Villa Raul

Region: Amalfi Coast **Sleeps:** 5

Overview

Framed by green mountains to one side and a glistening blue sea to the other, Villa Raul is an elegant holiday home idyllically nestled on Ischia's west coast. The small island off the coast of Italy offers the ultimate haven for nature lovers looking for a Mediterranean retreat away from the crowds.

It's easy to fall in love with the house's interior – it has a large open-plan lounge area and modern kitchen complete with a bar island, perfect for savouring special moments in the evenings or enjoying a wholesome breakfast together. You'll find top-notch appliances and enough space here to whip up a hearty meal, and direct access to the garden via sliding glass doors means you can take your meal outdoors too. The elegantly furnished master bedroom has a large king-size bed and cold, handmade tiles underfoot, designed to cool you down on those hot summer nights. The suite is decorated with stunning pieces from a selection of some of the best Italian brands as well as bespoke furniture made by local craftsmen.

Overlooking the sea, the outdoor lawn invites guests to take in the sunshine – spread out a blanket on the neatly manicured lawn or relax in one of the sun loungers while watching the sun slip behind the horizon.

When it's time to explore, you'll be pleased to find out that you're in the heart of a local village, Forio, with a sandy beach Spiaggia della Chiaia just a short walk away, as well as local amenities such as shops and restaurants.

Forio is a vibrant and picturesque town known for its stunning landscapes, rich history, and lively atmosphere. As the island's main touristic center, Forio offers a blend of natural beauty and cultural attractions. Visitors can explore the lush Giardini La Mortella, a botanical garden created by composer Sir William Walton and his wife Susana. The historic Chiesa del Soccorso, a whitewashed church perched on a cliff, provides breathtaking views of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Forio's thermal springs and spas, such as Poseidon Thermal Gardens, attract those seeking relaxation and wellness.

Nature lovers will love exploring walking and hiking trails offering sweeping coastal views, such as the most beautiful Campagnano, with a splendid view of the Gulf of Naples to the abandoned village of Piano Liguori.

Those who prefer to relax in the hammock will love tasting local grape varieties in one of the wineries located on the rich volcanic slopes or taking a dip in the island's famous mineral-rich thermal waters and hot springs.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Walking/Hiking Paths • Watersports • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Cycling • Sailing • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Air-Con

• 24hr Reception • Walk to Beach • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Seaview • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Dishwasher • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Baby bath • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (80m2)

Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen and living room with a sofa, TV, dining table, kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, kettle, toaster, planetary mixer, coffee maker and kitchen island with bar stools
- Master bedroom with a king-size bed and TV
- Bathroom with a shower
- Bathroom with a WC

Outside Grounds (200m2)

- Terrace with lounge furniture
- Barbecue
- Infinity pool with Jacuzzi
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Air-conditioning
- Iron and ironing board
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

Situated off the coast just a ferry ride from Naples, the Italian island of Ischia offers a multitude of possibilities to explore, including trails, beaches, wineries and fascinating museums.

The villa is nestled in a peaceful residential area enveloped by other holiday properties in the village of Forio on the west coast. The closest beach Spiaggia della Chiaia is just a short, 12-minute walk away, and so is the promenade lined with palm trees and leading to the village's small centre. Here you'll find delightful restaurants, wine bars and cafés, as well as souvenir shops and other amenities. When you need to shop for essentials, you'll be able to find a supermarket nearby, just a 10-minute walk away.

If beaches are the main reason you've decided to visit this leafy island, pack your snorkelling gear and prepare yourself for some serious beach-hopping adventure. Just a short drive away, you'll discover Spiaggia di San Montano, nestled amidst rugged cliffs and great for spotting fish in the translucent water. Meanwhile, Maronti Beach, with its powdery sands and gentle shallows, proves to be the perfect haven for families seeking sun-soaked serenity. For those yearning for a more intimate escape, Spiaggia dei Pescatori awaits, cradling a tranquil cove adorned with charming fishing boats. This gem lies in proximity to Castello Aragonese d'Ischia, a medieval castle of romantic allure perched on an islet connected to Ischia by a stone bridge.

Lastly, the secluded Baia di Sorgeto offers an extraordinary opportunity to immerse yourself in naturally heated waters, seamlessly blending relaxation with the breathtaking beauty of the coastline. Each of these beachfront sanctuaries promises a unique and unforgettable experience, making Ischia an idyllic destination for beach enthusiasts of all kinds.

Nature enthusiasts are encouraged to put on their walking shoes and embark on the idyllic walk to Mount Epomeo's peak – the highest mountain believed to be a volcanic horst. Covered in lush greenery, it reveals breathtaking views, and natural vistas and even has a few vineyards occupying its slopes.

If your timing is right, you can join in on Ischia's vibrant festivals. Witness colourful parades, fireworks, and lively music played in bars and on the streets, with locals celebrating the island's rich traditions.

Ischia offers a unique blend of relaxation, adventure, and culture. Whether you're unwinding in thermal waters or hiking mountain trails, every moment here is a memory waiting to be cherished. So pack your bags and get ready to fall in love with this captivating Italian paradise. Ischia awaits your exploration.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Naples International Airport (50 km)**
Nearest Beach	**La Spiaggia della Chiaia (1km)**

Nearest Ferry Port	**Forio** **(3 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(900m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(300m)**
Nearest Town	**Forio d'Ischia** **(3 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Naples Garibaldi Train Station** **(51 km)**
Nearest Village	**Chiaia** **(1km)**

What we love

- Interior lovers will appreciate the curated selection of furnishing and decor, including tilework and ornaments made locally on the island
- Watch the sunset from the sea-facing terrace as you sip on your afternoon aperitif
- Discover Ischia's sweeping sandy beaches and hidden coves, all located within a 1-hour drive away
- The adjoining islet located near the town of Ischia is a great option for history buffs to spend an afternoon

What you should know...

- Please note that hiring a car is highly recommended to explore the island better.
- Although the nearest beach and amenities such as restaurants and supermarkets are within walking distance, the roads leading there can be narrow, often congested with traffic, and lack pedestrian pathways
- Whilst this villa can comfortably sleep up to 5 guests, please note that 3 guests will be accommodated on the sofa bed and additional bed found in the living room.
- Situated in a private resort with similar neighbouring villas.
- Due to being located on the island of Ischia, a ferry is required to reach this property. Ferries run from Naples to Ischia all year round, although they are much more frequent from April to October than November to March.

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

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

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

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

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
 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 home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in August, flexible during the rest of the year.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. €90, 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.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in August, 2 nights during the rest of the year.

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

- **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.

- **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.