

# Casa Granita

**Region:** Sicily   **Sleeps:** 8

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## Overview

In a picture-perfect location on the hillside, overlooking the dazzling blue sea, is Casa Granita. This timeless apartment offers easy access to the shops, cafes and restaurants of Taormina, which is one of Sicily's most exclusive towns. The town's gorgeous beaches are also close by, so you will have everything you need on hand for a relaxing break.

The apartment is warm and welcoming with tasteful décor and sumptuous furnishings throughout. The open-plan living room is the heart of the home and is the ideal spot for enjoying cocktails in the evening as you can move between the indoor and outdoor spaces with ease due to the sliding doors on to the terraces.

The living space is a large room with comfortable sofas, pretty wallpaper and a flatscreen TV, in addition to two dining tables where everyone can gather for dinner with a view of the sea. All around the apartment plants, sculptures, vases of flowers and well-placed lamps, create a serene environment where you can truly unwind.

As well as looking beautiful, the home is also equipped with all of the facilities you could require, such as air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, Smart TVs and a well-equipped kitchen.

When it is time to turn in for the night, there are four bedrooms to choose from at Casa Granita. Each of the bedrooms offer queen-sized beds, seating areas and a Smart TV, with some of the rooms opening out on to a terrace with sea view. Each room also has either an en-suite bathroom or access to a private bathroom; the bathrooms are contemporary and are fitted with walk-in showers, with one room also offering a bath with jacuzzi jets for a long soak after a busy day.

Space is at a premium on the hillside which leads up to the heart of Taormina, meaning it is rare to find a home with so much outdoor space. You will be thrilled to learn that Casa Granita has plenty of garden space spread over a number of expansive terraces and balconies overlooking the sea. Outdoors you can lounge in the sun with your favourite book, take a dip in the private pool or simply dine al-fresco with your family or friends.

If you would like to find a patisserie to try some traditional Sicilian cannoli, the closest shops and restaurants are just a few hundred meters away from the villa, while the famous shopping street the Corso Umberto is just 1.5km away. The town centre is filled with everything from ancient churches to boutique shops and you can choose from a wide range of eateries here including traditional trattorias and fine-dining restaurants.

The coastline is dotted with idyllic beaches, some of which are pebbled coves, while others are long sandy stretches. The nearest beaches to the villa are just 2km away and you can reach these on foot or by taking the cable car down the hill. The iconic Isola Bella Beach is well-worth a visit.



If you would like to leave the town for a day trip to discover more of Sicily, there are a wealth of places you can visit within easy reach. Why not head up Mount Etna (52km away), explore the ancient city of Catania (52km away) or take a boat trip around the coast to the staggering Blue Grotto.

## Facilities

Cots (Cribs) • Tennis Nearby • Watersports • Walk to Beach • Maid Service Included • Wi-Fi/Internet • Chef/Cook Available • Air-Con • Townhouse/Apartment • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Smart TV • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Seaview • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Paragliding • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (140m2)

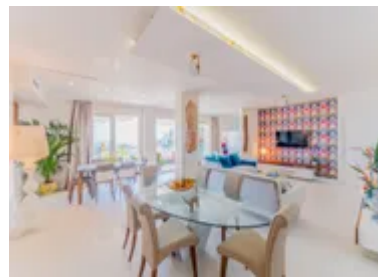
- Open-plan living space with terrace access, two dining tables, sofas and TV
- Fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, toaster, blender, kettle and coffee machine
- Bedroom with terrace access, queen-sized bed, seating area, TV and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC
- Bedroom with terrace access, queen-sized bed, seating area, TV and en-suite bathroom with jacuzzi bath, shower, sink, bidet and WC
- 2 x bedrooms with queen-sized beds, seating areas, TVs and private adjacent bathrooms with shower, sink, bidet and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Private infinity swimming pool (9m x 5m, 1.3m deep) open approximately April to September
- Spacious shaded terraces
- Outdoor dining tables
- Seating areas
- Poolside sun loungers
- Barbecue
- Outdoor shower
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers





# Location & Local Information

Casa Granita is perfectly located for a holiday exploring the chic hilltop town of Taormina and the picture-perfect beaches which lie just below the town. Throughout the interiors and garden, you can take in incredible panoramic views over the Bay of Isola Bella which is one of Sicily's most iconic vistas.

The villa sits within a lovely, residential area just a stone's throw away from the shops and eateries of Taormina's town centre. The closest shops and restaurants are under 1km away, as is the town's cable car which you can use to get down to the beaches, making the home a wonderful base for exploring Taormina and other nearby towns.

Without travelling far, you will find yourself in the heart of Taormina, shopping on the famous Corso Umberto. This vibrant street is packed with boutique shops selling souvenirs, jewellery and clothing. The town has an idyllic historic centre where you can see a mix of architecture, resulting from the many different settlers who have lived here over time, including the Greeks, Romans and Spanish. One of the best-loved attractions in town is the incredible Greek-Roman theatre which is over 2000 years old and is backed by the beautiful sea. You can also visit the magical Duomo di Taormina which is the town's cathedral, plus a range of art galleries, museums and elegant palaces.

When it is time for dinner, you will have plenty of choice; from little tucked-away trattorias, to international eateries. A brilliant place to dine is at a restaurant on the Piazza IX Aprile due to its striking sea views.

In addition to having a lovely town centre, Taormina is also lined with some of Sicily's most picturesque beaches, such as Mazzarò Beach which is 2km away. You can opt to walk down to the beach, drive down to one of the coastal car parks or take the cable car. There are three beach clubs on Mazzarò Beach where you can hire sunbeds and parasols for the day as well as one small free area.

You can also easily reach Isola Bella Beach which is just 2km away from the home. This beach is one of Taormina's highlights and is located at the bottom of the hill which the town sits on. This pretty, pebbled cove is a delightful place to spend the day relaxing in the sun and swimming in the clear blue sea. The beach overlooks the iconic Isola Bella islet which is connected to the mainland with a narrow strip of beach that is submerged by the water at high tide.

While here, you can also visit the island which is known as the 'Pearl of the Ionian Sea', and was once privately owned but is now a nature reserve filled with stunning gardens.

Taormina's beaches can often become crowded in the summer months, if you would like to visit a vast sandy beach with lots of space, why not head over to nearby Giardini Naxos which is just 6km away. If you wish to get out on to the water then you can take part in water sports at the nearby beaches or take a boat trip around Taormina Marine park and on to the amazing Blue Grotto Caves.

## Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	Catania (63km)
Nearest Airport 2	Corniso (148km)
Nearest Village	Giardini Naxos (7km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(<1km)
Nearest Supermarket	(<1km)
Nearest Restaurant	(<1km)
Nearest Beach	Mazzaro (2km)
Nearest Tennis	Taormina Sporting Club (3km)

## What we love

- Boasting panoramic sea views and within easy reach of the centre of Taormina, Casa Granita is the perfect place to stay on your Italian escape
- This elegant and modern apartment has plenty of space to sleep eight guests across four tastefully decorated bedrooms
- Outdoors, the home offers a number of balconies and expansive terraces, a private pool and al-fresco dining spaces
- The nearest shops and eateries are just a short stroll away
- The famous Isola Bella Beach is 2km away and can be reached by cable car

## What you should know...

- The owners have another apartment next door, Casa Greca (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/eastern-sicily/casa-greca/>), which would be useful if you are travelling in a large group.
- You can reach the town and beaches on foot, by cable car or by bus, so a car is not necessary, but if you wish to drive to other parts of the island there is on-site parking available.
- If you are walking to the beach, please note that some of the walk is via an unpaved road.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1300 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 2.00 p.m. For late arrivals after 7.00 p.m. a late arrival fee of €100 will apply. No arrivals accepted after 10.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. A cot and highchair can be provided on request.
- **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.
- **Minimum stay:** 4 nights in June, July, August & September. 3 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult 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 September. 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.