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CASA DI MACINE

Seemingly floating above the hillside from which it rises, Casa di Macine is an ingeniously conceived and ravishingly finished mountain retreat. It is both a triumph of contemporary architecture and an ode to local traditions, where granite, chestnut wood, artisanal know-how and intoxicating vistas combine to capture the essence of the island's ancient landscape. Down below, meanwhile, just a 10-minute drive away, is the sparkling sea of Corsica's east coast.



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Service

Features

- Sensational panoramas
- Suspended infinity pool
- Inspiring contemporary design
- Generous proportions
- Roof-top hot tub
- Gym and sauna

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Casa di Macine is laid out over three floors.

A flight of external steps lead up to the first floor and the main entrance, which opens into an inspiring, luminous, and generously proportioned open-concept communal area. Walls of windows and sliding glass doors on two sides allow seamless access to the terraces, while at the same time drinking in the spectacular views of the forested mountains and the craggy, needle-like peaks of the Aiguilles de Bavella. A sweep of travertine flooring unites the space in cool grey tranquillity, and light filters in via the slatted shading above the terraces, creating ever-changing geometric patterns as the sun makes its passage across the sky.

Straight on from the entrance, following the line of a feature wall clad in stone quarried on site, is a sunken living area with a large, contemporary U-shaped sofa. To the left is a large dining table, comfortably seating 14, and next to this, is the extremely well-equipped kitchen, which features a large work-top-bar, and sensational views out to sea. The kitchen cabinetry, the dining table and the A-frame beams above are all in locally sourced chestnut wood, a material that holds special significance in Corsica's architectural, gastronomic and cultural traditions.

To the right of the main entrance, a hallway provides access to a laundry room, a guest WC and four bedrooms:

- a double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with tub, mountain views, and access to the main terrace
- a double with en-suite shower room, mountain views, and access to the main terrace
- two doubles with en-suite shower rooms and sea views

All four of these bedrooms have lofty ceilings, luxuriously appointed bathrooms finished in travertine, and a mezzanine level with a small double mattress (only suitable for agile teenagers and available on request: please note that if these

are required, the maximum number of guests remains 10).

Stairs in the hallway lead down to the ground floor and up to the top floor.

The ground floor is home to a fabulously proportioned independent suite comprising a large double bedroom with sitting area, a free-standing, sculptural in-room tub, a fireplace, an en-suite shower room, banks of sliding glass doors opening out onto a private shady terrace with spectacular mountain views, and a stylish, well-equipped, black, iron kitchen.

The ground floor is also home to a well-equipped gym with sauna and access to more shaded terraces.

On the top floor, meanwhile, is a TV snug with large, sink-in sofas and bean bags, and access to the fabulously panoramic roof terrace.

Outside: Casa di Macine is blessed with numerous terraces, which provide plenty of space in which to come together or enjoy a little quiet time on your own.

On the first floor, accessed via walls of sliding glass doors from the open-concept communal space and two of the bedrooms, is a wide, decked terrace that wraps around two sides of the house. On one side is the irresistible infinity pool, which appears to float in the air, and a scattering of shady and sun-kissed sitting areas gazing out over the forested mountains. On the other, conveniently just outside the kitchen, is a wonderfully convivial dining area served by a barbecue. You can also see the sea from here.

The voluminous suite on the ground floor has its own private terrace furnished with a sitting area, a hanging swing chair, and a breakfast table.

More shade on the ground floor is provided by the overhanging terraces and pool of the first floor, which are supported by pillars. Accessed from the gym or the grounds, this is a great spot for yoga with a view or for afternoon snoozes on one of the gently swaying hammocks suspended between the aforementioned pillars.

The roof terrace is the ace up Casa Macine's sleeve. Offering unforgettable views of both the mountains and the sea, it is furnished with a few easy chairs, and equipped with both a firepit and an inviting hot tub. Whether you spend time here admiring the views, sipping on a sunset aperitif, or taking a

rejuvenating soak under Corsica's star-spangled night sky, this is spot will live long in your heart.

The grounds surrounding Casa Macine feature olive trees, indigenous maquis, a variety of flora, a floodlit boules pitch, and, excitingly, a helipad (should you wish to arrive in style).

CONSIDERATIONS

Casa di Macine features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side so we recommend children are supervised at all times. Please refer to our [general safety page](#) if you would like more information about infinity pools.

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

Some parts of the pool terrace at this property are overlooked.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	5
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5
Optional cook	—
Heatable infinity pool (LxW in m) ¹	12x3.5
Air conditioning	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Wine cooler	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Smart TV	✓
Fibre Internet connection	✓
Outdoor fireplace/fire pit	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Gym	✓
Sauna	✓
Hot tub	✓
Yoga mats	✓
Boules pitch	✓
Helicopter pad	✓
Sea views	✓
Projector	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ there is an extra charge of €410 to heat the pool if requested

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Located in the largely unspoilt area of Sari-Solenzara, about a third of the way up Corsica's east coast, Casa di Macine sits at some 300m above sea level. This exalted altitude affords it some truly inspiring views: to the west, emerald mountains and the spectacular, craggy peaks of the Aiguilles de Bavella pierce the sky; to the east, the sparkling blue waters of the Tyrrhenian extend out to infinity.

While in essence a mountain hideaway, Casa di Macine is only a 10-minute drive from the marina, shops and restaurants of Solenzara. There is also a great selection of idyllic sandy beaches nearby, including those at Scaffa Rossa and Funtanaccia (10mins), and Cala d'Oro, Canella, and Favone (between 15 and 20mins). The last two have restaurants and water sports facilities.

Keen walkers have many wonders to discover on their doorstep and a great place to start is the dramatically beautiful Polischellu waterfalls, tucked away in the glorious mountain scenery.

Porto Vecchio, with its charming old town centre, natural harbour, shops, bars, street market and restaurants, is just 55 minutes to the south, and **Bonifacio**, one of Corsica's most dramatically positioned, historic and panoramic towns is about 1.5 hours away.

For those who love adventurous driving, a trip over the mountains to the island's capital, **Ajaccio**, is recommended. The town itself has much to offer visitors, who come away delighted to have visited the birthplace of the great Napoleon.

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Distances

Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 66km-41miles-1hr10

Bastia Airport: 93km-58miles-1hr30

Ajaccio Airport: 140km-87miles-2hr30

Solenzara (marina, shops, restaurants and other amenities): 5.5km-3.4miles-10mins

Nearest beaches: Scaffa Rossa (Solenzara) - 6km-3.4miles-10mins;

Funtanaccia - 7.3km-4.5miles-11mins;

Cala d'Oro - 10km-6.2miles-14mins;

Canella - 12.3km-7.7miles-15mins;

Favone 16km-10miles-20mins

The Polischellu waterfalls and trekking routes: 27km-16.5miles-45mins

Porto Vecchio: 44km-27.3miles-55mins

Bonifacio: 70km-43.5miles-1hr15

Ajaccio: 145km-90miles-2hr40



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GALLERY



