

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

PORTO PALO DI MENFI, SICILY

CINNAMON

Simplicity at its best at this quintessential summer house with direct access to sandy beaches... Refreshing summer breezes, shady terraces and never-ending sea views ... Cinnamon is a perfect retreat for those looking for a relaxing, peaceful holiday. While there is plenty to see and do in the area, guests often prefer the comfort of their hammock and an occasional stroll through the garden down to the sandy beaches below.



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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change.

Features

Short walk to a quiet sandy beach

Far-reaching sea views

Peace and quiet

Nearby

Selinunte

Sciacca

Miles of sandy beach

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ABOUT THE VILLA

4 GUESTS 2 BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Cinnamon is all on one floor. The bright, open-plan living area and kitchen, with their mixture of cheerful colours, antique *maiolica* tiles, terracotta floors and white walls set the tone for the rest of the house.

There are a couple of built-in sofas, a small but well-equipped kitchen area and two sets of French windows that offer wonderful sea views and lead out onto the surrounding shady terraces. A short corridor leads to the shower room and the two bedrooms, a double and a twin.

Outside: life at Cinnamon is meant to be spent outdoors. The simple, cosy indoor living areas spill out on to a wrap-around shady terrace from where the views of the vineyards and the sea are magnetic. Fully furnished for relaxing, reclining and cooking (courtesy of the barbecue), the terraces are where you will spend most of your time.

Surrounding this little oasis of shade is the large garden, complete with lawns and an extensive vegetable garden, whose produce you are welcome to use.

Last, but certainly not least, is the gate at the bottom of the garden, from where a 200m-long path leads down, across country, to a gorgeous, quiet sandy beach.

CONSIDERATIONS

Cycling in the Menfi area is a very pleasurable pastime, thanks to both the quiet back roads and the purpose-built cycle track along and around the old railway line between Menfi, Porto Palo and Sciacca. We'd be delighted to have bikes delivered to your villa and, if anyone in your group is an inveterate pedaller, arrange for a local guide to show them the best routes.

Please note that this villa does not have a pool.

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced and may include drops or steep slopes. We therefore recommend that younger

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	4
Bedrooms	2
Double beds	1
Twin beds	1
Bathrooms	1
... of which en suite	0
Garden gate beach/sea access ²	

children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

Because of natural changes to the coastline from season to season, the sandy beach in front of this property may not look as it does in the photos.

The walk down to the beach from the villa is quite rough and steep so might not be suitable for people with reduced mobility.

The final section of the access road to Cinnamon is a little rough, so we recommend guests hire a 4x4 or one with high ground clearance.

Air conditioning	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Satellite TV ¹	✓
Stereo	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Barbecue	✓
Vegetable garden	✓
Private parking	✓
Shopping service	—
Sea views	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ includes Sky Movies

² the walk down to the beach from the villa is quite rough and steep so might not be suitable for people with reduced mobility. We recommend bringing a pair of sneakers or slingback shoes to navigate this.

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Porto Palo di Menfi is on the south west coast of Sicily, between Sciacca and Mazara del Vallo, just a few kilometres east of the fabulous archaeological site of Selinunte. The beaches along this stretch of coast (including that of the **Belice Nature Reserve**) are amongst the most beautiful in Sicily.

Most of the gently undulating countryside around **Menfi** is given over to vineyards and wine-tasting is a must for anyone staying at Cinnamon.

Easy day trips from Cinnamon include **Sciacca**, **Selinunte**, and **Mazara del Vallo**, a vibrant fishing port.

Also within easy range is historic **Marsala**, with its old town centre full of wineries, the Phoenician island of **Mozia**, the Greek temple and theatre of **Segesta** and **Erice**.

About 90km southeast along the coast, meanwhile is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the **Valley of the Temples** in Agrigento.

The beaches in the area of Porto Palo, Menfi and the Belice Nature Reserve have received over 20 consecutive Blue Flags, attesting to the cleanliness of the water and their general ecological excellence.

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Distances

Trapani Airport: 100km-62miles-1hr20

Palermo Airport: 102km-63miles-1hr15

Catania Airport: 251km-156miles-3hr30

Comiso Airport: 200km-125miles-3hr5

Sandy beach: a 5-minute walk down the natural path below the house (please

note that the way up is uphill) or at

Porto Palo (about 10mins drive)

Shops and amenities at Menfi (13km-7.5miles-20mins) or Castelvetro

(18km-11miles-25mins)

Nearest restaurants: in Porto Palo,

Menfi and the surrounding area (10-

20mins drive). La Pineta, one of the

area's best restaurants, is just over a

3.5km walk away along the beach and

nature reserve below the house

Cycle path: 900m-1min to asphalted

road. Then 8km-4.9miles-20-30mins to cycling path

Sciacca: 30km-19miles-35mins

Selinunte: 12km-8miles-20mins

Mazara del Vallo: 38km-23miles-35mins

Agrigento: 88km-55miles-1hr30



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GALLERY



