Villa Amina

Region: Sicily **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Sicily is a country where you go to appreciate the wonderful things in life: truly astounding architecture, crystalline waters, white sands, majestic mountains, the sun and of course, the renowned cuisine, which really does deserve its reputation. From the very best of fine dining to simply sumptuous street food, you won't go hungry on this island!

And located on the west coast, you'll discover all this and more from the comfort of your very own countryside villa near the sea. Made for unwinding in style, Villa Amina emanates a relaxed vibe. Ornamental gardens and wooden decking surround the generous swimming pool, where you can lay on a sun lounger, sit reading a book in one of the comfy chairs or dip into the cool waters - fun for everyone! You'll even find a full outdoor kitchen so you can carry on appreciating the alfresco life while cooking up *verdure grigliate* or pasta with sardines.

You may want to play chef for the night. The long, traditional indoor kitchen is perfect for whipping up that evening meal, ready to serve in the open plan dining and living area. An elegant living space - the living room complete with warm rugs, vintage furnishings and comfy sofas still retains its chic minimalist style, as does the adjoining dining area - both located at the bottom of the grand sweeping staircase. How's that for an atmospheric experience...

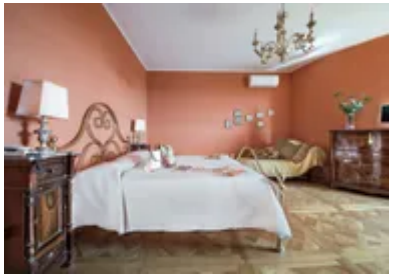
The bedrooms carry on the theme. Whitewashed or warm coloured walls adorned with well-thought-out ornate pieces and dark wood furnishings, add character and flair - an inspirational place to lay your head. With three double bedrooms and a twin, it's ideal for larger families.

Want a long soak? You may want it to be as long as









possible in one of the striking bathrooms. A large, grand room featuring gold accents, from the gilded mirror to the taps and furniture, this is one pleasant spot to have a bathe.

Villa Amina is a classic villa, made for relaxing, but with all that lovely countryside surrounding you, it may tempt you to take a scenic hike. Or you can venture into Mazara del Vallo with its historic centre of Baroque and Norman buildings. Meandering through the streets of this fabulous fishing port you'll get a real feel for the civilisations that have passed through. Just don't forget to sample a taste of the region - especially the seafood!

Facilities

Recommended • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • <1hr to Airport • Watersports • Private Pool • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Air-Con • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Great Value • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Pets on Request • Maid Service Available • Beach Nearby • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cooking Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

Interior & Grounds

1) 4 bedrooms + extra bed and sofa-bed (10-person price)
2) 4 bedrooms (8-person price)
3) 3 bedrooms (6-person price)

Villa Interiors

Raised Ground floor

- Open plan living room with fireplace, comfortable sofas and sitting corner
- Fully equipped kitchen with breakfast bar and stools
- Extensive, atrium-style lounge with sweeping staircase
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Laundry room

First Floor

- Three double bedrooms
- One twin bedroom
- Bathroom with bath
- Terrace

Outside Grounds

- Private swimming pool (open approximately end-May to beginning-October)
- Covered outdoor kitchen with built-in barbecue
- Al-fresco dining area
- Lovely orchard
- Decking with sun loungers and umbrellas
- Poolside convenience shower room (no soap/shampoo allowed)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning in bedrooms, living room and small annexe next to pool
- Two flat screen TVs
- Washing machine and dryer
- 2 dishwashers
- Hairdryers









Location & Local Information

Villa Amina is located around 3km from the heart of Mazara del Vallo in the south-west corner of Sicily. There are local restaurants and shops within a kilometre or two and it's just a few minutes in the car (or a short cycle ride) to reach the centre of the town.

It's well known just how many civilisations have conquered and passed through Sicily and nowhere is this more evident than in Mazara del Vallo, where you'll discover an amazing labyrinth North African Kasbah, a Norman cathedral, important Greek statues, traditional Italian piazzas and stunning Sicilian beaches. And, with the largest fishing fleet in Italy, you may want to opt for succulent seafood and fish at the many restaurants and trattorias around the town.

Within around 1.5km you can reach a lido with a restaurant and sunbeds by the seafront; it's a great place to walk and admire the sea-views. On the other side of the town you'll find beaches with white sand and crystal clear seas; it's no wonder snorkelling and diving are popular here. Dotted along this coast you'll find lidos with pretty beach restaurants as well as sun-loungers and umbrellas to rent.

On the lovely west coast of Sicily, you can also visit the sweet town of Marsala (25km), where you should take a tour of one of the many wineries, or continue north to the magnificent port city of Trapani (51km) with its incredible historical sites and wonderful beaches. From here, take a boat trip to the idyllic island of Favignana with its glorious beaches or take the cable car up to the historic town of Erice (60km), also a great place to hike (it takes about two hours to hike from Trapani to the top of Mount Erice where you will find the town surrounded by superb views).

Heading north of Trapani, San Vito Lo Capo (100km) boasts a stunning beach and many excellent restaurants specialising in couscous (there's a couscous festival in September).

Palermo (130km) can also be visited in a day if you wish to









discover its vibrant atmosphere, world-famous street markets, endless museums and historic splendour.

Sicily is of course famous for its archaeological heritage, none more so than in Agrigento (118km) at the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Whilst near Agrigento, look out for La Scala dei Turchi beach with its brilliant chalk cliffs as well as kilometres of sandy beaches along the southern coastline, many almost deserted and absolutely beautiful.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Trapani Airport (40km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Palermo Airport (100km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Mazara del Vallo (3km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(1-2km)**
Nearest Beach	**Local lido (1.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**(1km)**
Nearest Golf	**Verdura Golf (66km)**

What we love

- Enjoy glorious gardens, a sublime swimming pool and a wonderful outdoor kitchen for *al-fresco* dining on warm summer evenings
- The interiors are beautiful - including the striking bathroom with its circular bath and gold gilded furnishings
- Nearby Mazara del Vallo is a real treat. With lovely beaches and a fascinating historic centre, you'll want to return time and again
- Marsala, Trapani and Erice are all within an hours drive for marvellous days out on the west coast of Sicily

What you should know...

- The 10-person price includes all four bedrooms, an extra bed and use of the sofa-bed whilst the 8-person price is for just the bedrooms.
- If booking the 6-person price then only three bedrooms are made available to guests.
- Air-conditioning is in all bedrooms and in the living room.
- Quiet and non-intrusive caretaker lives on the ground floor in a separate area of the villa with private access - he will be very happy to help.
- To visit further afield you will need a car, but with iconic sights such as the Greek temples at Agrigento and the city of Palermo, it'll be worth it.
- Please note home security devices are installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- Please note that all extra costs , including final cleaning, have to be paid at time of check-in. Also check for T&Cs about the kitchen cleaning, pool towels lost and wrong garbage separation.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 for up to 8 guests or €1500 for 8 guests or more paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection. If pet is accepted, security deposit will increase by €500. The Security Deposit can also be paid by credit card, subject to an additional mandatory €20 fee. Please note that the refund will be made by bank transfer only.

- **Arrival time:** 6.00 p.m. Late check-in after 8.00 p.m. available at an extra fee of €50 (please note that this fee may change without notice, please enquire for more info).

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

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, up to 800kWh per week. Excess charged at €0.40 per kWh, paid locally in cash.

- **> If not included, what are they?:** 800kWh per week are included. Excess charged at €0.40 per kWh, paid locally in cash (please note that this amount may change without notice, please enquire for more info).

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

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. Extra charge of €500 added to the security deposit.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Daily pool cleaning included in the rental price. Quiet and non-intrusive caretaker lives on the ground floor in a separate area of the villa with private access - he will be very happy to help. Bookings of 12 nights in high season and of 10 nights in mid season are possible on request (the start day must be Saturday). The 10-person price includes four bedrooms, an extra bed and use of the sofa-bed. The 8-person price includes all four bedrooms whilst the 6-person price includes use of three bedrooms only. Please note home security devices are installed at the villa, please enquire for further information. Children under 12 are on request with extra cost of 150€. Please enquire for further details. Payable locally.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in peak/high season. Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Mandatory extra €40 per person (subject to a minimum €240 charge), per week, payable locally, strictly upon check-in. Please note that the kitchen must be left clean and the dishes must be cleaned. If the kitchen is left dirty there will be an extra fee of €100 and an extra fee of €100 for incorrect rubbish separation. 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** For stays longer than one week, a mandatory weekly cleaning is required at the end of each week (€40 per person with a minimum €240 charge), payable locally in cash upon check-in.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking inside the villa.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in peak/high season and 5 nights during all other periods.

- **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 connection included, fair usage policy applies.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes. Please note that there is a fee of €10 in case of loss of a pool towel.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately end-May to beginning of October. 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.