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Few villas boast views quite as sublime as those from Casalonga. Verdant hills tumble down from craggy mountain outcrops, the Gulf of Valinco shimmers and seduces far below, and Corsica's element-sculpted coastline wends its way timelessly into the distance. Inside, you'll be embraced by warmth and character; outside, you'll be spoilt by the pulse-slowing terraces and the cobalt blue pool. Pack the car with provisions, settle in, and unwind in style.





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Service

Features

Inspiring sea and mountain views
An inviting pool
Secluded, panoramic terraces
Warm, welcoming interiors
Authentic Corsican charm

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Casalonga is all on one level.

The property has been artfully renovated to create a soulful home that harmoniously unites local traditions and modern comforts. The interiors are imbued with an evocative, warmly welcoming atmosphere, and each room is suffused with a soft light that filters in through strategically positioned windows. Beautifully restored original features recall times of yore; linen curtains waft gently in the breeze; furnishings are a carefully chosen blend of unassuming country-house elegance and characterful reclaimed pieces; and subtly glamorous touches elevate the overall feel.

From the main terrace, antique French doors open into the hub of the home, a gorgeous kitchen with barrel-vaulted brick ceilings, antique tiled floors and a mix of period and subtle modern lighting. Hand-made cabinetry in warm, honeyed wood runs along one wall, its flow interrupted only by a large sink with sensational views out to sea. Quality appliances sit discreetly in their place, an internal window looks into the living area, and a large wooden dining table sits at the centre.

The kitchen flows down a step into the living area. Here, lofty, wood-beamed ceilings create an airy ambience, a window brings in the views, and French doors open out onto a path leading along the front of the property. An antique chandelier and a large gilt-framed mirror hanging above the fireplace add a certain joie de vivre, and a pair of venerable black-and-white photos and a large, reclaimed "boulangerie" sign adorn the walls. A sink-in sofa and an eclectic mix of chairs gather round a central coffee table, completing what is a thoroughly restful and convivial space.

A sliding pocket door near the sofa opens to reveal the first bedroom, a twin with two single beds facing each other and an en-suite shower room that's been finished with the same sense of élan as the rest of the house.

A vestibule opens to one side of the living room's fireplace, providing access to

the remaining accommodation at Casalonga:

• two double bedrooms with high, wood-beamed ceilings. One has sea views, the other mountain vistas.
• a shared bathroom with double sinks and a walk-in shower

Outside: a path leads from the parking area along the front of the house, and it is here where you'll first be able to immerse yourself in the spellbinding views that area a constant feature of al fresco life at Casalonga. In front of you a vast, 180-degree panorama pan out, taking in the rocky crags and the verdant foothills of Corsica's southern mountains, a sweep of unspoilt coastline, and the shimmering, silvery sea.

Half way along the path, a door opens into the living area, while at the end, accessed from the kitchen, is the first terrace. Home to a shaded dining area and a comfortably cushioned sitting area, you may well end up spending most of your time here, dining, chatting, reading and gazing out at the views.

At one end of this terrace, wooden steps lead down to the other rival for your al fresco attentions: a dreamy decked area with shady and sun-kissed spots, sun loungers, a coffee table and chairs, and an inviting pool.

These fabulously secluded and private terraces are surrounded by Corsica's prodigiously fertile, maquis-scented countryside.

CONSIDERATIONS

Our villas, **Casonu** and **Casa Fortificata** are located on the same plot of land. The villas belong to the same owners and share part of the access road but each enjoys total privacy. If you're travelling in a large group or with another family, the villas can be booked together.

Due to the nature of the property - terraces, low walls and several drops around the grounds - children must be supervised at all times.

Please note that the efficacy of the pool heating can be impacted by the external temperature and weather conditions in the area of your villa; as such as we cannot guarantee a minimum pool water temperature.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	6
Bedrooms	3
Double beds	2
Twin beds	1
Bathrooms	2
... of which en suite	1
Heatable pool [2]	10x2m
Sea views	✓
Plancha grill	✓
Daily maid service	–
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning [3]	✓

Optional cook [1]	–
Fibre Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Fireplace	✓
Heating	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓

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

[2] with a saline filtration system. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

[3] in the living room

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Located at around 600m above sea level in the mountains to the northeast of Propriano, Casalonga is immersed in nature. Forested peaks and rocky outcrops provide a real sense of being off the beaten track, birds of prey wheel in the sky above, and splendid panoramas pan out to take in the south coast of Corsica, the Gulf of Valinco, and the sparkling Tyrrhenian Sea.

The surrounding countryside is a real paradise for those who enjoy hiking, mountain biking and other outdoor activities, and there are a multitude of trails to choose from.

The Gulf of Valinco is home to a seemingly endless variety of sandy beaches. The closest to Casalonga, all of which are about a 30-minute drive away, are in and around Propriano (Plage de Baraci, Capu Laurosu and Capicciolo).

There is a restaurant nearby, in the village of Fozzano (5mins), but for a wider choice of amenities, including restaurants, cafés, bars, shops and water sports, Propriano is the place to be (25mins). Its marina is a pleasant spot 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 4500m 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,

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Distances

Ajaccio Airport: 78km-48.5miles-1hr30
Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 64km-42miles-1hr15
Bastia Airport: 163km-101miles-3hr10
Nearest beaches: Plage de Baraci - 13.3km-8.3mils-30mins; Propriano - 16km-10miles-25mins; Capu Laurosu - 18.5km-11.5miles-30mins; Capicciolo - 23km-14miles-35mins
Nearest restaurant: Fozzano - 2.2km-1.4miles-5mins
Propriano (nearest good selection of shops, bars, restaurants and amenities): 16km-10miles-25mins
Olmeto: 24km-15miles-35mins
Campomoro: 30km-19miles-45mins
Filitosa archaeological site: 35km-22miles-45mins
Sartène: 23.5km-13.5miles-30mins
Ajaccio: 83km-52miles-1hr40
Bonifacio: 73km-45.5miles-1hr25

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 30 minutes away to the south, 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 evocative atmosphere.

Just over an hour and a half'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.

About 75km to the southeast, meanwhile, 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




































