

Talia Villa

Region: Sicily **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

This wildly stylish villa in Sicily is a refreshing getaway where guests can flourish beneath the leafy arbor, or on the porch overlooking the crystalline Tyrrhenian sea. Here, modern does not mean sterile; colorful artwork, books, and tasteful ornaments line the walls (it's rather like staying at your artist friend's holiday home). With sea views teasing you from every room, the beauty of Sicily will infuse every moment you spend here.

When you need to cool down, you can choose either the small private pool, or take a short drive down the steep country path down to the sea. An outdoor shower lets you rinse away the sand before you rejoin the group. Have a barbecue out on the reclaimed railway sleeper deck, made easy by the additional sheltered outdoor kitchen. When you retire inside, you'll gather on the low purple sofa to sip Sicilian wine and plan the next day's adventure.

This holiday villa sits an hour east of Palermo, amid many local treasures. Cefalù (4 km) is a hub of ancient architecture and the best beaches in Sicily. Art lovers should visit the Mandralisca Museum and Il Duomo, a 12th century cathedral that dominates the town.



Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Watersports • Beach Nearby • Romantic • Private Pool • Rural Location • DVD • Cots (Cribs) • Modern • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Ideal for Teens • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Heating • High Chair(s) • Wine Tasting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

- Sitting/dining area
- Fully equipped kitchen with coffee machine
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom
- Twin bedroom
- Shower room

Outside Grounds

- Plunge pool (4m x 4m, depth: 1.2m)
- Garden
- Outdoor kitchen with barbecue and pizza oven
- Covered al fresco dining area

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

Just an hour's drive east of Palermo, sitting serenely between its natural bay and the towering rocky granite mass of La Rocca, is Cefalù.

Cefalu is one of the Mediterranean's undiscovered jewels - the epitome of picturesque grandeur. Cefalù has a beach, winding and narrow medieval streets, and delightful restaurants overlooking a rocky coast. Everything is under the ever-present gaze of the Norman-Arab-Byzantine cathedral, one of the greatest churches of southern Europe. Nestled between the Madonie Mountains and the sea, Cefalù's mountain boasts the ruins of a large fortress and an ancient Sicanian-Greek temple. The view from the summit is inspiring.

Cefalù has a long and lovely beach with clean, golden sand. It is, without a doubt, one of the best in Sicily. It is very easy to get to and only a short walk from the main road leading through town. Whilst popular in the summer months, it is a quieter option to the beaches near Taormina. Public showers are available on the western side of the beach.

Il Duomo, the cathedral built by the Norman King Roger II circa 1131, is the dominant structure in the town. Its two towers rise well above the rest of the buildings. The exterior is well preserved, while the interior has been restored several times through the centuries. It is more Gothic and Romanesque than Byzantine in character, but it still has impressive mosaics.

A much more strenuous but rewarding exercise is to climb up to the summit of the promontory above the town. It is steep, and takes a good half hour. The views of the coast and the sea from there are impressive. The walk will also take guests to the ruins of an old fortress and temple devoted to the goddess Diana from the fifth century BC.

The Mandralisca Museum was founded by a local art collector who bequeathed his art treasures and extensive library to the town. It houses the Portrait of Unknown by Antonello da Messina, an extensive collection of shells, and a variety of objets d'art, among which is a Chinese puzzle in ivory.

The beach and the sea offer excellent opportunities for sunbathing, swimming and other water activities and will keep most families happy. There are pedal boats for hire at the beach in Ogliastrillo, 4km west of Cefalù. Fishing is available everywhere. Walking in the hills to the south of town is another popular activity, and there are several gentle routes that can be enjoyed by kids.

Directly south of Cefalù is the wonderful Madonie National Park with its charming villages and towns, such as Castelbuono. It has delightful scenery, impressive mountains and some wonderful walking paths. It is no coincidence that after Taormina and Palermo, Cefalù is probably the most popular tourist town in Sicily, offering something for everyone.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Palermo (105 km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Catania (185 km)
Nearest Town/City	Cefalu' (4 km)
Nearest Beach	(2 km)
Nearest Village	Sant' Ambrogio (2.5 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Sant' Ambrogio (2.5 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Sant' Ambrogio (2.5 km)

What we love

- The deck at this villa in Sicily, made of African hardwood railway sleepers, offers incomparable views of the Tyrrhenian sea
- Entertaining on the lovely leafy terrace beside the outdoor kitchen
- Culture, seaside life, and dining a short drive away in Cefalù

What you should know...

- 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
- Quiet and non-intrusive owners lives in a small house 15 metres from the villa during weekends to assist guests arriving/departing, he will be very happy to help
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only
- Car hire is recommended: the access road leading up to the villa is steep and narrow if hiring a car we suggest hiring a sturdier vehicle

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival or paid in cash to the owner and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection. For 2025 bookings, an additional deposit of €100 in cash is required at check-in for urban waste disposal, which is fully refundable if waste is properly disposed of at the end of your stay. If recycled waste is not disposed of, a charge of €50 will apply. However, if all rubbish is left mixed and not properly sorted and disposed of, the full €100 deposit will be retained.
- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 am.
- **Energy costs included?:** Extra €14.29 per day, paid with the balance.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Extra €12 per person, payable locally.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet per week will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only. 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. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Kindly be advised that in the event of failure to properly dispose of urban waste on the premises, a supplement of €50 per week will apply (payable locally at checkout). Please note that high chair and cot/crib are availability on request upon availability at extra cost to be paid locally. Please enquire for further info.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **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. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** No, extra charge depending on consumption, payable locally.
- **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.
- **Property Licence Number:** IT082027C24V96KKC3-19082027C223643