

# THE THINKING TRAVELLER

VENDICARI NATURE RESERVE, SICILY

## SIGHILLI

Sighilli occupies an enviable position at the heart of Vendicari Nature Reserve, whose sublime seafront habitat comprises salt lakes, sandy beaches, vineyards, a wide variety of coastal flora, and an internationally-tinted range of fauna, including flamingos and sea turtles. All in all a truly unique context for Sighilli's very own brand of Epicurean luxury.



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### Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

### Features

Unique location in Vendicari Nature Reserve

16m-long pool

Extensive grounds

### Nearby

The beaches of Vendicari Nature Reserve

Noto

Modica, Scicli and Ragusa

Syracuse

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### ABOUT THE VILLA

14 GUESTS 7 BEDROOMS 7 BATHROOMS

**Inside:** accommodation at Sighilli is spread over the main house and a guesthouse.

Much of the ground floor in the main house is given over to the sumptuously furnished living areas, which include a large conservatory overlooking and accessing, via enormous sliding glass doors, the dreamy pool area. To one side of the living areas is the large, convivial indoor dining room, served by a well-equipped kitchen. Decorations, fittings and furnishings throughout are a combination of the opulent and the exotic, an eclectic mix of Moroccan mother-of-pearl inlaid objets d'art, Chinese porcelain, original oil masters, deep, cushion-laden sofas, and enveloping, oversized armchairs.

The ground floor is also home to three of the main house's four suites, each of which has its own "hammamesque" en-suite bathroom:

- the first, a double, offers an in-bedroom sunken Jacuzzi bath, a walk-through rain forest shower room, a separate WC and access to the gardens via sliding glass doors;
- the second and third suites both comprise a double bedroom, a sitting area, a bathroom with Jacuzzi bath and separate shower, and large sliding glass windows accessing the surrounding gardens.

The fourth suite in the main house - the principal suite - is situated on the first floor and accessed via an external staircase and a terrace. On entering this bedroom, one's eye is immediately drawn to the floor-to-ceiling, wall-length sliding glass doors that lead out to a private terrace with stunning views over the surrounding vineyards, the salt lakes and out to sea. Apart from its impressive bed, the principal suite is furnished with sofas from which to watch TV or gaze out at the views (you'll probably end up doing the latter!). Its en-suite bathroom, which would make an Ottoman Emperor proud, includes a Jacuzzi tub, a separate walk-in shower and a Turkish bath.

The guesthouse, which is about 150m from the main house, is simpler in style but equally comfortable and welcoming. There is a large living area opening out

onto a shaded panoramic terrace surrounded by the vineyard, and a practical kitchen.

The ground floor is also home to two of the spacious double bedrooms, each of which features a day bed and an en-suite bathroom with a Jacuzzi tub and separate shower.

The master bedroom, which is accessed via a spiral staircase from the living area, has a four poster bed, comfy sofas from which to watch TV or enjoy the views, and a very large, top-spec bathroom with walk-in shower.

**Outside:** the main gate opens onto a long palm-lined drive that leads towards the house. Once parked, the final approach passes under a pergola avenue of fragrant Mediterranean climbers.

Lawned gardens, planted with numerous varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers fan out around the property on three sides, eventually giving way to the wilder nature of the reserve, a vineyard and other cultivated land. The gardens offer numerous spots of sitting, reclining, gazing out to sea, dining, chatting and playing games (including table tennis and table football).

The main house opens out on to a gorgeous, decked terrace with irresistible pool and plenty of space for soaking up the sun and taking in the hypnotic views. To the left of the pool, immersed in the gardens, is a large pergola with dining table, while to the right, the decking continues almost like a boardwalk down to a large sail-shaded outdoor living area and a second dining area. Beautifully illuminated at night, this is a magical spot for long convivial dinners and nightcaps under the moon and stars.

The guesthouse has its own large furnished terrace.

## CONSIDERATIONS

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced and may include drops or steep slopes. We therefore recommend that younger children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

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#### Amenities

Accommodates (max)	14
Bedrooms	7
Double beds	4
Flexible (double or twin)	3
Bathrooms	7
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Daily maid service	✓
Optional cook <sup>1</sup>	—
Staff/owner on the grounds	✓
Pool (LxW in m)	16x4
Air conditioning	✓
Heating	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Wine cellar	✓
Wine cooler	✓
Washing machine	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Satellite TV <sup>2</sup>	✓
DVD player	✓
Stereo	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Ice maker	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Hamam/steam room <sup>3</sup>	✓
Table tennis	✓
Hot tub <sup>4</sup>	✓
Table football	✓
Shopping service	—
Telescope	✓
Sea views	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

<sup>1</sup> the cook can provide breakfasts and dinners on request and depending on availability

<sup>2</sup> includes Sky Movies and Sky Sport for the TV in the main house living area. Each bedroom has its own TV but these do not have SKY packages

<sup>3</sup> in the master suite's en-suite bathroom

<sup>4</sup> most of the en-suite bathrooms have hot tubs

✓ = yes/present



= optional/on request

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### EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

With seven hectares of private nature reserve at your private disposal, and a further fifteen hundred hectares at your fingertips, you may not want to move very far. Although the beach is accessible on foot, passage is restricted due to the fact that sea turtles use the area as a nesting ground.

The nearest beaches, therefore, are accessed from outside the property, just a few minute's drive and walk, and are rarely crowded (except in the height of summer).

The nearest main town is **Noto**, the most easterly of a chain of baroque towns now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is also perhaps the most perfect of the seven towns, which were all rebuilt in flamboyant style following a major earthquake in 1693. Noto is also where you will find the best supermarkets, grocery stops and amenities. For dining, both Noto and **Marzamemi**, a very attractive little fishing village, have some excellent restaurants.

If hiking in the hills is your thing, then there is some spectacular scenery in the rushing streams and waterfalls of Cassibile and at the Paleolithic burial sites in the dramatic gorge of **Pantalica**.

**Syracuse** is just half an hour's drive away, and at least a day there is highly recommended to anybody spending a week or two at Sighilli. A little further afield, the other baroque towns of **Modica**, **Ragusa** and **Scicli** are also easily reachable for day trips.

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#### Distances

Catania airport: 95km-60miles-1hr05

Palermo airport: 445km-205miles-  
3hr45

Comiso airport: 85km-52miles-1hr25

Trapani airport: 410km-255miles-  
4hr30

Nearest beaches: 5mins by car to the  
entrances of Vendicari Nature Reserve  
Marzamemi (lovely fishing village with  
excellent fish restaurants): 10km-  
6miles-15mins

Noto: 13km-8miles-20mins

Syracuse: 44km-27miles-40mins

Modica: 43km-27miles-50mins

Ragusa: 61km-38miles-1hr10



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### GALLERY



