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MASSERIA D'ESTIA

Masseria d'Estia is a refined, luxuriously finished villa where ingenious interior design, eclectic elegance and al fresco attractions unite to create an enchanting atmosphere for a week or two of carefree rest and relaxation. Immersed in the timeless countryside of southeastern Sicily but within close proximity to divine sandy beaches and enchanting towns, it's both a refuge and an ideal base for exploring the area's many natural and man-made treasures.





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Service

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

Features

Gorgeously styled interiors
Expansive sea views
15m-long pool with hydromassage area
Manicured gardens
Shady terraces galore

Nearby

Glorious sandy beaches
Ragusa, Scicli and Modica
Montalbano country

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Masseria d'Estia is all on one floor and distributed around three sides of an internal courtyard. Restored and refurbished with loving care and minute attention to detail, the property harmoniously blends pure Sicilian elements - *pietra pece* flooring, antique tiles from Caltagirone, honey-coloured stone walls - with Provençale furnishings and ingeniously upcycled pieces, each with its own fascinating story.

The central section of the Masseria is home to a welcoming entrance hall with guest bathroom with shower and, to the left, up a step, a large open-plan living and dining area, with comfy sofas gathered round a fireplace at one end and a dining table at the other. Wood-beamed ceilings add a warm, homely feel to this space, while French windows ensure easy access to the main shady outdoor terrace and gardens. Just off the dining area is the spacious kitchen, which will delight keen cooks. It features a central island, colourful antique tiles, bespoke cupboards and a double-sized fridge, and seamlessly serves the al fresco dining area.

The sleeping quarters are found in the two lateral wings. A door from the living area takes one into the first wing, through a sitting area and into the splendid principal double bedroom, complete with en-suite bathroom with double walk-in shower, French doors leading out into the courtyard, and a mezzanine level with sofa, stand-alone bathtub and access to a gorgeous terrace surveying the grounds, the surrounding countryside and, in the distance, the sea. The second bedroom, a twin-double, is accessed either from the master bedroom (by a lockable interconnecting door) or independently from the courtyard. It too has its own en-suite shower room.

The second wing, which is on the other side of the central entrance hall (and up a step), has two more bedrooms, a double and a double-twin, both with en-suite shower rooms and access to a shady terrace, furnished for relaxing. The fifth bedroom, a double with en-suite shower room, is located in an independently accessed guesthouse near the pool.

Outside: Masseria d'Estia's grounds run around the house on three sides and offer plenty of space for all guests. At the centre is the traditional stone courtyard onto which most rooms open.

On one side of the property, accessed from the living and dining area and from the kitchen, is the gorgeous, shady al fresco living and dining area, complete with outdoor kitchen and adjacent herb garden. A step up takes one to a lawned area, which is dotted with shade-giving trees and peaceful sitting areas. The two bedrooms on the opposite side of the house open out onto their own shady terrace looking out over the gardens.

The master bedroom, meanwhile, has its own furnished roof terrace looking out to a horizon of sea and, enclosed by dry stone walls, the irresistible pool area. Here, flanked by emerald green lawns, is a 15m-long pool with hydromassage area and a beach-effect shallow end, making it suitable for even the youngest members of your group.

A brief stroll around the grounds will take you to the well-equipped outdoor fitness area and gym, while for any little ones in your group, there's a playground with a swing and a trampoline.

CONSIDERATIONS

Masseria d'Estia is situated amidst farmland sometimes used for grazing cattle.

Just down the road is a cheese-making farm producing and selling delicious Ragusano DOP cheeses.

If there are more than 10 people in your group, why not also book **Nido d'Estia**? Situated just a short walk away, this romantic, beautifully finished property sleeps 4 and comes with its own pool. If you book both properties, a small supplement will be payable to cover the extra daily maid service at Nido d'Estia (this is included already at Masseria d'Estia, but not at Nido d'Estia).

Much of Masseria d'Estia's character and charm stems from its many original features, which have been lovingly restored wherever possible. Some of the stone flagged floors are a little uneven and there are a couple of steps in the hallway that are a little higher than modern ones.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	2
Bathrooms	6
... of which en suite	5
Gated pool [3]	14.5x7.5m
Gym [5]	✓
Wine cellar	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Table tennis	✓
Children's play area	✓
Breakfast (excl. ingredients) [2]	✓

Private parking	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Air conditioning	✓
Fireplace	✓
Shopping delivery service	–
Underfloor heating	✓
Stereo	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Satellite TV [4]	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Ice maker	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

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

[2] excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays

[3] a saline filtration system is used

[4] Apple TV plus Sky cinema and sport

[5] outdoor fitness area

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Masseria d'Estia is ideally located for those who love both lazing on sandy beaches and exploring fascinating, historic towns.

The sandy beach of Marina di Ragusa is just a 10-minute drive away and there are many other beaches along the coast (including Donnalucata, Cava d'Aliga, Punta Secca and Sampieri) that are between 15 and 25 minutes' drive. The beaches in the area of Marina di Ragusa have received several consecutive "Bandiere Blu", attesting to the cleanliness of the water and their general ecological excellence.

In terms of beautiful towns oozing history, Masseria d'Estia could hardly be better placed: the UNESCO-protected Baroque pearls of **Scicli**, **Modica**, **Ragusa** and **Noto**.

Syracuse is also within easy driving distance as are the quiet beaches of the Nature Reserve at **Vendicari**.

Finally, for fans of Montalbano, a visit to Punta Secca, home to the Inspector's house, is a must.

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Distances

Catania airport: 115km-70miles-1hr30

Comiso airport: 40km-25miles-35mins

Palermo airport: 295km-182miles-4hr10

Trapani airport: 305km-190miles-4hr20

Nearest shops and restaurants: in Marina di Ragusa (10mins drive), Santa Croce Camarina (15mins drive), Ragusa (20mins drive) or Scicli (25mins drive)

Nearest beaches: Marina di Ragusa (10mins drive), Plaja Grande (15mins drive), Donnalucata and Punta Secca (20min drive) and Sampieri (30mins drive)

Scicli: 15km-9miles-25mins

Ragusa: 19km-12miles-20mins

Modica: 30km-20miles-30mins

Noto: 65km-40miles-1hr5

Syracuse: 100km-62miles-1hr30





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