

COSTA SARACENA, SICILY

BAIA DEL RICCIO

Baia del Riccio sits in a superb panoramic position looking out over the Gulf of Catania towards Mount Etna. With a pool and the transparent waters of the Ionian Sea vying for your attentions you may spend little time away from the villa, despite its being ideally placed for exploring the east and southeast of Sicily.



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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Fabulous seafront position

Mesmerising views of Etna

Panoramic sea-view pool

Nearby

Syracuse and Catania

Beaches

Noto

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Baia del Riccio is all on one floor and in the form of a U with a sheltered courtyard at the centre. The main entrance takes one from the courtyard into the base of the U from which one may access all sections of the house. At the top right of the U is the practical, well-equipped kitchen, which is partially separated from the living area by a glass panel. Behind the kitchen is a utility room-cum-bathroom with shower.

In the living area, which is furnished with a large L-shaped sofa, a TV and a dining table, one gets a first magical glimpse of the spectacular views via a wall of glass sliding doors leading out onto a panoramic terrace: in front of you is the sea and, rising majestically across the Gulf of Catania, Mount Etna. A set of French windows in the living area accesses a covered section of terrace furnished for dining with a view.

Back near the kitchen, the corridor leads to the sleeping quarters, situated in the left wing of the U. Here there are three bedrooms: a double with en-suite shower room and sea views; another double with en-suite shower room, sea views and the added bonus of access to the terrace; a double-twin with an adjacent shower room and access to the surrounding terraces.

Outside: Baia del Riccio is blessed with a variety of outside areas, offering plenty of space for everyone in your group to find their own favourite spot. One of these will certainly be the superbly panoramic terrace overlooking the gardens, the pool, the azure sea and Mount Etna.

Passing a covered al fresco dining area, the terrace continues round one side of the house to an area that is accessed from two of the bedrooms. At the base of the U, accessed from the kitchen and the central corridor, is a sheltered courtyard furnished for dining.

Steps lead down from the sea-view terrace to a good-sized lawned garden, and an attractive pool that seems to hang over the sea.

CONSIDERATIONS

You may wish to know that the pool has a single depth of 1.4m.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	6
Bedrooms	3
Flexible doubles/twins	3
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	2
Cook	—
Pool (LxW in m)	9x4
Air conditioning	✓
Heating	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Satellite TV ¹	✓
DVD player	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private Parking	✓
Shopping service	—
Sea views	✓
Easy walk to beach/sea access ²	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ includes Sky Movies and Football (Italian version with some English, German and Spanish matches)

² A few hundred metres' walk through the residential complex where the villa is located. Please note that there is quite a steep incline down from the house to the sea

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Baia del Riccio is situated in a secure, gated residence of holiday homes on a stretch of coast near the seafront town of Brucoli, virtually equidistant from **Catania** to the north and **Syracuse** to the south. There are some good bars and restaurants in Brucoli, as well as a few well-stocked food shops.

Slightly further afield to the south is **Noto**, miles of sandy beaches, including those in **Vendicari Nature Reserve** and the other UNESCO World Heritage towns of and **Ragusa**, **Modica** and **Scicli**. Heading north, an easy drive to the north will take you to **Taormina** and **Mount Etna**.

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Distances

Catania airport: 30km-19miles-25mins

Comiso airport: 75km-47miles-1hr

Palermo airport: 256km-159miles-2hr50

Trapani airport: 336km-209miles-3hr40

Nearest shops and restaurants at Brucoli: 13km-8miles-18mins

Nearest sea access: a 500m-walk through the residence

Sandy beaches at Fontane Bianche: 50km-31miles-40mins

Syracuse: 37km-23miles-35mins

Noto: 63km-39miles-55mins

Vendicari Nature Reserve and beaches: 72km-45miles-55mins

Modica: 100km-62miles-1hr20

Ragusa: 90km-56miles-1hr25

Mount Etna (Etna Sud cableway): 68km-420miles-1hr20

Taormina: 88km-55miles-1hr10



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