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CALA D'ISTRIA

Cala d'Istria is a beautifully finished, spacious and elegant property designed with both comfort and style in mind. Boasting amazing sea views and quick access on foot to a stretch of sandy beach, it effortlessly fulfils its brief as an extremely desirable home from home. Add to this a spectacular infinity pool, a gym, an outdoor cinema, and a massage room, and you really will want for nothing.





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Service

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

Features

Garden gate sea access
Extraordinary heatable infinity pool
Luxurious contemporary design
Stunning views
Extensive grounds
Fully equipped gym and massage area
Al fresco cinema area

Nearby

Sandy beaches
Bonifacio
Porto Vecchio

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Cala d'Istria develops over two floors of the main house and an independently accessed garden guest room.

The entrance to the main house takes one into the first floor and a luminous and voluminous open-concept living and dining area and kitchen. One's eye is immediately drawn to the two sets of room-wide, floor-to-ceiling glass sliding doors. On one side, these open up onto a large decked terrace with sea views; on the other one may access a Japanese-style garden with outdoor kitchen, a large al fresco dining table and an ornamental pond.

On the right of the large open-plan space is the superbly equipped modern kitchen, which features, amongst other things, an island-cum-breakfast bar, a wine cooler and a charcuterie slicer.

In the centre is a convivial dining table, and to the left the comfy living area, whose soft sink-in sofas wrap around the focal point of the room, a designer fireplace set into a partition wall of brick and bookshelves.

One may pass on either side of the fireplace to an open study, off which, and accessed via two sets of sliding doors, is the main bedroom. Here, another wall of sliding glass doors offer jaw-dropping views over the fabulous pool and out to sea. The bed is placed in the centre of the room, which features an open bathroom, complete with panoramic tub, a glass shower cubicle and double sinks. Towards the back of this bedroom is a (closed) w/c.

Stairs from the study area on the first floor lead down to the ground floor, where there is a TV snug and five bedrooms:

• two double bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms
• a double-twin room and one with a French bed sharing a bathroom with tub and a separate WC

These four bedrooms are accessed from a corridor and boast garden and sea

views and large sliding glass doors accessing a decked terrace.

The sixth bedroom, a double with en-suite shower room and large glass sliding doors opening out into the gardens is available on request for an extra fee.

Outside: a description of the outdoor areas at Cala d'Istria must begin with the unique, three-tiered heatable pool, whose west-facing, glass infinity edge, suspended over the gardens, looks directly out to sea and the sunset - even when you're underwater! The smaller top two tiers have shallow water, ideal for younger children.

To the right of the pool, a large expanse of partially shaded terraced decking provides ample space for lounging and dining. All of this is accessed via the walls of glass sliding doors in the indoor communal areas and from the master bedroom.

On the other side of the property, accessed once more from the living and dining area, is a second, sheltered, al fresco dining area surrounded by a Japanese-inspired garden and equipped with a plancha grill and a sink.

Four of the bedrooms on the ground floor have access to a decked terrace (with steps up to the pool area) and the extensive surrounding gardens, which fan out towards the sea. Tucked away in the grounds, and linked by wooden boardwalk paths is a superbly equipped gym, a massage room, and an al fresco cinema.

Last but certainly not least, a path leads through the grounds for about 250m to a little stretch of beach used by guests of Cala d'Istira and a handful of other properties in the area.

CONSIDERATIONS

Cala d'Istria features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views out to sea while in the pool. There is a drop from the infinity edge so we recommend children are supervised at all times. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

The grounds of Cala d'Istria are quite extensive and include a little pond so we recommend that children are supervised by an adult when exploring.

During the high season, especially at weekends, you may occasionally hear planes arriving at the nearby Figari airport.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	4
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	3
Garden gate beach/sea	✓

This property is ideally suited for a group of adults travelling together. If you are a group with several young children aged under 10, please contact us for more information so we can ensure the property would work well for your group.

access

Heatable infinity pool [2]	12x3m
Sea views	✓
Gym	✓
Massage room	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Outdoor cinema	✓
Library	✓
Plancha grill	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Bicycles [4]	✓
Barbecue	✓
Table tennis	✓
Water sports equipment	✓
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning [3]	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Fibre Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Piano	✓
Trampoline	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Shopping delivery service	–
EV charging point	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Ice maker	✓
Microwave	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓

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

[2] there is an extra charge of €850 per week to heat the pool if requested. Please give us at least two weeks' notice if you would like the pool heated.

[3] in the bedrooms

[4] there are four adult mountain bikes

for guests' use, one of which has a baby seat

= yes/present

= optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Cala d'Istria sits on a little beach-flanked promontory on the **south coast** of Corsica, just over 20km northwest from **Bonifacio**. This section of the coast is characterised by a series of little coves and bays, many of which have lovely little sandy beaches.

A must-see for anyone staying at Cala d'Istria is Bonifacio, one of Corsica's most dramatically positioned and picturesque towns. Teetering perilously on a high cliff above the sea it offers sublime views over to Sardinia and some good restaurants and bars.

Less than an hour's drive northwest is the panoramically positioned, mediaeval town of **Sartène**, whose pretty labyrinth of streets gives an idea of Corsican life away from the coastline.

Heading up the east coast one comes to a series of delightful **beaches**, including those of Santa Giulia, Tamaricciu and Palombaggia, and **Porto Vecchio**, another of Corsica's many charming towns offering a good selection of shops, bars and restaurants and a nice old town centre looking over the large natural harbour.

Further afield on the west coast is the island's capital, **Ajaccio**, which is well worth a visit, not least so you can say that you've been to the birthplace of the great Napoleon.

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Distances

Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 15km-10miles-20mins

Bastia Airport: 160km-99miles-2hr50

Ajaccio Airport: 115km-70miles-2hr10

Nearest beaches: 2 mins walk from the property (plus several others within a few mins walk).

Nearest shops and amenities: 10mins drive in Pianottoli

Bonifacio: 25km-15miles-35mins

Porto Vecchio: 32km-20miles-40mins

Sperone Golf Course: 28km-17miles-40mins

Sartène: 38km-24miles-50mins

Ajaccio: 115km-72miles-2hr20





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