

Villa La Ganza

Region: Sicily **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Villa La Ganza is perched hillside on the site of the Marquis of Ganzeria's old hunting lodge, offering incredible views of the southern coastline, from the lighthouse of Punta Secca to Capo Bianco. The large swimming pool is perfectly positioned for the panoramic vista and guests can use the outdoor kitchen to prepare a delicious al fresco meal. With a tennis court and complimentary welcome pack containing basic essentials, you'll feel pampered.

This holiday villa's décor is magnificent, with modern furnishings that blend with the landscape. All six bedrooms have luxurious private bathrooms and air conditioning. Many areas will make the most of the property's breathtaking views. Dine in the fully equipped kitchen or a more formal dining area.

Being within a large estate, which also includes Villa Camerina (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/sicily/villa-camerina/>), larger groups of up to 24 can be accommodated - please follow the link for more information.

The villa's location in Santa Croce Camerina means an easy drive to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Ragusa, Modica and Scicli, famous for their Baroque architecture. You'll want to spend time on the golden sandy beaches of Punta Secca, a charming fishing village. The owner can help you organise sailing, wine tasting and other tours too.

Facilities

Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Tennis Court • Air-Con • Ideal for Kids • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Special Offer • Has Discount • Great Value • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Modern • <1hr to Airport • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • DVD • Heating • On-Site Concierge • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Committed to Renewable and Green Energy • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling) • Protects and conserves local Heritage • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds



Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

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Ground Floor

- Open plan living area with sitting area, reading area and pool table
- Fully-equipped kitchen with small dining table seating 4 people
- Dining area with seating for 10 people
- Six double bedrooms with air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms
- Family bathroom

Outside Grounds

- Private, heated pool (12m x 6m, depth: 0.8m - 1.5m) Open approximately May to beginning-November.
- Swimming pool with sun loungers
- Mini hydromassage pool (4m x 2m)
- Covered porch with outdoor kitchen and dining table with bench seating
- Covered porch with comfortable seating
- Pergola with outdoor furniture
- Barbecue
- Tennis court (shared with neighbouring Villa Camerina)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (in all rooms)
- Heating
- iPod dock

Extra Sustainability Gems of this Property

The property is nestled in the heart of a 11-hectares natural park, and the owners make use of solar energy to produce their warm water and electricity. On top of this, they collect all of their waste water and rain water for summer irrigation.



Location & Local Information

Punta Secca is a small village in the Province of Ragusa, the most beautiful part of the south-eastern coast of Sicily and the ideal place to spend your holiday. It features golden sandy beaches and rocky cliffs and is the hometown of Inspector Montalbano in the TV series "Il Commissario Montalbano".

Punta Secca is a typical fishing village, originally an old Arab port, which faces the African Sea. It has wonderful sunny weather: not too hot in summer and a mild climate in the winter months. Autumn and spring are particularly pleasant as most holidaymakers have left and the seaside villages become peaceful and quiet.

The golden sandy beaches of Punta Secca are all free of charge and safe, and are surrounded by low cliffs on the West and on the East. The old white lighthouse, built with dry stone at the beginning of the last century, towers over the village.

The Province of Ragusa stretches out from the plateau to the sea and beautiful carob and almond trees dominate the landscape. The local cuisine is exquisite: the freshest ricotta ravioli; home-made cavati with tomato and meat sauce; aspic made with locally-raised pork; Valle dell'Acate artisan wines; and, most famously, "Ragusano" cheese, made from raw cow's milk using age-old techniques and traditional wood and copper tools.

Religious festivals are plentiful and a terrific opportunity for experiencing important traditions with participation particularly evident during the feast days in honour of the Patron Saint, Christmas and Easter.

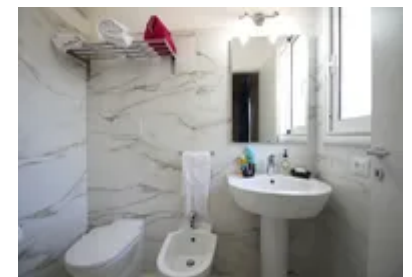
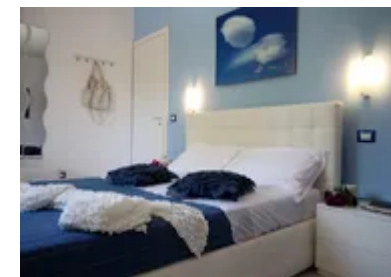
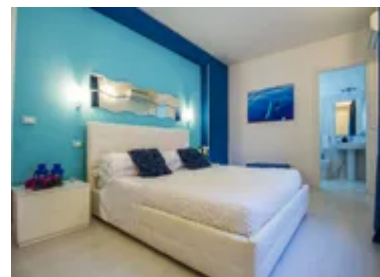
There are many cultural and prestigious events that take place in Ragusa including classical theatre performances at the Greek Theater of Syracuse, the International Music Show "Ibla Grand Prize", and the Wine & Food Event "Cheese Art" (just to name a few).

The Province of Ragusa has recently been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List for its precious Baroque-style buildings. The whole area is bursting at the seams with architectural, archaeological and naturalistic treasures with Ragusa, Modica and Scicli particularly lovely to visit.

The pretty seaside resort of Marina di Ragusa is just 5 km away and has a range of services and facilities available including banks, post offices, restaurants, bars and sport facilities.

About 6 km away on the coast is the River Irmínio Nature Reserve, a Mediterranean estuary oasis. The area around the river mouth has wonderful sandy beaches and is a fantastic place for bird-watching. Approximately 3 km west from Punta Secca is Randello Beach, 3 km of golden sand backed by the Randello Forest Reserve a beautiful spot for a picnic.

The Hyblaean Mountains, characterized by deep "gorges" and wild Mediterranean undergrowth, are populated with rare species and are best explored on horseback. Also nearby is the must-visit "Cava d'Ispica" Park, a deep canyon housing a paleo-Christian catacomb.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Comiso (26km)
Nearest Airport 2	Catania (115 km)
Nearest Village	Santa Croce Camerina (2 km)
Nearest Beach	Beach (3 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurant (300 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Supermarkets & Shops (2 km)

What we love

- There's loads to do on site, with a tennis court, 12m x 6m swimming pool and pool table
- The villa's great WiFi signal reaches all the way to the pool area
- Enjoy fresh towels and a complimentary mini-clean mid-week

What you should know...

- The tennis court is shared with neighbouring Villa Camerina (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/sicily/villa-camerina/>).
- Please note the owner advises not to use the hydromassage pool room between June and end-September as it gets very hot. Please refer to the T&Cs for full details of opening times and charges.
- Being part of an dedicated "eco-friendly" estate, the villa uses its own natural well water source as well as solar-powered electricity supply.
- The pricing is based on 8 guests, 10 guests or 12 guests. When lower occupancy is booked, certain rooms will be closed and not be accessible to guests. It is best to check with us before booking if you have any queries about this.
- Two additional beds are available on request, bringing total capacity of the villa to 14 guests. This is subject to an extra fee - please enquire for further details.
- A car is highly recommended to explore the local area.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Towels are changed mid-week.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet will apply (paid locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Two additional beds are available on request, bringing total capacity of the villa to 14 guests. This is subject to an extra fee - please enquire for further details.
 Please note the owner advises not to use the hydromassage pool room in peak season as it gets very hot.
 The pricing is based on 8 guests or 12 guests. When lower occupancy is booked, certain rooms will be closed and not be accessible to guests. It is best to check with us before booking if you have any queries about this.
 Cot and highchair can be provided and may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Changeover day:** 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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during peak season (short-breaks may be possible on request outside end June-end August).
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating is available from approximately May to November. From May to end-July and in October to beginning-November it is an extra €300 per week, paid locally. In September it is an extra €200 per week, paid locally. During peak season (end-July and August) it is not required and there is no extra charge. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to beginning-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.