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NOTO, SICILY

RUFFIANA

A romantic hideaway gazing out over the sparkling sea, rolling hills and beautiful, baroque Noto, Ruffiana is a contemporary villa designed with panache, style and great attention to detail. Bright interiors flow out onto wraparound terraces, a tempting zero-edge pool invites lazy relaxation, and a garden of whispering carob and olive trees root the property firmly in its terroir.



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Service

Features

Panoramic zero-edge pool

Wide-open views out to sea

Harmoniously designed interiors

Extensive terraces

Romantic atmosphere

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ABOUT THE VILLA

2 GUESTS 1 BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS

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

The main entrance leads from a secluded courtyard into a luminous, open-plan living space with black-and-white, geometrically patterned floors and walls in white and olive green. A pair of wide, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors bring in the views and open out onto the surrounding terraces.

The focal point is a kitchen island clad in rich, emerald-green tiles. Incorporating a wine fridge, induction hobs, and a bar area with high stools, this is a place for sociable cooking and dining. The well-equipped, stylish kitchen proper is accessed via a door a few steps away.

To one side of the kitchen island is an attractive sitting area with well-cushioned, contemporary modular seating looking towards the pool; to the other, behind a semi-partition wall, is a snugly positioned sofa.

Strategically placed glass vases and ceramic pieces from Santo Stefano di Camastra add a dash of Sicilian colour and interest, while the owners' travels are recorded with exotic artefacts brought back from distant climes.

A shower room with more of those emerald-green tiles completes the accommodation on the ground floor.

Ceramic-tiled stairs lead up from the first sitting area to the first floor, which is entirely dedicated to a generous suite. A landing opens out onto a shaded terrace with a suspended cocoon chair looking out towards the sea and Noto, while in the bedroom, blue-and-white geometrically patterned floor tiles signal a change of ambience and flow outside via a wall of sliding glass doors onto a panoramic terrace. To one side sits a couple of designer sofas and a curvaceous, standalone tub, while to the other is a double bed. An en-suite shower room completes the picture.

Outside: most al fresco life at Ruffiana plays out on a large L-shaped terrace

that runs along two sides of the house. Accessed from both the kitchen-diner and the living area via two sets of wide, sliding glass doors, the terrace offers seclusion, plenty of spots for relaxation, and wide-open views out across the grounds, the surrounding countryside, and the sea.

Just outside the kitchen is a shaded area with dining table and a magnificent old carob tree. A few steps from here, is the serene, zero-edge pool, which is hard to resist at any time of day.

Following the terrace round to the side of the house, also accessed from the living area, is a partially covered outdoor lounge area furnished with a large, well-cushioned sofa and coffee tables.

The delightful views are at their best from the bedroom’s private terraces. The larger one, a secluded sun-kissed spot, lends itself to morning coffees while gazing out to sea, yoga work-outs, and *aperitivi*. The second, with its shaded hanging cocoon chair, is perfect for lazy, carefree moments and taking in the awe-inspiring view of Noto basking in the roseate glow of the setting sun.

The main entrance to the property is accessed from a delightful walled courtyard with a central fountain with a ceramic surround, and a collection of cacti and other plants.

Where the terraces end, the fields of olive, carob and fruit trees begins, and it’s a pleasure to stroll around them, especially at dawn, when the sun rises from the silvery Ionian Sea.

CONSIDERATIONS

The estate surrounding Ruffiana is home to another of our villas, **Agata**, which is located around 100m away. Owned by the same family, the villas share part of the access road but each enjoys total privacy. If you're travelling in a large group or with another family, why not take both of them.

The pool has a single depth of 1.4m.

The discreet caretakers occupy an independent apartment on the property, which is accessed from the courtyard at the entrance to Ruffiana.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	2	
Bedrooms	1	
Double beds	1	
Bathrooms	2	
... of which en suite	1	
Pool	10x3.5m	
Sea views		✓
Daily maid service		—
Barbecue		✓
Private parking		✓

Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
Air conditioning	✓
Underfloor heating	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Photovoltaic system	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Ice maker	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Staff on the grounds ²	✓
Safe	✓

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

² the discreet caretakers occupy an independent apartment near the main house.

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

La Ruffiana sits in the rolling hills above the fascinating baroque town of **Noto** and the beautiful natural reserve of **Vendicari Nature Reserve**.

Noto is the most easterly of a chain of baroque towns now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, while Vendicari Nature Reserve is home to some of the finest sandy beaches in Sicily, not to mention thousands of migrating birds, including flamingos, and sea turtles, which come to nest on its sands.

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 Agata. 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 at Vendicari: 15-20mins by car

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

Syracuse: 35km-21miles-30mins

Modica: 40km-25miles-45mins

Ragusa: 60km-38miles-1hr



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GALLERY



