MONDELLO, SICILY

MINERVA

Cocooned in its flourishing, manicured gardens, Minerva is a stylish, contemporary design villa located in Mondello's most exclusive residential area. Although you might find it difficult to leave the luxurious confines of your home away from home, you are ideally placed for discovering the best that west Sicily has to offer.





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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Sleek contemporary interior design
Heatable pool, manicured gardens
Close to Mondello's beach and restaurants

Nearby

Mondello beach
Palermo
Monreale

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Minerva is spread over three floors.

The front door leads into a welcoming entrance hall, whose cool grey floors, white walls and stylish lighting set the tone for the rest of the house. To one side is a double bedroom with en-suite shower room and further along, moving past the staircase to the first floor, is the superb state-of-the-art kitchen, with an island-cum-breakfast bar and windows overlooking the gardens. Next to the kitchen is the luminous indoor dining room, which in turn flows into the spacious, elegantly furnished indoor living area. Both these rooms feature large glass sliding doors accessing the shady al fresco dining and lounge areas.

Back in the entrance hall, a flight of stairs leads to the first floor, home to the main sleeping quarters. Here there is the main bedroom, a double with terrace overlooking the gardens and a wonderfully bright en-suite bathroom with shower and stand-alone tub. In true contemporary style, the bathroom wall is in glass with internal electric blinds whenever privacy is required. Still on the first floor are two more bedrooms: a double-twin with adjacent shower room and a double with en-suite shower room.

Heading back down to the ground floor entrance hall, the stairs continue to the lower ground floor. Here there is a living area with TV and French windows leading to a small patio, a twin bedroom and a shower room. This could be the perfect area for any teenagers in your group.

Throughout the villa, furnishings, fittings and bathrooms are of a very high quality and the overall effect is one of sleek, luxurious comfort.

Outside: Minerva sits in a plot of about 1000m2 that has been planted with abundantly fertile, fragrant and colourful trees, flowers, shrubs, herbs and lawns. Sitting in pride of place at the centre of one of the lawned areas is the inviting pool. From here it is just a short hop, skip and jump to the shady al fresco living and dining areas, which are accessed via large sliding glass doors from the their internal counterparts.

CONSIDERATIONS

While it is possible to get to the start of Mondello beach and a few restaurants (including Michelin-starred Bye Bye Blues), shops and bars on foot (about 2km/25mins), we do strongly recommend hiring a car for shopping, sightseeing and getting around in general. The main piazza in Mondello is a 40-minute walk (much of which is along the beachfront promenade).

Please note that this property is located in a residential area and therefore has neighbours.

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

This property has an air-cooling system rather than conventional air conditioning units.

You may also wish to know that the pool has a single depth of 1.3m.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Twin beds	1
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	4
Heatable pool [2]	12x3m
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access [6]	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) [6]	✓
Walking distance to shop(s) [6]	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Table tennis	✓
Bicycles [5]	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Fibre Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Satellite TV [4]	✓
Stereo	✓
Shopping delivery service	–
Air cooling system [3]	✓
Underfloor heating	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

[1] the cook can provide dinners on request and depending on availability

[2] pool heating is available between April

and the end of October for an extra charge of €830 per week. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

[3] an eco-friendly (min. temperature 24°C) integrated water-cooled system runs throughout the living areas and all bedrooms except the one on the lower ground floor. This latter makes use of an air-con unit in the adjacent living area

[4] includes Sky Movies + Sport on ground floor. Lower ground floor has an Apple TV and basic SKY package (no movies or cinema) but SKY cards can be swapped as needed

[5] two bicycles, one for men one for women

[6] the eastern section of Mondello's beach and a few restaurants (including Michelin-starred Bye Bye Blues), bars and shops are about 2km away

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Minerva is located in **Mondello's** premier residential area, just 2km from the town's delightful white sandy beach and a selection of restaurants and bars, including the Michelin-starred Bye Bye Blues. The main square of Mondello, where the little harbour and most of the restaurants are situated is a five-minute drive.

Anyone staying at Minerva should certainly spend some time discovering the architectural, historical and gastronomic wonders of **Palermo**, which is a 15-minute drive or an easy bus ride away. Palermo is also an excellent day out for those who love to shop. **Monreale**, with its splendid Norman cathedral, sits above Palermo and is not to be missed.

A few minutes' drive from Minerva will also take you to the A29 motorway, making day trips to western Sicily really easy. The Greek archaeological sites of **Segesta** and **Selinunte** are just 45mins and 1h20 drive away respectively, while a similar amount of driving time will get you to **Erice**, **Trapani** and **Marsala**.

Heading east, round Palermo's ring road and along the A19 is equally rewarding: the archaeological site of **Solunto**, the mediaeval seafront town of **Cefalu** and the Madonie Mountains are all highly recommended.

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Distances

Palermo airport: 25km-16miles-25mins

Trapani airport:111km-69miles-1hr20

Catania airport: 220km-miles-2hr45

Comiso airport: 300km-185miles-3hr20

Nearest supermarket: 5mins drive

Nearest sandy beach: in Mondello, a 10-minute drive or a 25/30-minute walk

Nearest restaurants: Michelin-starred Bye Bye Blues is a 25-minute walk away (approx. 2km) and several other restaurants are a 15-minute drive or a 45-minute walk away in the centre of Mondello

Palermo centre: 12km-8miles-25mins

Segesta archaeological site: 64km-40miles-50mins

Selinunte archaeological site: 112km-70miles-1hr20

Solunto archaeological site: 40km-25miles-55mins

Trapani: 100km-63miles-1hr10

Erice: 110km-69miles-1hr30

Marsala: 120km-75miles-1hr30





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