

CARRUBA, SICILY

DON VENERANDO

Set in an idyllic position, with superb views of Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea, Don Venerando is a lovingly restored, beautifully appointed villa offering sophistication in an informal, relaxing atmosphere. The tempting cobalt waters of the sea just beyond the grounds vie for guests' attention with the irresistible heatable pool, making Don Venerando a perfect home away from home for anyone who loves to be spoilt for choice.



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Service

Daily maid service, mid-week linen change and breakfast preparation

Features

Superb views of the sea and Etna
18m-long heatable pool
Elegant, refined interiors
Luxuriant gardens
Preparation of breakfast and a light lunch
Daily cleaning

Nearby

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Beaches
Mount Etna
Catania

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Don Venerando is arranged over two floors. The main entrance takes one into a bright welcoming hallway, off which the ground floor rooms flow. To the left is the spacious, luminous living area, whose double set of French windows both provide access to the gardens and pool and bring in the wonderful sea views. Sink-in sofas and armchairs are gathered around a fireplace and cool *pietra pece* flooring show off the pristine white walls.

Two doors from the living area lead to a guest bathroom and, up a couple of steps, to a large, airy double-twin bedroom with en-suite shower room and access to the grounds.

To the right of the entrance hall, a wide corridor connects the lovely dining room to the kitchen, whose mix of contemporary style and Sicilian tradition make for a pleasing ambience in which to whip up memorable meals.

Stairs from the corridor take one to the first floor and the main sleeping quarters. Here, accessed from a corridor, there are four bedrooms:

- the main double with large en-suite bathroom with tub and rainfall shower
- two doubles with en-suite shower rooms
- a double-twin with en-suite shower room

All of the first floor bedrooms boast wonderful sea views and access to a panoramic terrace that runs along the entire façade of the villa. The corridor linking the bedrooms also accesses a large terrace offering superb views of Mount Etna.

Furnishings, fitting and finishes are of an excellent quality throughout, making Don Venerando a greatly appealing, high quality residence.

Outside: Don Venerando is situated in a secluded spot on the seafront of a large nursery, immersed in greenery. Guests spend most of their waking hours on the sea-facing side of the house, which is home to panoramic terraced

areas, lawns and a splendid heatable pool. Sunloungers flank the pool and several areas are given over to dining and relaxing with a sea view.

Large terraces run along both sides of the villa's first floor, affording superb views of Mount Etna to one side and the sea to the other. This latter, east-facing terrace is accessible from the four first floor bedrooms.

The several hectares of nursery gardens surrounding Don Venerando are crisscrossed with a number of paths and quiet roads, perfect for anyone wishing to go for a jog or a pre-prandial stroll.

CONSIDERATIONS

Guests staying at Don Venerando are offered reduced prices at the owners' restaurant at the Donna Carmela hotel about 2.4km away. Pick-up and drop-off may also be arranged. Guests may also make use of the hotel's spa and gym facilities on request.

Don Venerando sits amidst the vibrant greenery of a peaceful nursery, whose private roads are a pleasure to stroll or jog along. Occasionally you may see gardeners tending the plants but they will not be near the villa.

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced and may include drops or steep slopes. There are also terraces with low walls and drops within the property. We therefore recommend that younger children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

The owners' internationally acclaimed Radicepura Garden Festival takes place nearby between April and October and is highly recommended for those with an interest in horticulture.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	10	
Bedrooms	5	
Flexible doubles/twins	5	
Bathrooms	6	
... of which en suite	5	
Daily maid service		✓
Cook ¹		✓
Breakfast preparation ¹		✓
Staff/owner on the grounds		✓
Heatable pool (LxW in m) ²	18x5	
Air conditioning		✓
Heating		✓
Fireplace/log burner		✓
Safe(s)		✓
Wine cooler		✓
Tumble dryer		✓
Washing machine		✓
Dishwasher		✓
Microwave oven		✓
Smart TV		✓
DVD player		✓
Integrated sound system		✓
Beach club access ⁶		—
ADSL WI-FI Internet		✓
Barbecue		✓
Private Parking		✓

Gym ³	—
Yoga mats	✓
Bicycles ⁴	✓
Transfers	—
Shopping service	—
Masseur	—
Personal trainer	—
Yoga instructor	—
Wine-tasting	—
Cookery classes	—
Restaurant transfer service ⁵	—
Sea views	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ the staff will prepare a continental breakfast and a light lunch. Please note that the cost of ingredients is not included and should be paid for on presentation of receipts.

² there is an extra charge of €1,260 per week to heat the pool if requested.

³ guests may make use of the gym facilities at the owners' nearby boutique hotel Donna Carmela (on request and subject to availability)

⁴ 3 adult mountain bikes are available for guests

⁵ guests at Don Venerando are offered reduced prices at the owners' restaurant at the Donna Carmela hotel about 2.4km away. Pick-up and drop-off may also be arranged on request

⁶ For our guests staying at Don Venerando we can book Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's exclusive beach club on the beach at Mazzarò

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Don Venerando is situated just outside the village of Carruba, about half way between **Catania** and **Taormina**. This location is particularly well suited for exploring Sicily's east coast Ionian Riviera, **Mount Etna** and the various fascinating villages on its flanks. There are also several charming fishing villages and some nice beaches nearby. An eighteen hole golf course is about 45 minutes' drive away near Linguaglossa.

Further afield, **Syracuse**, the baroque towns of the **Noto** valley, the quiet beaches of **Vendicari** and Capo Passero to the south and Messina to the north are all comfortably reachable for day trips.

We can also arrange for you to over fly Mount Etna and many other sites, or to make excursions to the **Aeolian Islands**, by helicopter.

The nearby beaches of Fiumefreddo and Marina di Cottone have received several consecutive "Bandiere Blu", attesting to the cleanliness of the water and their general ecological excellence.

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Distances

Catania airport: 44km-27miles-50mins

Palermo airport: 273km-170miles-3hr5

Trapani airport: 355km-220miles-3hr50

Comiso airport: 122km-76miles-1hr50

Nearest shops: 5mins-10mins drive

Nearest restaurants: at Donna Carmela (the owner's hotel, for which we can arrange a pick-up and drop-off), 7mins drive, or at Stazzo and Santa Tecla (two a seafront villages just to the south), 15mins drive

Nearest beaches: an easy drive will get you to the beaches at Fondachello, 20mins, Marina di Cottone, 25mins, Isola Bella in Taormina, 30mins

Taormina: 36km-22miles-35mins

18-hole golf course near Linguaglossa: 35km-21miles-45mins

Catania: 35km-21miles-45mins

Mount Etna: 34km-21miles-45mins

Siracusa: 99km-60miles-1hr30



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