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PORTO POLLO, CORSICA

VILLA FA

Enveloped by the lush greenery of Punta di Porto Pollo, a promontory at the western tip of the Gulf of Valinco, Villa Fa occupies an enviable position above the cobalt blues of the Tyrrhenian Sea. In terms of amenities, it lacks for nothing; when it comes to views, it is hard to beat; and, should you fancy a little summery buzz, you can walk the 1km into the village of Porto Pollo to lounge on its sands, sip on a coffee, hire a boat, or dine in one of its many restaurants.



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Service

Features

- Spectacular sea views
- Space galore, inside and out
- 16m-long infinity pool
- Sea access on your doorstep
- Gym and games room and sauna
- Walking to shops, restaurants and beach

Nearby

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ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Villa Fa is laid over two fully independent self-contained floors, making it ideal for two families travelling together and for large families and groups of friends .

The upper floor

The main entrance to the upper floor – the true hub of the home – opens into a fabulously airy, open-concept communal space, whose white walls, wooden floors, and wide openings connect each area in a seamless organic flow. Banks of sliding glass doors and picture windows drink in the remarkable views while at the same time allowing guests to enjoy an effortless indoor-outdoor lifestyle.

Straight ahead from the main entrance, looking out to sea via a sliding glass door, is a luminous dining area. To the right, passing a baby grand piano, is the extremely well-equipped and stylishly designed kitchen, whose large, square central island functions both as a workstation and, thanks to its bar stools, as a convivial area for gathering. This space overlooks, and accesses, the al fresco dining area and outdoor kitchen.

Moving on from the kitchen through a wide opening, one comes to the five-sided living area with lofty, wood-beamed ceilings, stone feature walls, several sliding glass doors, bewitching sea views, and a grand fireplace. Furnished with a central coffee table, a pair of large sink-in sofas, and a chaise-longue, this is an extremely comfortable and attractive spot in which to spend time.

To the left of the main entrance, meanwhile, a curvaceous opening leads into a corridor, off which are the bedrooms of the upper level:

- the principal bedroom, a double with en-suite bathroom with a tub and a shower, a separate WC, sea views, a study area and access to the terrace running along the front of the house
- a double-twin with sea views, en-suite bathroom with a tub and a shower, a separate WC, and access to its own shady sea-view terrace

- a double-twin with en-suite bathroom with a tub and a shower and a separate WC

The lower floor

The entrance to the lower floor is from a long sea-view terrace just above the pool. Similar in style to the upper floor, it comprises:

- a good-sized, open-plan space with a well-equipped kitchen, a dining area and a comfortably furnished living area
- three double-twin bedrooms, one with sea views and access to the terrace above the pool
- two shared bathrooms, each with a tub, a shower and a separate WC
- a well-equipped gym that also hosts a pool table
- a sauna with bathroom (shower, tub and separate WC)

Outside: cocooned in Corsican greenery, Villa Fa's al fresco areas fan out over a series of large, spectacularly panoramic terraces. Where these end, the extensive grounds begin, so there's plenty of space both for private moments and convivial gatherings.

Running along two sides of the upper apartment, is a wide stretch of terrace from where the views are arguably at their best. Accessed from one of the bedrooms, the dining area, the living area and the kitchen, this largely sun-kissed spot is furnished with comfortably cushioned outdoor furniture from where one might gaze out across the Gulf of Valinco and the Tyrrhenian Sea. Continuing around one side of the house, one arrives at the splendid al fresco dining area, whose cane-shaded table is served by a fully equipped outdoor kitchen including a stone-built, wood-fired oven.

Completing the terraces of the upper floor is a shaded sea-view terrace accessed from the second bedroom.

The lower floor has its own long terrace which includes both a shaded dining and living area and plenty of sunny spots furnished with loungers. Steps lead down from here to the irresistible decked pool area, at the centre of which is the fabulous 16m-long infinity pool.

Below the pool is a lawned area, secluded by the deep green foliage of mature trees.

Last but not least, a gate to one side of the property opens out onto a footpath which leads down for about 100m to the rocky shoreline and crystalline waters of the sea.

CONSIDERATIONS

Villa Fa 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.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with mobility problems.

The sea access in front of this property is via rocks and so may not be possible to use if the sea is rough.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	12
Bedrooms	6
Double beds	1
Flexible (double or twin)	5
Bathrooms	6
... of which en suite	3
Daily maid service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Optional cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden gate beach/sea access ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Infinity pool (LxW in m)	16x6
Air conditioning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safe(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wine cooler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tumble dryer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Washing machine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dishwasher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Microwave oven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Smart TV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluetooth speakers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Piano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fibre Internet connection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor kitchen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbecue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wood-burning oven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plancha grill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private parking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gym	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yoga mats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pool table	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sea views	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Walking distance to	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

restaurant(s) ²

Walking distance to shop(s) ² ✓

Walking distance to

beach(es)/sea access ² ✓

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support ✓

¹ the rocky coastline below the villa is less than 100m from the garden gate

² the bars, cafés, restaurants, shops and beach of Porto Pollo are about 1km away

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Villa Fa rises on a verdant headland at the western tip of the Gulf of Valinco, just a 15-minute walk from Porto Pollo, a summery little town with a gorgeous beach and plenty of restaurants, cafés, bars, shops and water sports facilities.

Apart from the rocky sea access below the property and the aforementioned beach of Porto Pollo, there is a host of idyllic sandy beaches nearby, not least paradisaical Cupabia and long Taravu.

A 30-minute drive east is the buzzing harbour town of Propriano. Its beach and its marina are pleasant spots in which to while away an hour or two, sipping a coffee or dining by the water.

Just a few kilometres from Propriano, at the southwestern tip of the Gulf of Valinco, is Campomoro. Surveyed from on high by a Genoese tower, the little village boasts an elegant arc of golden sand, electric blue waters, and a cluster of bars, cafés and restaurants. It is also a great spot for walkers, with numerous trails crisscrossing the unspoilt verdant hills that rise up to create a headland some 400m above the sea. The coastline running west and south from the village, meanwhile, is home to numerous idyllic little bays and tiny beaches, most of which are only accessible by boat. A day spent sailing from one to another, dropping anchor and diving into the irresistible waters is time well spent indeed.

For a sense of Corsica's multi-millennial history, a visit to the nearby megalithic site of **Filitosa** is not to be missed. Inhabited more or less continuously from the 9th millennium BCE until the 3rd century BCE, the site's olive groves, woodland and open countryside host a wide variety of archaeological finds from carved menhir statues to Bronze Age stone towers and much more besides.

Some 40 minutes away to the east, meanwhile, is the panoramically positioned, mediaeval town of Sartène, whose pretty labyrinth of streets gives an idea of Corsican life away from the coastline. Similarly interesting is the village of Olmeto, whose coloured houses and setting on a steep forested hill make for an

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Distances

Ajaccio Airport: 44km-27.5miles-55mins

Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 74km-46miles-1hr15

Bastia Airport: 167km-103miles-3hr

Nearest beaches (apart from the rocky sea access 100m below the house):

Porto Pollo - 1.3km-0.8miles-4mins (or 15mins on foot); Taravu - 2.7km-1.7miles-7mins; Cupabia - 10km-6.2miles-20mins

Nearest restaurants, shops and amenities: in Porto Pollo - 1.3km-0.8miles-4mins (or 15mins on foot)

Propriano: 23km-14.5miles-30mins

Campomoro: 36km-22miles-45mins

Olmeto: 19.5km-12miles-25mins

Filitosa archaeological site: 10.5miles-6.5miles-15mins

Sartène: 33km-20.5miles-40mins

Ajaccio: 49km-30.5miles-1hr5

Bonifacio: 83km-52miles-1hr25

Porto Vecchio: 92km-57miles-1h35min

evocative atmosphere.

Just over an hour's drive northwest will take you Corsica's capital, **Ajaccio**. The town is well worth a visit, not least so you can say that you've been to the birthplace of the great Napoleon.

Finally, just over 80km to the southeast is **Bonifacio**, one of Corsica's most dramatically positioned and striking towns. Teetering perilously on a high cliff above the sea, it offers sublime views over to Sardinia and a great selection of restaurants and bars.



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GALLERY



