

# THE THINKING TRAVELLER

NOTO, SICILY

## ORIZZONTE

At Orizzonte, the project began with the property's splendid 180-degree panoramas, which, as the house's name suggests, extend as far as the eye can see. Every room gazes out towards the sparkling blue sea through walls of sliding glass doors, and all outdoor spaces, from the stunning pool to the al fresco living and dining areas, are strategically positioned to make the most of the bewitching views.



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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Awe-inspiring sea views

A 23m-long infinity pool

Captivating contemporary design

Nearby

Noto

Sandy beaches

Vendicari Nature Reserve

The towns of the Val di Noto

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### ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

**Inside:** accommodation at Orizzonte is spread over two floors. Our tour starts on the main floor in the sociable hub of the house, a wonderfully spacious, open-concept communal area with lofty ceilings, wraparound sliding glass walls, glorious sea views and effortless access to the pool area. To one end is a sitting area with contemporary modular sofa, in the centre is a large designer dining table, and beyond that an extremely well-equipped kitchen (there's even a tap for sparkling water). Smooth, polished concrete floors (a feature that extends inside and out and even onto some of the bedroom and bathroom walls) create a cool, tranquil atmosphere.

From near the kitchen, a corridor with floor-to-ceiling picture windows looking out over a cactus garden and a secluding thatch of Mediterranean shrubs, bushes and trees, leads to the main sleeping quarters, which comprise three bedrooms:

- a good-sized double with en-suite shower room
- a twin-double, also with en-suite shower room
- the main bedroom, a generously proportioned double with en-suite bathroom featuring a walk-in shower for two and a separate tub that's been strategically placed to take in the wonderful views

All three of these rooms come with walk-in wardrobes, glorious sea views and access to a long shady terrace that runs along the entire façade of the house. The main bedroom also has its own private terrace for Pilates or yoga.

A flight of stairs off the corridor leads down to the lower floor, which is home to the fourth bedroom, a large double with en-suite bathroom, again with a walk-in shower for two, and direct access to a panoramic, sea-view terrace.

Accommodation at Orizzonte is completed by a guest WC and a laundry room, both of which are accessed from the first floor corridor.

**Outside:** thanks to its sliding glass walls and doors and the indoor-outdoor flow

of its polished concrete floors, Orizzonte's al fresco areas truly are an organic extension of the interiors.

The open-concept communal area inside spills out onto a fully shaded al fresco sitting and dining area overlooking the gardens, the grounds and the remarkable L-shaped infinity pool, which merits several superlative adjectives. Accessed by wide, gently shelving steps, and wrapping around two sides of the outdoor living area, the longer side of the L measures 23m and features an infinity edge looking out to sea. The base of the L, meanwhile, is given over to a beach effect shelf, that's perfect for those who love to sunbathe while being cooled and lapped by water.

Between the terrace that runs along the front of the house (accessed by the upper floor bedrooms) and the pool, is a super-panoramic belvedere, that the guest may find to be the perfect spot for an *aperitivo* as the sun sets.

The pool itself is enclosed on two sides by emerald lawns, while behind the house is a fragrant hilly border of Sicilian shrubs, plants and bushes that encloses the property in an embrace of privacy and seclusion.

The gardens extend below the house, taking in the terrace of the lower floor bedroom, before dropping away into the property's olive and almond groves, which guests are welcome to explore.

CONSIDERATIONS

The final section of the access road to Orizzonte is a little rough, so we recommend guests hire a 4x4 or at least a car with good ground clearance.

Orizzonte features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. Please refer to our general safety page if you would like more information about infinity pools. Children should be supervised at all times around the pool and terrace edge. We do not accept bookings for groups including children under the age of 12.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	8	
Bedrooms	4	
Flexible doubles/twins	4	
Bathrooms	4	
... of which en suite	4	
Daily maid service <sup>1</sup>		✓
Cook		—
Breakfast preparation		—
Infinity pool (LxW in m)	23x4	
Air conditioning		✓
Safe(s)		✓
Wine cooler		✓
Filtered drinking water		✓

Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Barbecue	✓
Vegetable garden	✓
Private Parking	✓
Yoga mats	✓
Shopping service	—
Sea views	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

<sup>1</sup> Orizzonte includes daily maid service (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) usually from 10am until 13pm.

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Orizzonte is set in rolling hills near the fascinating baroque town of **Noto** and close to the beautiful natural reserve of **Vendicari**.

Noto is the most easterly of a chain of baroque towns now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is perhaps the most perfect of all and was rebuilt in flamboyant style following a major earthquake in 1693. Vendicari Nature Reserve boasts some of the finest sandy beaches in Sicily, some of which are pleasingly under populated even in the height of summer. Vendicari is also home to thousands of migrating birds, including flamingos, and sea turtles nest on its beaches.

If hiking in the hills is your thing, then there is some spectacular scenery in the rushing streams and waterfalls of Cassibile and at the Paleolithic burial sites in the dramatic valley of **Pantalica**.

**Syracuse** is just half an hour's drive away, and a day there is highly recommended to anybody spending time at Infinita. A little further afield, the other baroque towns of Modica, **Ragusa**, **Scicli**, and **Palazzolo Acreide** (this latter with an impressive Greek archaeological site) are all easily reachable.

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**Distances**

Catania airport: 90km-54miles-1hr10

Comiso airport: 83km-52miles-1hr30

Palermo airport: 310km-192miles-3hr30

Trapani airport: 391km-243miles-4hr20

Nearest beaches: at Vendicari - 16km-10miles-20mins; Lido di Noto - 12km-7.5miles-20mins; Oasi Gelsomineto - 11km-7miles-15mins

Noto (shops, bars, restaurants): 3km-2miles-5mins

Siracusa: 35km-21miles-30mins

Modica: 40km-25miles-45mins

Ragusa: 60km-38miles-1hr

Palazzolo Acreide: 35km-22miles-40mins



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GALLERY



