SANTA MARGHERITA DI PULA, SARDINIA

# *CARGIU*

Meticulously finished, artfully designed, and boasting a superb, hovering infinity pool, Cargiu rises in a commanding hill-top position above the sparkling sea and the idyllic, pine-fringed sands of Santa Margherita di Pula. The sensational, 360-degree views also take in the emerald southern peaks of the Sulcis Mountains, a natural paradise for walkers. With seclusion and privacy guaranteed, and easy easy access to the summery buzz of Sardinia's sublime beaches, Cargiu offers the best of both worlds.





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**Service**

**Features**

Spellbinding, 360-degree views
10m-long infinity pool
Clean-lined contemporary interiors
Extensive sea- and mountain-view terraces
Panoramic Jacuzzi
Glorious sunsets

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## ABOUT THE VILLA

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**Inside:** accommodation at Cargiu is laid out over two floors.

The main entrance leads into the upper floor and a splendid, open-concept communal space that is the hub of the home. The design features on display here - walls of sliding glass doors, numerous picture windows, smooth, free-flowing sandy floors, and integrated lighting - are motifs that reappear throughout the property. The atmosphere is light, airy and welcoming, while the contemporary feel is subtly offset by the characterful presence of bespoke wicker-work pieces created by master Sardinian artisans.

To the right of the main entrance, is a sitting area, furnished with a commodious white sofa looking out to the sea. Behind this is the dining area, which is framed by a wall of curvaceous niches, each one filled with a decorative treasure. A wall of sliding glass doors allow this space to flow out onto the main terrace.

To the left of the main entrance, meanwhile, is the fabulously equipped, luminous kitchen, whose ample marble work surfaces and honeyed-wood cabinetry sit beneath a series of continuous picture windows looking out both to the sea and the emerald mountains. A door at the end of the kitchen opens out onto a shaded terrace.

Beyond the dining area, a corridor links the three of the property's bedrooms. Each one has a subtly motifed feature wall of gorgeous wallpaper produced by Instabile Lab, luxuriously finished, resin-clad en-suite shower rooms, and "floating" LAGO beds:

• Coral, a generous double looking out to sea and accessing the main terrace via a sliding glass wall
• Blue Fish, a double with private terrace with sea and mountain views
• Sunset, a double with a huge picture window looking westwards to where the sun sets behind the mountains

Back in the communal hub, a staircase leads down to a spacious hallway on the lower floor, off which is Flamingo, a spacious suite with a double bed, a sitting area gazing out to the mountains, and a wall of sliding glass doors accessing a terrace and the surrounding gardens.

The lower floor is also home to a well-equipped gym and a laundry room.

**Outside:** Cargiu's al fresco area fan out across and around the rocky outcrop on which the villa rises. Wherever you are outside, you'll be transfixed by the remarkable wrap-around views, which, as already mentioned, take in the sea and the coastline of Santa Margherita di Pula to the east, and a verdant amphitheatre of forested mountains to the north, west and south.

Most al fresco life takes place on the sea-facing side of the house, where, accessed from the communal area and one of the bedrooms (Coral), is a voluminous, roof-shaded terrace that's been furnished both for lounging and for dining. Large integrated windows at either side ensure seclusion so that only the softest sea breezes rise up to cool you.

A few steps from this terrace is a sun-kissed area wrapping around the fabulous infinity pool, which appears to float above the hillside and merge with the sea. A raised platform provides space for sun loungers, and glass balustrades ensure that the views are never interrupted. Just beyond the pool is the irresistible Jacuzzi, which looks out to sea from a commanding vantage point.

The kitchen opens out onto a shady mountain-view terrace, while the second bedroom on the first floor (Blue Fish) has its own terrace with 180-degree views of the mountains and the sea.

Mature gardens that neatly blend into the natural landscape wrap around the sides of the rocky outcrop, and these are accessed both from the bedroom and the hallway on the lower floor and via external steps from the main terrace.

Hidden away to one side of the property and immersed in greenery is a gorgeous sitting area that's been furnished with easy chairs and a sofa. It's a great spot for a quiet moment of reflection or a chat with a refreshing drink in hand.

## CONSIDERATIONS

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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.

Cargiu features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a 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.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with limited mobility.

**Amenities**

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| Accommodates (max) | 8 |
| Bedrooms | 4 |
| Double beds | 4 |
| Bathrooms | 4 |
| ... of which en suite | 4 |
| Infinity pool | 10.4.55 |
| Sea views | ✓ |
| Hot tub | ✓ |
| Wine cellar | ✓ |
| Daily maid service | ✓ |
| Gym equipment | ✓ |
| Private parking | ✓ |
| Air conditioning | ✓ |
| Optional cook | – |
| Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi | ✓ |
| Smart TV | ✓ |
| Bluetooth speakers | ✓ |
| EV charging point | ✓ |
| Hairdryer | ✓ |
| Iron | ✓ |
| Washing machine | ✓ |
| Tumble dryer | ✓ |
| Ice maker | ✓ |
| Dishwasher | ✓ |
| Microwave | ✓ |
| Safe | ✓ |

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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## EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Cargiu rises on a rocky outcrop just 1.5km (as the crow flies) from the idyllic golden-white sands of Santa Margherita di Pula in the south of Sardinia. This fabled beach, which stretches for some 2km along the coastline, is served by a series of beach clubs with restaurants, bars and other facilities, and it is here where you will no doubt spend some 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 20-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. Heading inland, a 10-minute drive will take you to the village of Domus de Maria, which has a pretty good selection of supermarkets, cafés, restaurants and pizzerie.

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.

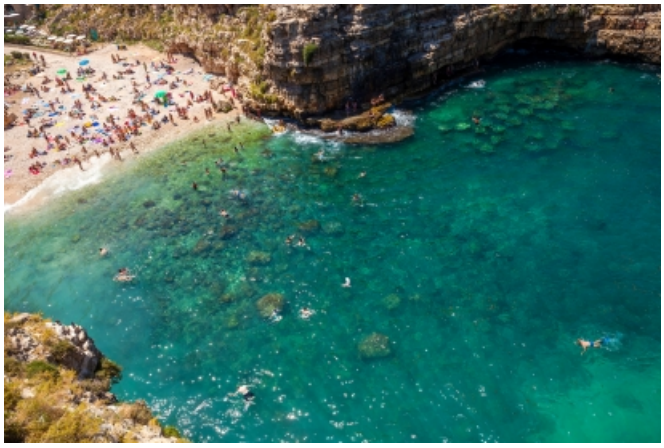
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**Distances**

Cagliari airport: 55km-34miles-50mins
Alghero airport: 288km-180miles-3hr15
Olbia airport: 308km-191miles-3hr25
Nearest beaches: Santa Margherita di Pula - 3km-2miles-10mins; Su Giudeu - 8.3km-5.2miles-13mins; Tuaredda - 11.8km-7.3miles-15mins; Porto Tramatzu - 29km-18miles-40mins; Porto Pino - 40km-25miles-50mins
Cagliari: 48km-30miles-50mins
Pula: 15.5km-9.5miles-20mins
Nearest restaurants: Domus de Maria (6.7km-4.2miles-10mins). There are also several restaurants on and around the beach of Santa Margherita di Pula, and a good selection in Pula (see above)
Nearest shops and amenities: in Domus de Maria (see above). There's also a supermarket a 7-minute drive on the way to Pula and a greater selection in Pula itself
Nora archaeological site: 15.5km-9.7miles-22mins
Is Zuddas caves: 34km-21miles-40mins
Nuragic Barumini: 107km-67miles-1hr30

Finally, the evocative islands of San Pietro and Sant'Antioco, just off the southwestern tip of Sardinia, are also worth a visit.





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## GALLERY

