

# Villa Gessica

Region: Sicily Sleeps: 6

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## Overview

Villa Gessica is a traditional Italian-style house. It lies in the valley of Mazzo di Sciacca which is by the delightful town of Scopello. Just a few kilometres away from Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, the property is as ideally situated for a holiday full of exploration and adventure as it is for one which is set around the pool and local wines!

The interior is bright and welcoming, the décor often reminiscent of the sea which lies beyond. There are three tastefully furnished double bedrooms and access to the first floor is via an external staircase which offers an extra element of independence for groups traveling together.

Outside is magnificent: white walls and red terracotta tiles compliment the vivid Mediterranean garden, which is lush and expansive. A barbecue equipped veranda provides a spacious area in which to relax outdoors, lined by palms and pomegranates; with stunning views of the turquoise sea beyond. The private pool offers breath-taking views.



## Facilities

Boat Trips • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Air-Con • Watersports • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Cots (Cribs) • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Beach • Pets on Request • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • On-Site Concierge • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

### Ground Floor

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area with sofa, plasma TV and DVD player
- Living room
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Double bedroom

### First Floor (access to the external staircase)

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds
- Bathroom with shower and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool, open approximately from beginning-March to beginning-November
- Mediterranean garden
- Veranda with barbecue
- Outside shower
- Ample parking shaded by eucalyptus trees
- Barbecue

## Facilities

- WiFi
- TV
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Washing machine and iron
- DVD player



# Location & Local Information

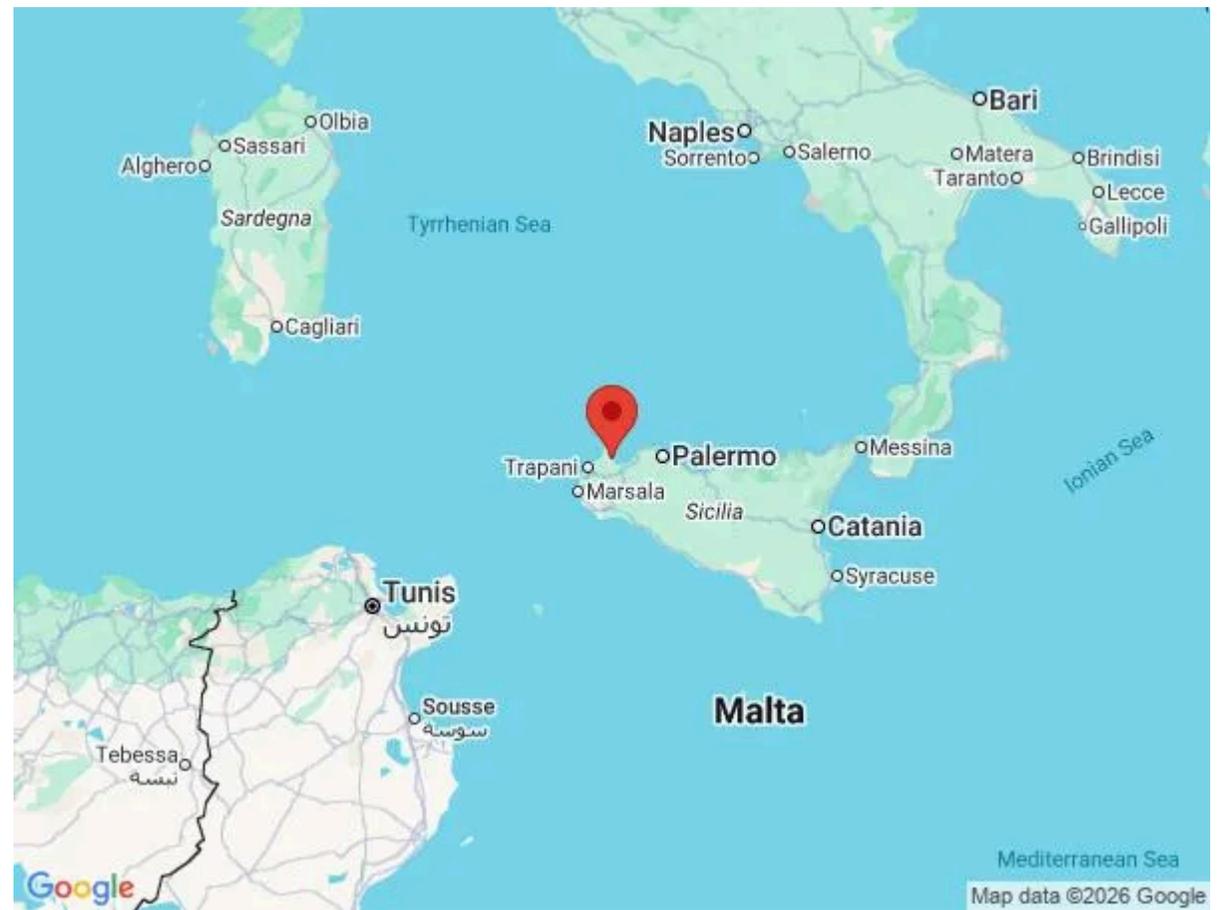
West of Palermo, just after Castellammare del Golfo, the coastline becomes rugged and spectacular. Part of this coastline is Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, which stretches for 7km between the lovely village of Scopello in the east to near San Vito Lo Capo in the west. Created in 1981, this park and its surrounding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

From this property, surrounded by Italian beauty, its not possible to walk anywhere, a car is required to explore the nearby treasures. The access to this property is trough a car park, that closes at 7pm. After this time, an alternative route can be taken.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Palermo</b> (55 km)
Nearest Airport	<b>Trapani Birgi</b> (55 km)
Nearest Village	<b>Scopello</b> (1 km)
Nearest Beach	<b>Cale Mazzo di Sciacca</b> (200 m)



## What we love

- Sitting in the swimming pool, drinking a glass of wine whilst admiring a sea view is the epitome of relaxation!
- Sizable and pretty veranda with a lovely little bench and BBQ
- Nearby the Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve, full of great walks and hidden coves

## What you should know...

- 4x4 vehicles are most suitable for the roads surrounding and leading to the villa - a hire car is recommended to make the most of the beautiful region.
- The access to the villa is through a car park that closes at 7pm. After this time an alternate route can be taken to get to this villa.
- 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. Arrivals after this time must be agreed beforehand and may be subject to an extra cost.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. Late check out available until 2 p.m., for an extra fee of €70.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linens & towels included?:** Yes, plus weekly linen change. Beach towels also included.
- **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:** A cot and highchair are available on request, for an extra fee of €50 per week, per item.<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> Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.<br> Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.<br> A cot and highchair are available on request for an extra cost of €50 per week per item, payable locally.<br>
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in high season. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, plus mid-week cleaning. 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:** 7 nights from end-May to end-September. 3 nights during other period.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost, paid locally on consumption.
- **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?:** The pool is open 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.

**Please note that there is no operating hydro on the swimming pool.**