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CASA TELAIO

Rising in the hills of Noto, and offering pulse-slowing vistas out to sea, Casa Telaio is a highly sophisticated villa, where original contemporary architecture, cutting-edge technology, and a true sense of home blend together in perfect harmony. Everything, from the furnishings and the landscaped gardens to the numerous terraces and the triple-edged infinity pool, has been designed to enchant, inspire and delight. A stay at this remarkable villa will live long in the memory.





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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Exceptional contemporary design
A majestic, 15m-long infinity pool
Beguiling sea and countryside views
Dreamy terraces all around
Technological sophistication
Manicured gardens

Nearby

Noto
Sandy beaches
Vendicari Nature Reserve

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Villa Telaio is arranged over two floors.

Most of the ground floor is given over to a free-flowing social space, where the architectural aesthetics of the property are on full display. Disappearing walls of glass create a seamless connection between the interiors and the surrounding terraces; wide-open views pan out over gentle hills and the sparkling sea; smooth dark grey flooring unites each area in a homogenous sweep; ceilings in raw concrete extend outside where they are transformed into geometric buttresses and shade-shaping overhangs; feature walls in creamy Noto stone root the property in its terroir; colourful flowers, wicker lampshades and contemporary artwork add softness; and meticulously studied design elements, such as the fully integrated lighting and sound systems, bring avantgarde technology to the fore. The overall effect is both stimulating and warmly welcoming.

To one end of this social space is the well-equipped contemporary kitchen, which centres around a long central island bar with gas hobs set organically into a grey marble work top, and a wall of bronzed wooden cabinetry. In the centre is a large wooden dining table, while to the other side is the living area, which features an L-shaped sofa, a couple of designer easy chairs, and a conical fireplace suspended from the ceiling.

To the far end of the living area a door opens into the first of the four bedrooms, a spacious double with sea views, walls of sliding glass doors opening out onto a private terrace with al fresco shower, a floating, in-room vanity unit, and a walk-through wardrobe with a WC to one side and a sea-view shower to the other.

A light-filled corridor between the kitchen and the dining area leads past a shower room and WC to the staircase, which links the ground floor and the upper level. At the top, accessed from a luminous landing are the remaining three bedrooms:

• the principal bedroom, a double with a centrally positioned bed, fabulous sea views, a feature wall of emerald-green tiles, access to a private terrace with an al fresco tub, an outdoor-shower surrounded by plants, a walk-in wardrobe, a little sitting area with desk, a floor-to-ceiling picture window framing a tropical strelizia, an in-room vanity unity with sink, and an en-suite shower room
• a double bedroom with more of those glorious views, an in-room sink and walk-in shower, a separate WC, and access to a terrace that runs along the entire façade of the upper floor
• another double bedroom with sea and countryside views, a private terrace and a panoramic, glass-walled shower room next door

Outside: Casa Telaio's internal spaces spill outside at every opportunity, and there is a generous abundance of possibilities for al fresco living.

On the ground floor, the vanishing sliding glass walls in the kitchen open out onto an idyllic section of terrace that's been set up both for lounging and dining. Beneath a retractable roof sits a dreamy dining area looking out to sea, and next to this is a sitting area furnished with well-cushioned, contemporary rattan furniture and an outdoor fireplace set into a flame-coloured corten steel column. The raw concrete of the internal ceilings extends outside, sometimes in the form of a solid overhang, at others in the form of long slats. From one of these hangs a swinging chair.

A long, slender terrace runs along the entire façade of the house, culminating in the private outdoor area of the ground floor bedroom. Here, bordered by luxurious, exotic foliage is a sitting area and an outdoor shower.

Wide, graceful steps in pale white stone lead down past meticulously planted beds of succulents, olive trees, palms and whispering ornamental grasses to the extensive pool terrace. Voluminous umbrellas shade strategically positioned sun loungers, but there's also plenty of space for those who wish to luxuriate in the rejuvenating rays of the Sicilian sun. The pool itself, which extends out for 15m in the direction of the sea, is a thing of serene, cobalt beauty, and features a shallow, beach-effect ledge and three infinity edges clad in smooth lava stone.

To one side of the pool, the terrace fans out to incorporate a fabulous lounge area with bags of well-cushioned, built-in seating, a couple of bean-bag chairs, and a scattering of coffee tables. Once again, the views from here over the rolling hills of Noto and the sea are intoxicating.

Below the pool is a wide expanse of manicured lawn, perfect for fun and games.

The bedrooms on the upper floor of Casa Telaio all open out onto sea-view terraces. The star of the show is outside the principal bedroom, where, bordered by an exuberant display of greenery and flowering plants, is a free-standing tub, a shower in the middle of sumptuous greenery, a sitting area, and a hanging wicker chair.

CONSIDERATIONS

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 final section of the access road to Casa Telaio is a little rough, so we recommend guests hire a 4x4 or one with high ground clearance.A fifth bedroom, which is smaller than the others, is available on request. Please contact us for more information.

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced, please note that the local wild life may occasionally reach the grounds.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	8
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	4
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	3
Heatable infinity pool [2]	15x4m
Sea views	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Herb garden	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Air conditioning	✓
Underfloor heating	✓
Smart TV	✓
Integrated sound system	✓
Photovoltaic system	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Ice maker	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

[1] the cook can provide breakfasts and dinners on request and depending on availability

[2] there is an extra charge of €780 per week to heat the pool if requested. Pool heating is available only between April and the end of October. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

= yes/present

= optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Casa Telaio is set in rolling hills near the fascinating Baroque town of **Noto** and 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 also perhaps the most perfect of the baroque towns, which were all 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 underpopulated even in the height of summer. Vendicari is also home to thousands of migrating birds, including flamingos, and sea turtles nest on its beaches. Other beaches nearby include those of Marina di Avola and Lido di Noto.

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 a week or two at Casa Telaio. A little further afield, the other baroque towns of Modica, **Ragusa** and **Scicli** are easily reachable in a day.

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Distances

Catania airport: 80km-50miles-1hr

Comiso airport: 83km-52miles-1hr30

Palermo airport: 315km-195miles-3hr15

Trapani airport: 396km-246miles-4hr25

Nearest beaches: Marina di Avola - 8.2km-5miles-15mins; Lido di Noto - 13.5km-8.5miles-25mins; Vendicari - 16km-10miles-30mins

Noto (shops, bars, restaurants): 10mins by car

Syracuse: 35km-21miles-30mins

Modica: 40km-25miles-45mins

Ragusa: 60km-38miles-1hr





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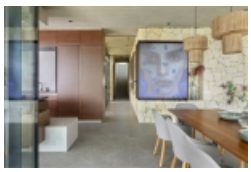






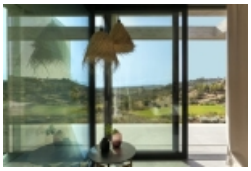
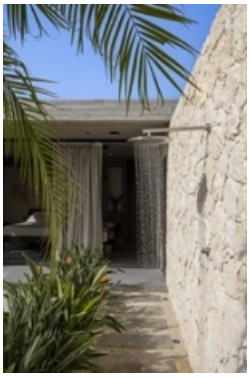















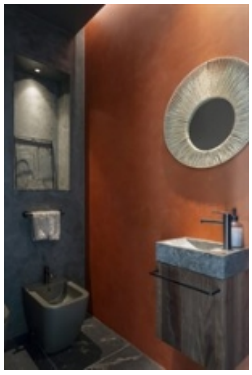
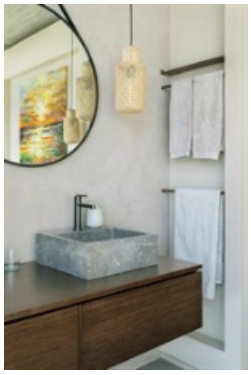




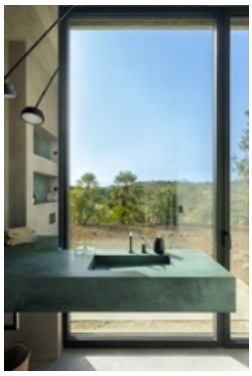












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