

# Villa Donato

Region: Sicily Sleeps: 6

## Overview

Perched romantically on the hills beside the small village of Scopello, Villa Donato boasts enticing panoramic views of turquoise Mediterranean waters and rolling verdant hills. The relative height of the property to its undulating surroundings creates a deserving vantage point from which to admire the abundance of natural beauty which stretches out before it.

Indoors, a tastefully implemented colour scheme of white and blue runs throughout the house's tidily furnished rooms. The living area is bright and elegant, leading onto a modern and well-equipped kitchen, even boasting a small wine cellar with Sicilian wine. The bedrooms are commodious, with a comfortable master room with a king-size bed and a room with two single beds. A further French size bed located in the attic is available at an extra cost to sleep 2 additional guests.

A quaint stone path leads through the rich Mediterranean garden, alive with blossom and fragrances of wild mimosa and rosemary, to the door of the property. Rustic wooden furnishings and terracotta tiles retain a more traditional Sicilian charm outside the villa. A spacious and covered sea view veranda offers a peaceful spot for drinks next to the pool, which looks fabulous lit up at night, and is equipped with an elegant sofa and chairs. A second veranda at the back of the villa hosts a BBQ and another space in which to dine.

Villa Donato is in the perfect setting to take in the beauty of Western Sicily, being only a short walk to the nearest beach, Cala Mazzo di Sciacca, and a very short drive to the Lo Zingaro nature reserve, famous for its landscapes and rare plants. The charming village of Scopello is just over 1km away, so it is perfect for a late-night stroll to visit some authentic restaurants and bars. Further afield, you can also find the Castellammare del Golfo (12km), a delightful fishing town, and San Vito Lo Capo (55km) with gorgeous white sandy beaches.

## Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Watersports • Historical Sites • Sailing • Air-Con • Fishing • Ideal for Kids • Scuba Diving • Private Pool • Paragliding • Villa • Boat Trips • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Beach • Pets on Request • Has Discount • Special Offer • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Dishwasher • Microwave • Safety Deposit Box • Wine Cellar • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • On-Site Concierge • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)



# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living room with sofa and TV
- Kitchen with gas stove, oven, fridge, freezer, kettle, dishwasher, microwave and dining table seating 4 guests
- Master bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with 2 single beds
- Bathroom with shower and WC

### Attic (accessible via a ladder)

- Bedroom with French bed (better suited for 2 children, available at an additional cost)

## Outside Grounds

- Private pool (open from approximately beginning March to beginning-November)
- Front veranda with BBQ
- Back veranda with sofa and chairs
- Outdoor Shower

## Facilities

- WiFi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning
- Washing machine
- Iron
- TV



# Location & Local Information

Villa Donato is in a spectacular position to enjoy the abundance of beauty of western Sicily. The Cala Mazzo di Sciacca beach is only a short walk away and nearby restaurants and bars are just over 1km away, if you fancy lounging by the beach instead of the pool and dining alfresco on a different terrace!

West of Palermo, just after Castellammare del Golfo, the coastline becomes rugged and spectacular. Part of this coastline is Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, which stretches for 7km between the lovely village of Scopello in the east to near San Vito Lo Capo in the west. Created in 1981, this park and its surrounding areas are one of the most beautiful parts of western Sicily.

Lo Zingaro has been shaped by nature to dramatic effect. Cliffs drop precipitously into the azure sea and the series of pebbly beaches hidden amongst a myriad of coves are as lovely as you can find in the Mediterranean. The park attracts both walkers and bathers alike and in the summer, when many beaches are overcrowded, it is a good idea to head for Lo Zingaro, walk for half an hour and find relative isolation on a virtually deserted beach.

At the edge of the Zingaro Nature reserve lies the ancient Scopello (from the Greek word "Skopelos" that means "cliff"), a small, pleasant village that was built around a 16th-century "baglio", on the site of a former Moorish hamlet. As you will discover, this nice courtyard is now the heart of the village. Here, ceramics and souvenirs shops, as well as boutiques, cafés and restaurants lie under the shadow of a large eucalyptus. On the road to Trapani one can spot the idyllically situated Greek temple of Segesta, one of the Mediterranean's finest archaeological sites.

Castellammare del Golfo is an attractive seaside town between Palermo and Trapani. The historic fishing port has a picturesque location, below steep mountain slopes; with a handsome curved harbour at the foot of a small headland topped with a castle. There are still small working fishing boats, and you may see fishermen mending their nets on board, or selling the day's catch. Castellammare has a pretty little central park, opposite the elegant town hall on Corso Mattarella. The park has a small children's play area, shady trees, and benches views over the harbour.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Palermo Airport (54 km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Trapani - Bargi (65 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Scopello (1 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Scopello (1km)</b>



Nearest Beach	<b>Cala Mazzo di Sciacca (400m)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Scopello (1km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Villa Airoidi Golf Club (73km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Castellamare Del Golfo (19km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Trapani port (43km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Trapani (38km)</b>

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## What we love

- Terrific views of the sea, rolling hills and fruit groves beyond the property
- A comfortable veranda from which to admire the views, which becomes quite magical when lit up at night
- Near Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, which offers outstanding walks, coves and general exploration!

## What you should know...

- A car is recommended to explore everything this gorgeous area has to offer.
- Due to the many steps and terraces at the property, young children should not be left unsupervised.
- Please note that this property sleeps 4 guests, but 2 additional guests can be accommodated on a French bed in the attic at an extra cost. Please enquire for further info.
- 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:** €300 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. Check-in after this time is subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. Late check out available until 2 p.m., for an extra fee of €70.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per stay will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that this property sleeps 4 guests, but 2 additional guests can be accommodated on a French bed in the attic, on request only and at an extra cost of €200 per week.<br> Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.<br> 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.<br> Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.<br> A cot and highchair are available at an extra cost of €50 per week per item.<br> Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.<br>
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in high season. Flexible during all other periods.
- **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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from end-May to end-September. 3 nights during other period.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost, based on consumption, payable locally.
- **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 towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately beginning-March to end-November. 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.