

SANTA MARIA LA SCALA, SICILY

THINK EXQUISITE

CROSSING THE ROCK

Crossing the Rock incorporates everything that is desirable in a rental villa: a rare and privileged seafront position, sensational views, stylishly crafted and luxuriously proportioned interiors, extensive panoramic grounds and terraces, a large pool, discreet pampering service and total privacy: all at the heart of the picturesque fishing village of Santa Maria La Scala, with its excellent seafood restaurants, amenities and rocky-pebbly beach.



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Service

Daily maid service, mid-week linen change and breakfast preparation

Features

- Fabulous seafront pool
- Extensive gardens and terraces
- Exquisitely finished and furnished
- Authentic fishing village location
- A quick walk to restaurants
- Sea access from the village

Nearby

- Catania
- Taormina
- Mount Etna

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: Crossing the Rock occupies the second (top) floor of a seafront villa and is accessed either via an internal staircase or a private lift. The apartment is organised in a U shape, at the centre of which is a large, fully-furnished terrace looking out to sea.

The entrance hall, at the bottom right of the U leads on the right to two large, interconnecting, high-ceilinged reception rooms, both comfortably furnished with elegant sofas. The first has views onto the harbour, while the second has both sea and harbour views and access to the central terrace.

Behind the smaller of the two reception rooms is the dining room, which has its own terrace looking over the harbour and access, via a corridor, to the wonderful kitchen where the cook will prepare your meals.

A corridor at the base of the U is home to a double bedroom and two double-twins, each with large French windows opening onto the central sea-view terrace. Opposite them are two beautifully fitted shower rooms. At the end of the corridor another access to the kitchen, and a snug room with large flat-screen TV and access to a series of terraces, the gardens and the pool.

A corridor leads up the left-hand side of the U, where there is another double-twin bedroom, a small study with laptop and printer, two more lovely bathrooms (one with shower and one with tub). At the end of the corridor is another large, stunningly designed double, complete with access to the central terrace, and a private sitting area with treadmill looking out to sea.

Furnishings and fittings throughout are of the highest quality.

Outside: Crossing the Rock offers no end of outside space, including the central sea-view terrace - the perfect spot for dining, lounging, aperitifs or just gazing out to sea - and the dining room terrace, which is another great option for meals.

The star of the outdoor areas, however, is the series of terraces, walkways and

mature gardens to the left of the U. Here is the large pool, a canopied sea-view pergola, and a solarium area, ideal for soaking up the sun, relaxing or indulging in fun and games!

The icing on the cake is that the fishing village of Santa Maria La Scala (on the doorstep of your own private oasis) offers a series of excellent seafront fish restaurants, bars and lidos with bathing platforms.

Service: Crossing the Rock offers an impeccable level of service, including a member of staff who will prepare breakfast, and a maid who will carry out daily cleaning. A cook is available on request.

CONSIDERATIONS

If there are more than 10 in your group, why not book **Crossing Together**, which includes **Casa alla Scala**, a beautifully appointed apartment sleeping six below Crossing the Rock?

The pool is natural and free of chemicals of any kind. It is filled with either sea water or with fresh water (depending on the season) which is completely changed every 3 to 4 days.

Please note that there is no real shallow end in the pool, whose minimum depth is 1.3m.

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

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 it is also immediately deep and therefore not ideal for less confident swimmers.

There is no private parking at this villa, though public parking is available nearby.

Parts of the route to this property include some quite steep twists and turns and/or narrow stretches of road. We recommend guests rent smaller car models rather than large people carriers or mini vans.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	10	
Bedrooms	5	
Double beds	2	
Flexible (double or twin)	3	
Bathrooms	4	
... of which en suite	0	
Pool	10x5m	
Walkable to beach/sea ²		✓
Sea views		✓
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s)		✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) ³		✓
Walking distance to shop(s) ³		✓
Daily maid service		✓
Breakfast (excl. ingredients)		✓
Gym equipment		✓
Children's play area		✓
Table tennis		✓
Barbecue		✓
Optional cook ¹		—
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet		✓
Air conditioning		✓
Heating		✓
Lift		✓

Shopping delivery service	—
Stereo	✓
Satellite TV	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

1 the cook can provide lunches and dinners on request and depending on availability

2 from the bathing platforms along the sea-front of Santa Maria La Scala

3 there are a couple of restaurants, a café and a small shop in Santa Maria La Scala

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Santa Maria La Scala, on the sea below Acireale, is a characterful working fishing village, still relatively untouched by tourism except during August and summer weekends when it attracts locals from Catania in search of the sea. Its harbour (where you can hire a boat), sea-front fish restaurants, bar and bathing platforms are on Crossing the Rock's doorstep.

Other lovely fishing villages, such as Aci Castello and Acitrezza, dot the coastline, while nearby Acireale is great for food shopping.

Taormina is just a short drive up the coast, fascinating **Mount Etna** awaits exploration behind you and **Catania** is just a short drive down the coast. Further afield, **Syracuse** is about an hour's drive away, but also suitable for day trips are the UNESCO World Heritage towns of **Noto**, **Ragusa**, **Modica** and **Scicli**. There's even a golf course within striking distance if you fancy a round!

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Distances

Catania airport: 35km-22miles-36mins

Palermo airport: 260km-161miles-3hr

Trapani airport: 339km-210miles-3hr45

Taormina: 43km-26miles-40mins

Mount Etna cable car: 57km-35miles-1hr

Catania centre: 21km-13miles-35mins

Syracuse: 87km-54miles-1hr05

Noto: 112km-70miles-1hr30

Modica: 154km-96miles-2hr20

Shops/restaurants: just outside your door

Nearest sea access: across the rocks in front of the villa or from the bathing platforms in Santa Maria La Scala (350m)

Nearest beaches: Fondachello and Marina di Cottone (between 35 and 45 minutes drive north)



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GALLERY



