

Casa Donnafugata

Region: Sicily Sleeps: 11

Overview

"Set in the depths of the Sicilian countryside, this rustic Ragusa property has undergone a renovation by architect Arturo Montanelli, who restored the villa's weathered stonework, contrasting it with new elements in steel and wood." Check out 'Holiday home of the week' review of Casa Donnafugata on [Spaces.com](https://thespaces.com/holiday-home-of-the-week-a-restored-farmhouse-on-a-sicilian-unesco-site/) (<https://thespaces.com/holiday-home-of-the-week-a-restored-farmhouse-on-a-sicilian-unesco-site/>)

There's nothing quite like meandering around the narrow lanes of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ragusa. It is quite simply magnificent, exhibiting beautiful Baroque buildings dating almost entirely from 1693, when the town was devastated by an earthquake and re-built. As you clamber up the steps to outstanding view in the summer's heat, the summit will be worth the walk.

So, to stay right in the heart of the rural province is a treat indeed - particularly when an evocative and rural Masseria is your place to stay! Recently renovated, this authentic stone villa blends in seamlessly with the surrounding countryside. Uniting the ramshackle building with contemporary metal doors and sliding glass panels that open out into the courtyard - like Sicily, it is full of contrasts.

This is evident when you enter Casa Donnafugata. Preserving its charm and simplicity with its use of natural materials: exposed bricks, wooden beams and metal chairs, there's also striking modern art lining the walls, colourful squashy sofas and throws that give it a contemporary edge. A well-equipped kitchen and characteristic dining area also make for great entertaining, so cooking up a tantalising Italian meal for eleven people is no problem at all, especially if you're visiting with extended family or a group of friends.

Five individually-styled bedrooms and four bathrooms means there's plenty of space for everyone too. There's even an annex with a double bedroom and art studio for all those budding Michelangelos.

Casa Donnafugata isn't all about the inside though. Step outside and revel in the splendid southern sun unwinding on a sun lounger, enjoying an al fresco lunch or taking a refreshing dip in the impressive pool - all framed by traditional dry-stone walls.

When it's time to venture out of your private, luxurious residence, there's much to explore. Take the white-washed Donnafugata Castle nearby, which is well worth a visit, before travelling on to Ragusa itself - a jaw-dropping Baroque city. Picturesque piazzas, majestic palazzi, an incredible historic centre and sloping streets full of restaurants, bars and cafes - it's a sight to behold. There's no less than 3 Michelin Star restaurants here if you fancy a special night out.

Otherwise, there's only one thing to do; and that's - hit the beach. Marina di Ragusa, Santa Maria dei Foccale or Pozzalo - take your pick!



Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Villa • Wi-Fi/Internet • Quirky (Unique) • Private Pool
• Rural Location • Maid Service Available • DVD • Cots (Cribs) • Transfers
Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens •
Pets on Request • Washing Machine • Dishwasher • Hairdryer • Ground
Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High
Chair(s) • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes
• Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Interior

Ground Floor

- Living and dining room with fireplace
- Kitchen: fridges, freezer, toaster, cooker with 5 hobs, electric oven and microwave
- Twin bedroom
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom, with shower
- Annex, with a fifth bedroom en-suite bathroom & studio

First Floor

- Master bedroom, with en-suite bathroom & balcony
- Two double bedrooms (one on mezzanine level)
- Communal bathroom

Exterior

- Private swimming pool (14m x 5m, with a depth of 0.20m - 1.90m), open approximately from beginning of April to end-October
- Poolside shower
- Terrace (300m²)
- Garden (3000m²): sun loungers, barbecue
- Courtyard
- Solarium
- Parking

More facilities...

- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Iron
- Hairdryer
- Stereo system
- CD player



Location & Local Information

If you were cast away on an island, you may want that island to be Sicily, a beguiling place of contrasts. From bewitching Baroque hilltop towns to sun-blessed beaches, ancient Greek temples, Roman theatres, astounding food and an iconic volcano - it's certainly one of Italy's top draws.

Here, in the south-east of Sicily you'll discover the most stunning examples of those Baroque cities. Enter Syracuse, home to one of the greatest ancient Greek theatres that's still in use today, a Roman amphitheatre, picturesque piazzas, sandy beaches and olive-green seas. Or, the beautiful town of Ragusa, renowned for its jaw-dropping buildings and wonderful Piazza Duomo, brimming with bars and restaurants (a few Michelin star ones at that). And then there's Modica. What can we say? Aside from its world renowned chocolate, the churches, palazzi and bewitching buildings that line the narrow streets of Upper and Lower parts of the city are joyous.

Acireale, another Baroque town. Overlooking the Ionian Sea, its fascinating architecture, a world renowned carnival, historic churches and that fact it's near the magnificent Mount Etna - are real pulls.

Sightseeing done, head for the beach. Crescent shaped sandy bays, rugged coastlines, rocky coves and long stretches of white sand await you - with enough water sports to keep the whole family entertained. Or, you could just relax in the glorious southern sun of course, with an arancino or two. The local street food in Sicily is unsurpassing.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Catania (100 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Bar, Pubs and shops (8 km)
Nearest Golf	Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA (8 km)
Nearest Beach	Casuzze Beach (15 km)
Nearest Town/City	Santa Croce Camerina (8 km)



What we love

- Take advantage of proximity of the incredible Baroque city of Ragusa and find out how much is there to see and do.
- The perfect blend of traditional and modern interiors in this lovely old Masseria make for cosy, yet inspirational surroundings.

What you should know...

- The fun bedroom in the loft adds a little villa quirkiness and fifth bedroom is in the annex is separate from the main villa.
- Remote location of the villa requires hired car which would also be very beneficial for exploring this amazing area.
- 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 that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 8.00 am to 10.00 am (€50 charge for Early - Before 8.00 am & Late Departure - After 10.00 am).
- **Energy costs included?:** Included up to 280 Kwh per week, extra payable locally on consumption (€0.40/KW).
- **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:** Extra bed cost of €100 per week. 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 that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted. Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible, except for peak season when Saturday.
- **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:** 7 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Underfloor heating charged 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 connection included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately beginning of April to end-October 2024. 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.
- **Property Licence Number:** IT088009C2RMPIHG7W