SANTA MARGHERITA DI PULA, SARDINIA

MARIA

Cocooned in enchanting, luxuriant gardens, and just a short stroll from the divine sandy beach of Santa Margherita di Pula, Maria is an oasis of tranquillity and calm. Imbued with a warm, welcoming atmosphere, and featuring a fabulous pool area, the property invites relaxation and repose. For those who desire a combination of lazy beach life and leafy seclusion, there are few better villas to choose from.

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Service

Features

A quick stroll from an idyllic sandy beach

Spacious, beautifully designed interiors

A tempting heatable pool

Total immersion in luxuriant gardens

Nearby

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ABOUT THE VILLA

9 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

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

The heart of the home is a spacious, free-flowing, open-concept space on the ground floor, where guest can gather, cook, dine and relax in each other's company. With its mixture of white and stone feature walls, wood-beamed ceilings, flagged floors, curvaceous contours, and vertical bamboo posts, this warmly welcoming hub neatly encapsulates Maria's eye-catching design. Decorative elements with a maritime theme hint at the property's proximity to the sea, thoughtfully chosen lighting imbues each space with a soft atmosphere, and exotic flourishes add a sense of verve.

The focal point is a sunken living area, which is furnished with two capacious white sofas looking out via French doors to the main terrace. Up above, to one side, is another sitting area with a pair of lounge chairs gathered round a large, decorative fireplace, and a circular dining table. Strategically positioned picture windows look out at the luxuriant, leafy foliage of the surrounding gardens.

On the other side of this communal space is the fully equipped, characterful kitchen, which includes a central breakfast table. A glass door opens out directly onto the al fresco dining area.

From a central hallway with a shower room and a laundry room, a corridor leads to the remaining accommodation on the ground floor: two double bedrooms with garden views and a shared shower rooms.

The first floor at Maria is accessed via a staircase from the central hallway and hosts two more bedrooms, both of which feel as if they're nestled in the canopy of the surrounding trees:

• the master, a generously spacious, romantic double with a grand, decorative fireplace, a luxuriously finished en-suite shower room, and access to a shared panoramic terrace overlooking the gardens

• a triple bedroom, also with en-suite shower room and access to the shared terrace. (Two of the beds can be joined to create a double.)

Outside: Maria is enclosed by wonderfully vibrant Mediterranean gardens that wrap around the house. Mature pines, giant, leafy strelitzias, and exotic palms rise up around the perimeter, creating a restful atmosphere of privacy and seclusion. A wide variety of bushy shrubs and flowering plants add yet more greenery and colour, and manicured lawns offer space in which to play, stroll and unwind.

The communal space and the kitchen on the ground floor open out onto a semi-circular terrace, whose beamed ceilings and terracotta-tiled roof is a natural extension of the house.

This indoor-outdoor space, which is generously furnished for dining and lounging, in turn opens out onto a large decked area that incorporates the tempting, heatable, figure-of-eight pool. Flanked on two sides by quality sun loungers and a shady double daybed, the pool is also served by a comfortably furnished sitting area with sofas, armchairs and a table and chairs nestling under a shade-giving sail.

Just beyond this area, outside the kitchen, is a built-in barbecue area served by work tops and a sink.

Soft green lawns take over where the decking ends, wrapping around the house and leading to a fabulous feature, a sandy beach tennis court.

Last but not least, both bedrooms on the upper floor open out onto a shared terrace overlooking the gardens and the towering pine trees that provide a sense of aromatic seclusion.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the nature of the property, which includes terraces, low walls and a few drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

Please note that this property is located in a residential area and therefore has neighbours.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	9
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	3
Triples	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	2

Heatable pool [1]	7.2x1.6m
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access	✓
Tennis court [2]	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Optional cook	–
Air conditioning	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

[1] the pool is an irregular figure-of-eight shape. There is an extra weekly fee of €630 to heat the pool, if requested. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

[2] a beach tennis court

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Maria is located in the south of Sardinia, just 250m from the fabled beach of Santa Margherita di Pula, whose paradisiacal golden-white sands stretch for some 2km along the coastline. Served by a series of beach clubs with restaurants, bars and other facilities, it is here where you will no doubt spend much of your time while not at the villa.

In terms of other beaches in the area, there is an embarrassment of riches, with numerous irresistible options nearby. Some of the best are Su Giudeu, Tuaredda, Porto Tramatzu and Porto Pino, but there are many more.

Sardinia's capital, **Cagliari**, is less than an hour's drive away, and the city offers plenty to see, do and experience. Its old centre, divided into four quarters, brims with architectural and historical interest, including Phoenicia and Roman remains, fortified towers and bastions, a 13th-century cathedral and numerous other churches. There's also a botanical garden, an archaeological museum, a flamingo-rich nature reserve (the Molentargius Park) and, of course, plenty of restaurants, cafés and bars.

A 15-minute drive away is the colourful, vibrant-but-laid-back town of Pula, whose winning mix of narrow streets, piazzas, craft shops, boutiques, a street market (once a week), restaurants, and bars make it a pleasure to spend time in.

Other places of interest nearby include the fascinating Phoenician and Roman archaeological site of Nora (20 minutes), which occupies a peninsula above the sea; and the incredible cave complex of Is Zuddas.

A little further afield, but still within an easy day trip is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Barumini, an archaeological wonder that testifies to Sardinia's prehistoric Nuragic civilisation, dating back some 3,000 years. Finally, the islands of San Pietro and Sant'Antioco, just off the southwestern tip of Sardinia, are also worth a visit.

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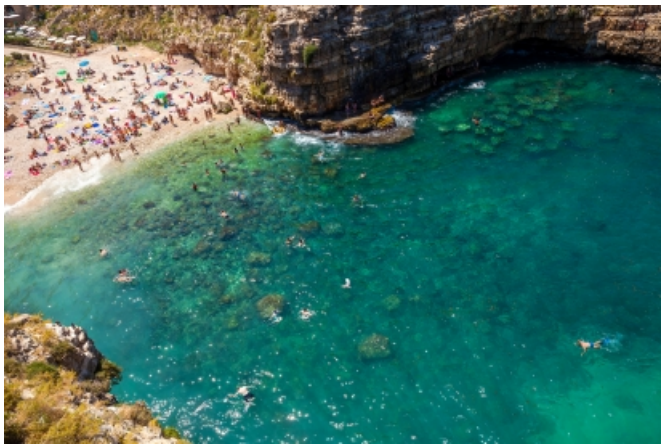
Distances

Cagliari airport: 51km-31.7miles-50mins
Alghero airport: 285km-177miles-3hr20
Olbia airport: 304km-189miles-3hr25
Nearest beaches: Santa Margherita di Pula - 250m; Su Giudeu - 11.2km-6.9miles-15mins; Tuaredda - 14.5km-9miles-20mins; Porto Tramatzu - 32km-20miles-45mins; Porto Pino - 43km-26.5miles-55mins
Cagliari: 47.5km-29.5mile-50mins
Pula: 11.4km-7.1miles-15mins
Nearest restaurants: there are several restaurants on and around the beach of Santa Margherita di Pula, and a good selection in Pula itself
Nearest shops and amenities: there's a supermarket a 5-minute drive away and a greater selection in and around Pula
Nora archaeological site: 11.5km-7.2miles-15mins
Is Zuddas caves: 37km-22miles-45mins
Nuragic Barumini: 105km-65miles-1hr30



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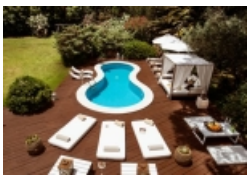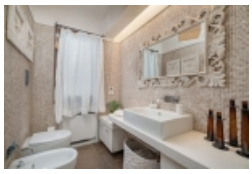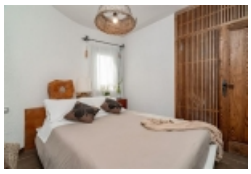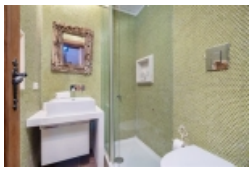
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