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VELA

Occupying an enviable position on one of Sicily's most alluring stretches of coastline, Vela offers that magical mix of pool and garden-gate sea access that so many of our clients desire. Clean-lined, refined interiors spill out onto restful terraces, enchanting views are ever-present, and the gently buzzing, historic hamlet of Scopello is close by.





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Features

Glorious sea and coastal views
Direct sea access
A beautiful, convivial pool area
Practical contemporary living
Multiple panoramic terraces

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

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

The main entrance leads into a welcoming hallway on the first floor. Seven steps up from here is a landing, off which is the first of the five bedrooms, a sea-view double with en-suite shower room and a little balcony.

A few more steps up from the landing one comes to the social hub of the property, a generous open space with high wood-beamed ceilings, light flooring, white walls, and a triptych of glass doors opening out onto a large sea-view terrace. At the centre is around dining table, while to the right is a sunken living area with well-cushioned built-in seating and a fireplace flanked by geometric blue-and-white tiles.

The dining area flows past a bar to the fully equipped kitchen, which feature dark wooden cabinetry and worktops in earthy-toned marble. A glass door opens out onto a terrace.

Heading back to the hallway at the main entrance, a flight of steps leads down to the lower floor, which is home to the remaining bedrooms, each one accessed from a spacious corridor with pink-and-white geometric-tiled walls and parquet flooring. In detail there is:

• the master bedroom, a double with sea views, access to the lower terrace, and an en-suite shower room with double sinks and a large walk-in shower
• a two spacious doubles with sea views and en-suite shower rooms. One also has access to the lower terrace.
• a double-twin with sea views and an en-suite shower room

Each of the en-suite bathrooms is clad in a different hued marble, a winning design detail that serves both to differentiate the various bedrooms and to add interest and vivacity.

Outside: al fresco life at Vela revolves around four main areas where guests can

spend time relaxing, swimming, cooking and dining, and gazing out at the enchanting views.

First is the large terrace accessed from the social hub on the first floor of the house. Featuring geometric, green-and-white floor tiles and furnished with plenty of quality sofas and armchairs, this is the ideal spot from which to admire the vistas along the picturesque, time- and element-sculpted coastline of Scopello. It's perfect both for slow morning coffees and convivial evening *aperitivi*.

Below here, and accessed by two of the lower-floor bedrooms, is well-shaded sea-view terrace with a convivial bar and plenty of stylish seating. This is a delightful spot for gathering together and toasting your good fortune.

A path of railway sleepers and gravel wends its way down through the gardens to a shady lounging gazebo looking out to sea, and then on to the rocky shoreline, where a ladder allows guests to plunge into the beautiful waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

A few metres from the main entrance, meanwhile, is the multi-dimensional pool area, which features a large, shady al fresco dining area with outdoor kitchen, and the lovely pool itself, whose decked surrounds and sun loungers offer more of those restful views out to sea.

The gardens surrounding Vela have been left au natural with aromatic coastal maquis, olive trees and a variety of Mediterranean shrubs and plants.

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.

Some areas of this property may be overlooked.

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

Boats may moor in the bay, especially in the high season, and the seafront area is public and may be used by other people.

Please note that this property has a few neighbours.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	4
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5
Garden gate beach/sea access	✓
Heatable pool [1]	9x4m
Sea views	✓

The sea access in front of this property is via rocks and so may not be possible to use if the sea is rough.

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.

The pool has a single depth of 1.4m.

Bar	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Outdoor dining area	✓
Daily maid service	–
Barbecue	✓
Outdoor fireplace/fire pit	✓
Private parking	✓
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Heating	✓
EV charging point	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Ice maker	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

[1] with a chlorine-free, magnesium cleaning system. There is an extra charge of €500 per week to heat the pool, if required. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Rising above the sea between the Golfo di Castellammare and the nature reserve of Lo Zingaro, Vela occupies an enviable position on one of the most beautiful and striking stretches of coastline in Sicily.

The small village of **Scopello** just up the hill has a good selection of restaurants and bars, and can be reached by car in about 5 minutes. There is also a market (with an excellent deli, butcher's and wine selection), a good bar and an organic farm shop selling superb fruit and vegetables about 5 minutes drive away on the road towards Guidaloca beach.

The old tuna fishery (*tonnara*) of Scopello, a few hundred metres walk away (or a 300m swim), occupies a very suggestive setting, and **Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve** offers a range of spectacular walks and some beautiful crystal clear bays for swimming. There is a diving centre in Scopello for SCUBA lovers and a pebbly beach with equipped lidos just a 5-minute drive away at Guidaloca.

The town of **Castellammare del Golfo** a few kilometres up the road has several seafront bars and restaurants and a daily fish market.

The spectacular Elymian/Greek site of **Segesta** is about 30 minutes' drive away and **Erice**, **Palermo**, **Trapani** and **Selinunte** can all be reached in under an hour.

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Distances

Palermo Airport: 53km-33miles-45mins
Trapani Airport: 65km-40miles-1hour
Catania airport: 283km-176miles-3hr20
Comiso airport: 265km-164miles-3hr45
Nearest sea access: at the bottom of the garden
Pebbly beach at Guidaloca: 5mins drive
Nearest shops and restaurants: 1.5km-2km along the road approaching the villa and in the village of Scopello. It is possible to walk (about 20-30mins but there are no pavements and it is uphill most of the way)
Castellammare del Golfo (shops and beach): 15-20mins drive
Zingaro Nature Reserve: 5mins drive
Segesta: 30km-18miles-30mins
Erice: 35km-22miles-45mins
Selinunte: 70km-44miles-55mins
Palermo/Monreale: 75km-47miles-1hr





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