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DA MARE

Immersed in fragrant, maquis-rich gardens and looking out to sea over a canopy of green, Da Mare is infused with gentle Corsican charm. Contemporary touches blend harmoniously with the ancient landscape, space and light infuse the atmosphere with positive vibes, and a decked pool area invites serene repose. Then, just a short walk away are the fine sands and crystalline waters of Plage de la Tour.

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Service

Features

Soothing sea views

Wrap-around gardens

Enticing 17m-long heatable pool

15-minute walk to a beach

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ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Da Mare is laid out over a main house on two levels, and two independent guest wings.

The entrance to the main house leads into an airy and generously proportioned open-concept room, where double-height, sloping ceilings with extra-large sky lights create a luminous, tranquil atmosphere. Two walls of sliding glass doors allow the space to flow out onto yin-and-yang terraces on opposite sides of the house, and sea views flood in.

Smooth, grey flooring and raw concrete walls resembling wood cladding provide a gentle backdrop for a centrally positioned dining table with emerald-green velvet chairs, and a pair of curvaceous, modular contemporary sofas. To one side is the well-equipped, minimalist kitchen with a bar area and a door opening into a service kitchen area.

A door to one side of this communal space opens into the main bedroom, a double with parquet flooring, in-built storage, sea views, and a luxuriously finished contemporary bathroom in soft grey marble and featuring a stylish contemporary tub, a separate shower, and double sinks.

A guest WC and laundry room accessed from the living area completes the accommodation on the ground floor of the main house

Stairs lead up from the communal space to a mezzanine gallery with a study area. At one end of the gallery is a double-twin bedroom with a cylindrical ceramic in-room sink, while to the other is a spacious fitness area with a walk-in shower and sink. The bedroom on this level makes use of the upstairs shower and the WC on the ground floor.

The two guest wings are set slightly forward from the main house and are accessed via a wooden boardwalk from the latter. Identical in layout, each one comprises:

• two double-twin bedrooms with wide sliding glass doors opening out onto a decked terrace overlooking the pool area
• a large, shared shower room
• a separate WC
• a sitting-cum-dressing area with single sofa bed

Outside: gazing out to sea, the grounds of Da Mare are a verdant extension of south Corsica's fertile landscape of scented maquis, olive trees, holm oaks, cypresses, myrtle, arbutus and vibrant yellow mimosa. Sandy areas between the flora evoke the glorious beaches nearby, granite masses show off nature's sculptural prowess, and the atmosphere is at once harmonious and serene.

The living area of the main house opens out via two walls of sliding glass doors onto a pair of well-shaded, decked terraces. Both are set up with dining tables: one looking out to sea and the other occupying a more secluded spot surrounded by leafy greenery.

A wooden boardwalk connects the main house with the guesthouses, whose bedrooms all open out onto a decked terrace overlooking the pool area and the sea.

The decked pool area, where you may well end up spending most of your waking hours, is a dreamy spot, with pampas grasses swaying gently in the breeze, sea views tempting you to stroll down to the coast, and a large wooden pergola offering shade.

CONSIDERATIONS

Another of our villas, **Casa di Lume**, is located next door. Every effort has been made to ensure the two properties have their privacy. Should you need more space for your group, why not rent both of them?

During the high season, especially at weekends, you may occasionally hear planes arriving at the nearby Figari airport.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	12
Bedrooms	6
Double beds	1
Flexible (double or twin)	5
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	1
Heatable infinity pool [2]	17x3.5m
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access [3]	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓

Plancha grill	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Petanque	✓
Table tennis	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Heating	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Ice maker	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

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

[2] the cost to heat the pool which amounts to €525 per week, if requested, payable in advance. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

[3] Plage de la Tour is a 15-minute walk

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Da Mare sits on the little beach-flanked promontory of Pianottoli on the south coast of Corsica, just a 15-minute walk from the idyllic sandy by of Plage de la Tour. There are many other sandy bays to choose from in the area, some walkable, others a short drive.

There's a simple seasonal restaurant less than 10 minutes' walk away, while other amenities, including a wider selection of eateries, can be found in nearby Pianottoli, a 10-minute drive.

A must-see for anyone staying at Da Mare is **Bonifacio**, one of Corsica's most dramatically positioned and picturesque towns. Teetering perilously on a high cliff above the sea it offers sublime views over to Sardinia and some good restaurants and bars.

Less than an hour's drive northwest is the panoramically positioned, medieval town of Sartène, whose pretty labyrinth of streets gives an idea of Corsican life away from the coastline.

Heading up the east coast one comes to a series of delightful **beaches**, including those of Santa Giulia, Tamaricciu and Palombaggia, and **Porto Vecchio**, another of Corsica's many charming towns offering a good selection of shops, bars and restaurants and a nice old town centre looking over the large natural harbour.

Further afield on the west coast is the island's capital, **Ajaccio**, which is well worth a visit, not least so you can say that you've been to the birthplace of the great Napoleon.

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Distances

Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 15km-10miles-20mins
Bastia Airport: 160km-99miles-2hr50
Ajaccio Airport: 115km-70miles-2hr10
Nearest beaches: Plage de la Tour - 15mins walk; Plage de San Giovanni - 1.6km-1mile-3min (or 20mins walk)
Nearest restaurant: less than 10mins walk
Nearest shops and other amenities: 10mins drive in Pianottoli
Bonifacio: 25km-15miles-35mins
Porto Vecchio: 32km-20miles-40mins
Sperone Golf Course: 28km-17miles-40mins
Sartène: 38km-24miles-50mins
Ajaccio: 115km-72miles-2hr20

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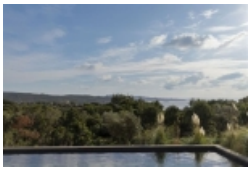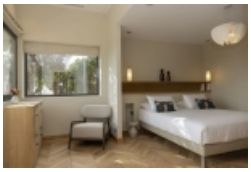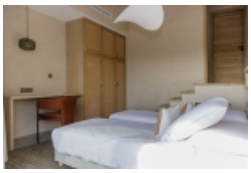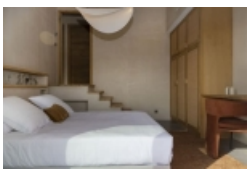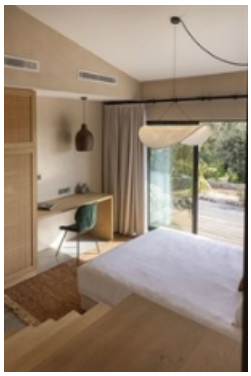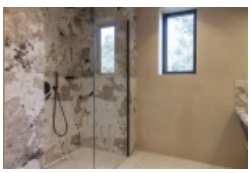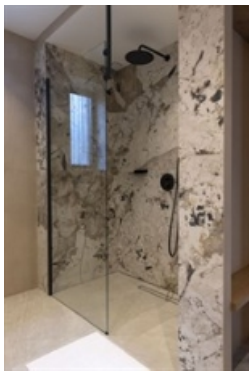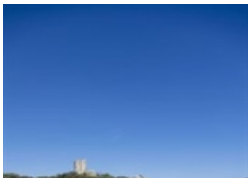
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