

# THE THINKING TRAVELLER

SANTA MARIA LA SCALA, SICILY

## CASA ALLA SCALA

The charming little fishing village of Santa Maria La Scala, with its excellent seafood restaurants and harbour provides the perfect backdrop to Casa alla Scala, a beautifully refurbished home whose splendid interiors and glorious al fresco areas make it a great destination all year round.



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### Service

Mid-week clean and linen change.

### Features

Wonderful sea views

Charming and stylish interiors

Walking distance to village restaurants

### Nearby

Catania

Taormina

Mount Etna

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### ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS

**Inside:** Casa alla Scala is on the first floor of a handsome sea-front house.

Stairs lead to the main entrance which opens into the comfortably furnished living area offering views of the harbour. A central partition wall divides the living area from the luminous sea-view dining area, which itself accesses a wonderfully panoramic covered sea-front terrace.

A small corridor leads from the living room to the well-equipped kitchen, perfectly placed for keeping an eye on the fishing boats arriving back in port! Next to the kitchen is a double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with tub and shower.

Heading back to the living room one accesses the main sleeping area, composed of the main double with en-suite shower room, and a double-twin with a shower room across the corridor. Both these two bedrooms have sea views and access to the balconies and terraces that run along in front of the apartment. The main bedroom may also host a single children's bed on request, bringing the total capacity up to 7. Fittings and furnishing throughout are of the very highest quality.

**Outside:** Casa alla Scala boasts three fabulous outside areas, all sea-facing and all interconnected via a walkway. The first terrace is accessed directly from the indoor dining room and offers the perfect shady spot for breakfast or an evening aperitif. Its views of the harbour and the sea are spell-binding.

Following along a path one arrives at the solarium, a lawned terrace with sun-loungers with yet more divine sea views. The two front bedrooms both have direct access to this area.

Continuing along the path one comes to what will probably become most guests' favourite spot, a large fully-furnished covered terrace with cushion-strewn lounge furniture, dining table and a fabulous outdoor kitchen including sink, dishwasher, hobs and a barbecue.

## CONSIDERATIONS

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

Some areas of this property may be overlooked.

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 this villa does not have a pool.

Although this property is located within walking distance of some shops and restaurants, we strongly recommend that you hire a car.

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### Amenities

Accommodates (max)	6
Bedrooms	3
Double beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	3
... of which en suite	2
Optional cook <sup>1</sup>	—
Garden gate beach/sea access <sup>2</sup>	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Heating	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
iPod docking station	✓
Satellite TV	✓
DVD player	✓
Stereo	✓
ADSL WI-FI Internet	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Barbecue	✓
Shopping service	—
Sea views	✓
Walkable to beach/sea <sup>2</sup>	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) <sup>3</sup>	✓
Walking distance to shop(s) <sup>3</sup>	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

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

<sup>2</sup> across the rocks in front of the house or from the bathing platforms put up in the summer months along the seafront of Santa Maria La Scala.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Casa alla Scala'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



