coastal road, the authentic Villa Finocchiara welcomes up to twelve guests for a relaxing break on the enchanting Amalfi Coast. Even after its renovation in 2007, this hillside retreat has not lost its traditional charm, with archetypal Amalfian features and striking views from its sun-drenched terraces on all three floors.

The villa sits on a hilltop up 113 steps from the main coastal road. Guests enjoy several parking spaces in a private parking lot at the base of the property, a luggage 'elevator' which will bring luggage and groceries, from the parking lot directly up to the property, and a great restaurant situated at the bottom of the steps leading up to the property.

As you enter via the tufa steps on the middle floor, you will find the first two of the villa's six delightful double bedrooms, which share a large bathroom with a Jacuzzi, walk-in shower and immaculate ceramic tiling from Vietri Sul Mare, just a few kilometres along the coast. Fine ceramics are one of this region's most famous exports, and colourful tiling features in all five bathrooms. Different patterns feature in all of the bathrooms' walls and floors, adding a layer of authentic Amalfian style to the superb fixtures and furniture.

The living spaces have a pleasing flow, with the homely living room offering sumptuously comfortable sofas and a large television to unwind in front. This, in turn, leads to a spacious kitchen diner that lends itself to social morning coffees and lunches at the farmhouse-style dining table. As well as a terrific range stovetop, espresso machine and a sequence of bar refrigerator units that can accommodate plenty of local wines and Limoncello, there is a beautifully restored fireplace, ideal for winter visitors. You will discover more of this villa's exceptional features, such as stonework at the poolside dating back over eight hundred years. This has been expertly incorporated with the villa's renovation, its arched coves leading to two of the bedrooms.

As well as offering welcome refreshments on summer days, the stunning infinity pool offers fabulous views of the sea and the neighbouring hillside. For a blissful morning experience, switch on the waterfall feature and watch the yachts and hydrofoils enter Amalfi harbour, following others as they head out on the cobalt Mediterranean waters. Uncork a bottle of Falanghina and relax in the rattan lounge on a poolside terrace that's a beautiful place to gather at all times of the day. This glorious viewpoint takes on an entirely different atmosphere as the sun sets. The illuminated houses on the hillside opposite, along with the poolside lighting, generate a truly magical feel. Suppers at the covered dining table are a joy. If a day at the poolside has left you with little energy for cooking – even at the impressive large barbecue - there is a delivery service available from the excellent restaurant next door.









Villa Finocchiara is just a short walk from the charming harbour town of Amalfi, with plenty of other delightful towns and villages along the thirty-four-mile Amalfi Coast. Even if you prefer not to drive, the towns between Amalfi and Salerno are easy to reach by ferry or bus, with taxis readily available in the central coastal towns. Amalfi is a graceful place that you will find a little easier to walk around than some of its steeper neighbours. You will find all the essentials for your stay at Villa Finocchiara and much more, with a terrific Thursday morning market at the port and a wealth of superb cafés, restaurants and shops.

Facilities

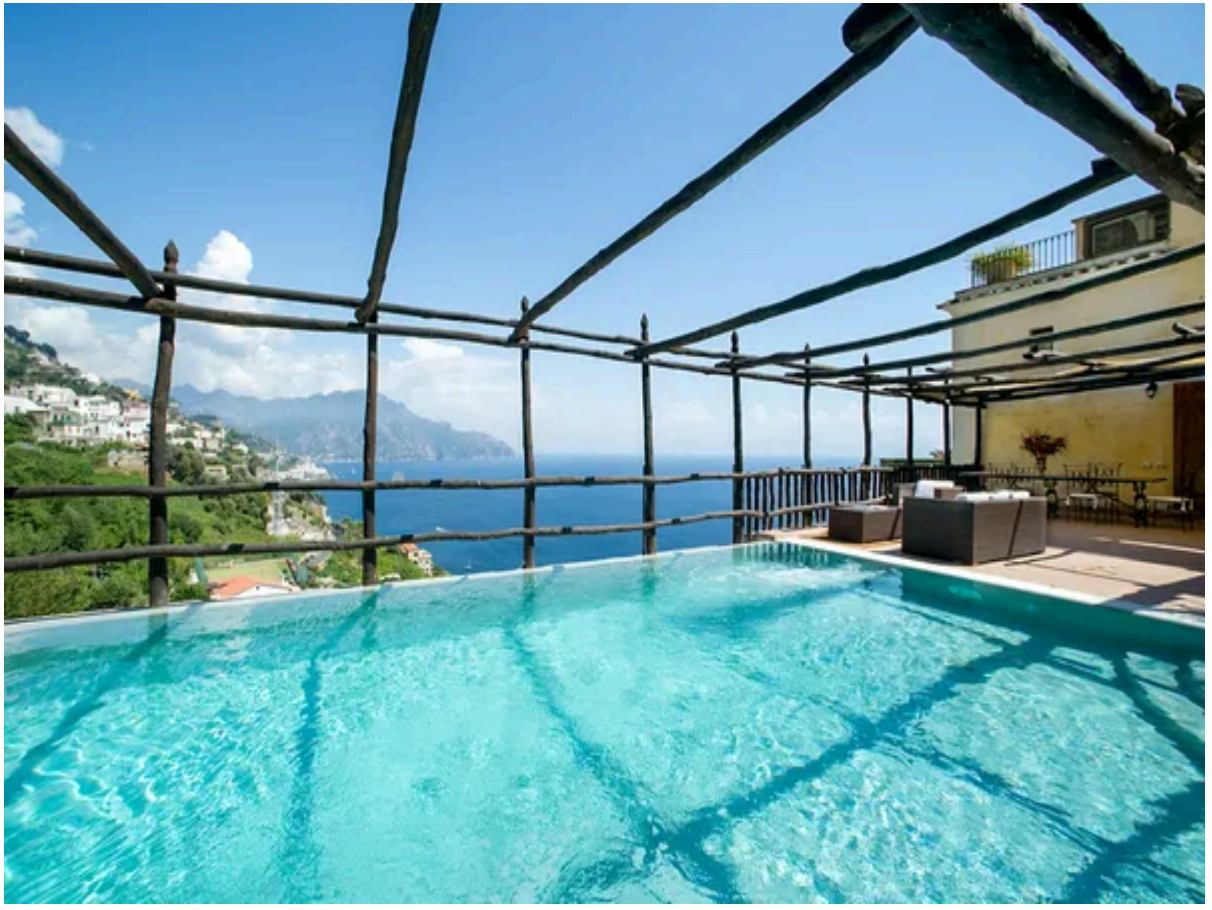
Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Villa • Boat Trips • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Air-Con • Private Pool • Recommended • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • DVD • Dishwasher • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Heating • Water excursions/Boat trips • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Transfers Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds









Villa Interior(300 sqm)

Bottom Floor

- Lounge/dining room
- Double bedroom with double bed (bed can be converted to twin beds) with en-suite bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom with double bed (bed can be converted to twin beds) with single sofa-bed, en-suite bathroom with shower

Middle Floor (pool level, accessed via an external staircase, not connected internally with the bottom floor)

- Double bedroom with double bed (bed can be converted to twin beds)
- Kitchen/dining room
- Double bedroom with double bed (bed can be converted to twin beds) with panoramic window
- Double bedroom with double bed (bed can be converted to twin beds) with terrace access
- Bathroom with shower/sauna cabin
- Living room with terrace access
- Bathroom with hydro massage bathtub

Top Floor (accessed via an external staircase, not connected internally with the first floor)

- Living room with corner kitchen
- Double bedroom with double bed (bed can be converted to twin beds) with single sofa bed
- Bathroom with shower
- Access to private terrace with outdoor shower
- Laundry area

Outside Grounds(700sqm)

- Infinity swimming pool (can be heated, 8m x6m, from 1.10m to 1.60m depth) open approximately end-April to end-October
- Shaded terrace and gardens
- Outdoor shower
- Dining table
- Solarium terrace with built-in seating
- Sunbeds
- Barbecue
- Parking for two cars with a pulley system for luggage

Facilities

- Air conditioning
- Wi-Fi
- Central heating
- Outdoor stereo with CD player
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Iron with board
- Mosquito nets
- Safe

Location & Local Information

If you fancy a stroll around, compared to some of the more vertiginous towns along the coast, Amalfi is an ideal day out. The promenade is a feast for the eyes, with a bustling harbour full of colourful boats and bright, whitewashed buildings rising gently up the hillside.

The eye-catching architecture and beautiful scenery extend well beyond the stunning cathedral in the Piazza del Duomo - as the local saying goes- "For an Amalfitan, the day he goes to heaven is just like any other day". You will discover a terrific range of independent shops, as well as delightful cafés and restaurants – the phenomenal seafood, in particular, is not to be missed.

A short but scenic fifteen-minute drive will bring you to the gorgeous clifftop town of Ravello, known as the 'Balcony of the Amalfi Coast'. A long-standing refuge of artists, musicians and authors over the last two centuries, Ravello hosts a range of cultural events throughout the year, including the Ravello Festival. This open-air event takes place at Villa Rufolo throughout July and August, with atmospheric musical performances set against the spectacular backdrop of the Gulf of Salerno. Michelin-starred restaurants share piazzas with trattorias and pizzerias, offering visitors a wealth of enticing dining options between taking in the breathtaking architecture and enjoying some of the best shopping along the Amalfi Coast.

Great shopping is one of the hallmarks of the towns and villages along this thirty-four-mile stretch of coast. Pastel-coloured buildings adorn the narrow streets, housing beautifully designed stores packed with everything from fine Italian leather bags and stylish clothing to ceramic art and one of the region's most famous exports – Limoncello. Made with the freshest Sorrento lemons, this locally produced liqueur is available in its dedicated stores in various imaginatively designed bottles. Whether you prefer the traditional local recipe or artisanal varieties infused with peppermint or juniper, this is an unmissable treat to enjoy while staying on the Amalfi Coast.

Taking small bottles of Limoncello home as gifts is de rigueur when you visit here, but beware – the bottles' corks can be a little unpredictable in your luggage - we recommend grabbing some decent tape to seal the bottles before you pack them!
As expected, this part of Italy is rightly proud of its culinary and winemaking heritage. There is no shortage of options for terrific local restaurants and trattorias, not to mention cookery classes and tasting tours – getting you right to the heart of this region's passion for food and wine. There are vibrant weekly markets in the towns close by, with Ravello and Sorrento hosting theirs on a Tuesday. These street markets have their picturesque backdrops, with crowds gathering at Amalfi's port on Thursdays treated to an incredible view from the oceanfront path. Those arriving later in the week can gather fantastic ingredients for weekend dinners at Maiori on Friday, as well as have the chance to wander along the promenade and enjoy this pretty harbour town.

Wherever you stay along this uniquely beautiful, thirty-mile stretch of coast, you will find plenty of tour operators close by, offering a range of unforgettable experiences. Take a boat cruise over to Capri, with its famous blue caves and crystalline waters, or head an hour by road to the archaeological marvel that is Pompeii. As well as guided sightseeing tours, many operators offer deluxe packages that include extras, such as









snorkelling, lunch and wine tastings, so be sure to shop around to find one that suits you.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Napoli (66km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Pogerola (5km)**
Nearest Beach	**Duoglio spiaggia (700m)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Amalfi (1km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(200m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(5km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Amalfi (3km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Vietri sul Mare-Amalfi (22km)**

What we love

- This hillside villa's elevated position and gorgeous terraces deliver scintillating views of Amalfi harbour and the Mediterranean Sea
- Parts of an ancient tower have been incorporated into this stunning renovation, with beautifully restored features.
- Built in the traditional local style, the authentic Villa Finocchiara welcomes up to twelve guests for a relaxing break on the enchanting Amalfi Coast
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What you should know...

- The pool is not fenced, so children should be supervised when outdoors.
- The villa sits on a hilltop up to 113 steps from the main coastal road.
- The property is accessible 120 steps from the parking lot, though a porter service is available on arrival and departure, as well as a luggage pulley system.
- There is a parking space available for two cars.
- Please be advised that due to the location of the property the internet connection might be intermittent and at an inferior speed than what you are used to
- Please note that the staff do not supervise the swimming pool which must not be used at night.
- Children under 6 must have parents' supervision
- Only authorized staff and personnel are permitted to be onsite

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 10 a.m

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes up to 300 Kwh. Extra cost payable in cash locally.

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

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

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
 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 the staff do not supervise the swimming pool which must not be used at night.
 The pool can be heated, on request, between 22-28° Celsius. Specific water temperatures cannot be guaranteed and may vary due to the many environmental variables including wind, humidity, rain, ambient temperature.
 Please note that 2 single beds can be added at extra cost per week, payable locally. Please enquire for further info.
 Due to the different levels of the property, this villa is not suitable for those with mobility issues.
 Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **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.

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

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes up to 300 Kwh. Extra cost payable in cash locally.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Extra cost, payable locally in cash.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included. Please be advised that due to the location of the property the internet connection might be intermittent and at an inferior speed than what you are used to

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately end of April to end-October. The staff do not supervise the swimming pool which must not be used at night. 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.