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I CORBEZZOLI

Cocooned by mature, wrap-around Mediterranean gardens and just a gentle stroll from the golden sands of La Celvia beach, I Corbezzoli was designed by Savin Couëlle, the celebrated architect who was instrumental in the creation of the "Costa Smeralda aesthetic" back in the 1960s, when the Aga Khan first put the area on the global map. Combining traditional artisan craftsmanship, local materials, airy interiors, and a love of al fresco living, the villa is a summery ode to the breathtaking natural beauty that surrounds it.

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Service

Features

Classic Costa Smeralda design

Beguiling sea views

Manicured gardens and dreamy terraces

A crystalline pool

A short stroll to idyllic La Celvia beach

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ABOUT THE VILLA

11 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 7 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at I Corbezzoli is laid out over two floors.

The property has serious architectural pedigree and is a classic example of the aesthetics that were so in vogue on the Costa Smeralda in the 1960s. Attention to detail, an unerring dedication to bespoke design, and a passion for local craftsmanship is in evidence throughout the property, from the carved wooden doors, cabinetry, cupboards and wardrobes that unite each space, to the use of handmade ceramics in the kitchen, the bathrooms and on the staircase risers. Other features of note include: lofty ceilings, painted white and supported by dark wooden beams; deep-hued, well-polished flooring; iron window grilles; multi-dimensional terracotta roofs; and sculptural chimney tops.

Running along the front of the ground floor of I Corbezzoli are two reception rooms, both of which look out across the gardens to the sea.

The first, a voluminous living room, features many of the aforementioned design motifs. To one side, a trio of comfortably cushioned rattan settees gather around a coffee table, while to the other, down a few steps, is a cosy sitting area with an L-shaped, built-in corner sofa below a pair of wide, rectangular picture windows. French doors allow the space to flow out onto the surrounding terraces.

An opening at one end of the living area leads into the the convivial dining room, which features a large central table and access to the main terrace running along the front of the property.

Both the living room and the dining room access a central hallway with stairs leading up to the first floor. The first bedroom, a double-twin with adjacent shower room, is accessed from here, as is a short corridor that leads to the second bedroom, a single with a shower room opposite, and the large, well-equipped kitchen, which opens out onto the side terraces.

The first floor, meanwhile, hosts the remaining sleeping accommodation:

• the master bedroom, a romantic double with four-poster bed, a decorative fireplace that's been moulded into a corner between two walls, a dressing area, an en-suite bathroom with tub and shower attachment, and access to a shady private terrace
• a double with a porthole window, sea views, en-suite shower room, and access via an external walkway to one of two first-floor terraces
• two double-twins with en-suite shower rooms. One of these rooms also has access to a wonderfully panoramic terrace

There is one more shower room at I Corbezzoli, accessed externally from near the terrace outside the dining room.

Outside: the wraparound gardens and terraces at I Corbezzoli are a delight to spend time in. Mature, shade-giving trees provide seclusion and privacy, boisterous bougainvillea brings summery vivacity, and manicured, emerald lawns echo the hues of Sardinia's verdant coastline. This vibrant palette, to which we should add the russet walls and terracotta roofs of the villa itself, frames the restful views out over the bay of La Celvia, with its fine golden sands and its multi blue-hued waters.

The two reception rooms on the ground floor open out onto a sweeping terrace, whose pristine paving continues around the sides of the house. A voluminous beam-and-cane topped pergola is furnished with an array of quality, well-cushioned rattan furniture, and linen curtains waft gently in the sea breezes.

A few steps to the left of here is a built-in sitting area that really comes into its own at aperitif hour. Unless, that is, you prefer to head up to the comfortably furnished, raised belvedere just above.

Continuing around the side of the house, a few steps lead up to an area of lawn and the master bedroom's private terrace, which also benefits from a shady pergola.

More steps near the master bedroom's pergola lead up to a panoramic roof terrace (also accessed from one of the first-floor bedrooms), from where the views over the gardens and out to sea are arguably at their most beguiling.

Heading back along the front of the house and past the main pergola, the

perfect paving fans out to incorporate a wonderfully sociable hub delimited by low stone walls. To one side is an open-air lounge area, while to the other is a convivial al fresco dining table veiled by linen curtains hanging from a shady pergola. Lazy lunches and long starlit dinners taken here will linger long in the memory.

This terrace continues round the side of the house, from where one may access the kitchen, and then transforms into a path with steps, leading up to the terrace outside one of the double-twin bedrooms on the first floor.

Beyond the main terrace is a swathe of lawn on several levels. Presided over by leafy Mediterranean trees and bordered by thick hedges, this carpet of grass envelops the intriguing geometric form of the irresistible infinity pool. A few steps lead down to a sitting area, where one might wish to chat, read a book or simply gaze out at the views.

CONSIDERATIONS

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

I Corbezzoli features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a small drop off the infinity side so we recommend children are supervised at all times. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

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

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	11
Bedrooms	6
Double beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	3
Single beds	1
Bathrooms	7
... of which en suite	4
Infinity pool [2]	14x7m
Walkable to beach/sea [3]	✓
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) [4]	✓
Daily maid service [1]	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
WiMAX wireless broadband Internet	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓

Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

[1] except for Sundays (when it's on request at an extra cost and dependent on availability)

[2] the pool is an irregular, geometric shape, so dimensions are approximate

[3] the gorgeous sandy beach of La Celvia is 100m away and the three bays of Capriccioli are about 800m from the house

[4] there are a couple of café-bars serving drinks, snacks and simple dishes close by

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

I Corbezzoli is located in Capriccioli, one of northeastern Sardinia's most exclusive enclaves, just 100m from the idyllic golden sands and transparent waters of La Celvia beach.

Other **beaches** within easy walking distance include the three bays of Capriccioli. Within a quick drive, meanwhile, are the idyllic stretches of sand at Spiaggia del Principe (aka Poltu Di Li Cogghj), Li Itriceddi and Liscia Ruja.

A few kilometres to the north and south of I Corbezzoli are the glamorous seafront resorts of Porto Cervo (the original, 1960s centre of sophisticated international tourism on the Costa Smeralda) and upmarket Porto Rotondo.

Just over 25km to the south is the city of Olbia, which is well worth a visit or two during your stay. As well as a good selection of shops, restaurants, bars and cafés, there are some fine buildings, Romanesque and baroque churches, and a variety of archaeological sites that testify to its history as a Nuragic, Phoenician and Greek settlement.

The **Costa Smeralda**, which runs up the northeast coast of Sardinia, and La Maddalena, an archipelago off the island's northern tip, are a delight to discover, not least for the breathtaking natural beauty of their numerous, often unspoilt, white and pink-hued beaches. Taking a boat trip around the islands is a must, as you'll be able to explore deserted coves, dive into gin-clear waters, and stop off for lunch at waterfront restaurants.

Inland there's plenty to see too, and getting off the beaten track is easy to do. There are walking and cycling trails, quiet little villages, hills and mountains, archaeological sites, and buzzing small towns, such as San Pantaleo, which mixes Sardinian cultural and architectural traditions with chic restaurants and bars and an arty scene.

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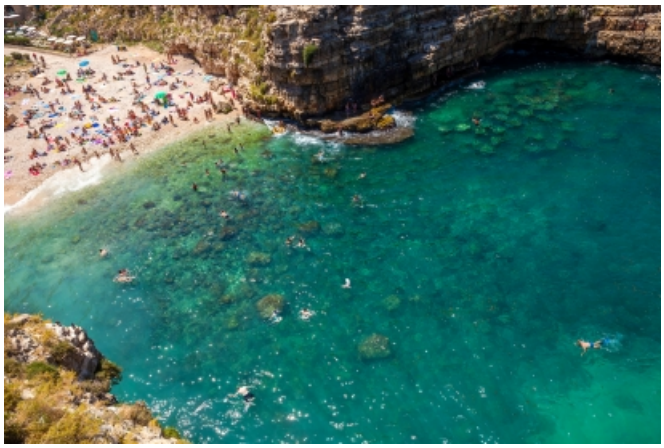
Distances

Olbia airport: 28km-17.3miles-30mins
Alghero airport: 155km-96miles-1hr50
Cagliari airport: 296km-184miles-3hr25
Nearest beaches: La Celvia - 100m; Capriccioli (three bays) - 800m; Spiaggia del Principe - 1.5km-0.9miles-4mins (to the car park, then a 400m walk); Li Itriceddi - 3.5km-2.2miles-8mins; Liscia Ruja - 4.3km-2.7miles-10mins
Nearest amenities (shops, banks, etc): Abbiadori - 3.6km-2.2miles-6mins
Nearest restaurants: there are a couple of simple eateries a short walk away; alternatively there is a selection at the Cala di Volpe hotel - 1.4km-0.9miles-3mins; or in Abbiadori (see above)
Golf: Pevero - 6.5km-4miles-10mins
Porto Cervo: 8km-5miles-10mins
Porto Rotondo: 23.5km-14.5miles-30mins
Olbia: 25.5km-16miles-30mins
San Pantaleo: 11.3km-7miles-15mins



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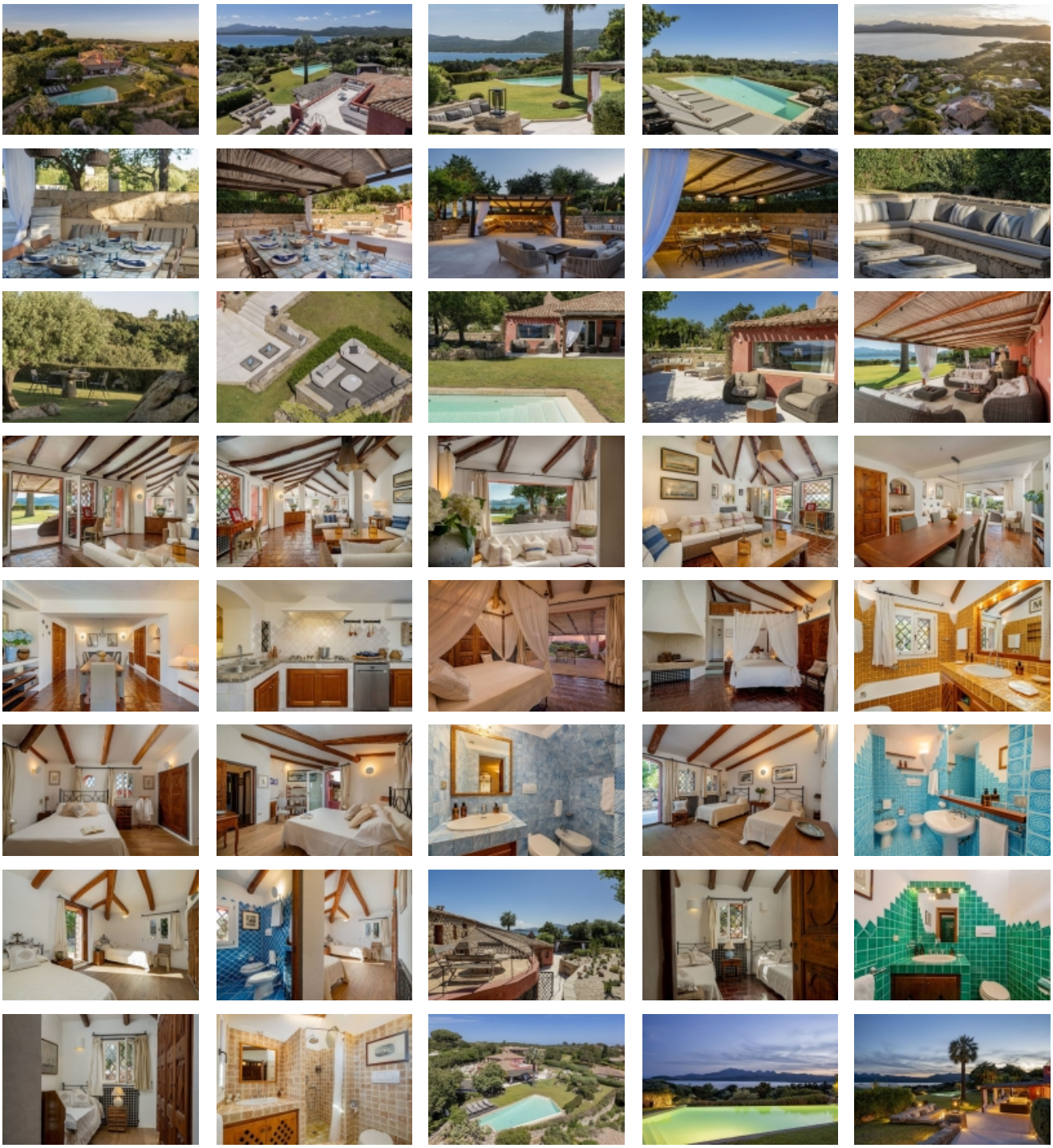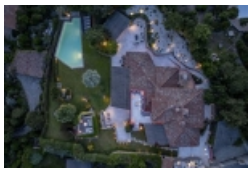
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