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AMMALIA

Ammalia rises in a panoramic position overlooking the sea and the dramatic coastline of Scopello in northwest Sicily. A recent refurbishment has brought a new vivaciousness to this family home, whose lovingly remodelled interiors flow out onto shady terraces and exotic gardens that evoke the island's Arabic heritage. Then, sitting in pride of place beneath a family of gently swaying palm trees, is the wonderful bio-pool, whose natural forms are irresistible.





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Service

Features

Curvaceous bio-pool
Tempting sea views
Exotic gardens
Alluring interior design

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ABOUT THE VILLA

7 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Ammalia is laid out over two floors.

The main entrance leads in from a shaded terrace to the open ground floor. Here, the aesthetics of the loving restoration and refurbishment of Ammalia are on full show. Contemporary finishings blend harmoniously with original features, and there's an exotic, subtly North African atmosphere, thanks to the choice of fabrics, furnishings, lamps and artwork.

To one side of the space is the living area, which features a fireplace with a stone surround, a pair of faded blue-and-white-striped sofas, an armchair and a cushioned, antique rattan divan. French windows allow the space to spill out onto the main terrace.

The creamy tiled flooring of the living area flows through a wide opening to the kitchen-dine, which is a chef's delight. At the centre is a large stainless steel island, and behind this is a wall of stainless steel cabinetry topped by concrete work tops. A wall-length mirror reflects the light, a table and chairs sits to one side, and French doors connect the space to the main terrace.

Accommodation on the ground floor is completed by a generous double bedroom that's accessed from the living room. It has exposed stone walls, an open en-suite shower room, sea and garden views, and direct access to the terraces.

A few steps in the corner of the living room lead up to a landing, off which is a guest loo. From here, stairs lead up to the first floor, which is home to the remaining bedrooms:

• two romantic doubles with sea and garden views and en-suite shower rooms up a couple of steps
• a single bedroom with en-suite shower room

Outside: Ammalia is surrounded by a garden of delights, whose mature

Mediterranean flora - exotic palms, deep-green cypresses, vivacious bougainvillea, and an array of other leafy greenery - creates a sense of seclusion.

Accessed from the living room, the kitchen-diner and the ground floor bedroom, is a fabulously convivial covered terrace, and it is here that you will congregate with your loved ones throughout the day. To one end is a built-in sitting area with cushions galore, while to the other is an al fresco dining area.

Beyond this terrace is a swathe of emerald lawn, and then the bio-pool, which is a thing of beauty. Seen from above it resembles the form of a whale, with a large, rotund area to one side. A shallow, beach-shelf section links the main body to the tail, which is a hydromassage pool. The floor of the pool has been designed with graceful, curvaceous patterns and at night it is illuminated to create a sense of magic. Scattered around the edge are plenty of sun loungers and shady daybeds.

With its luxuriant, fertile greenery and its free-form, wide-ranging bio-pool, the gardens of Ammalia really are like an oasis - you'll always be delighted to return to its verdant, cool embrace after a day's sightseeing or an afternoon on the beach.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the nature of the property including a drop near the pool, children must be supervised at all times.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	7
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	3
Single beds	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	4
Pool	12x5m
Sea views	✓
Daily maid service	–
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Fireplace	✓

Heating	✓
Smart TV	✓
Outdoor sound system	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

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

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Situated in the northwest of Sicily, Ammalia is well-placed for discovering the wealth of attractions that the area has to offer. Just down the road is the charming hamlet of Scopello, at the centre of which is an authentic old *baglio*. There are also a couple of good restaurants and pizzerie, a few bars and cafés, and a scuba diving club. For food and wine, there's a superb delicatessen, greengrocer's (with produce grown right there), wine shop and café just below the village. The extremely evocative setting of Scopello's old tuna plant is a great spot for swimming and snorkelling, as is the nearby pebbly beach of Guidaloca, which has lidos and other facilities.

Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve is a 15-minute drive away and offers a range of spectacular walks and a series of idyllic, crystal-clear bays for swimming.

The nearby town of **Castellammare del Golfo** has a good selection of seafront bars and restaurants, a daily fish market, plenty of shops and a long sandy beach with lidos.

The spectacular Elymian/Greek site of **Segesta** is about 20 minutes drive away and **Erice**, **Palermo**, Trapani and **Selinunte** can all be reached in under or just over an hour.

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Distances

Palermo Airport: 52km-32miles-40mins
Trapani Airport: 62km-40miles-50mins
Catania airport: 280km-173miles-3hr
Comiso airport: 305km-190miles-3hr45
Nearest beach (pebbly): at Guidaloca, 3.8km-2.4miles-8mins
Nearest sandy beach: at Castellammare del Golfo, 11km-7miles-20mins
Nearest shops and restaurants: in Scopello, 4.2km-2.6miles-8mins
Larger shops, restaurants and amenities: in Castellammare del Golfo, 11km-7miles-20mins
Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve: 6.5km-4miles-13mins
San Vito lo Capo; 44km-27miles-55mins
Segesta: 30km-19miles-25mins
Erice: 36km-22.5miles-50mins
Selinunte: 72km-45miles-1hr
Monreale: 60km-37miles-1hr10
Palermo: 75.5-47miles-1hr20





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