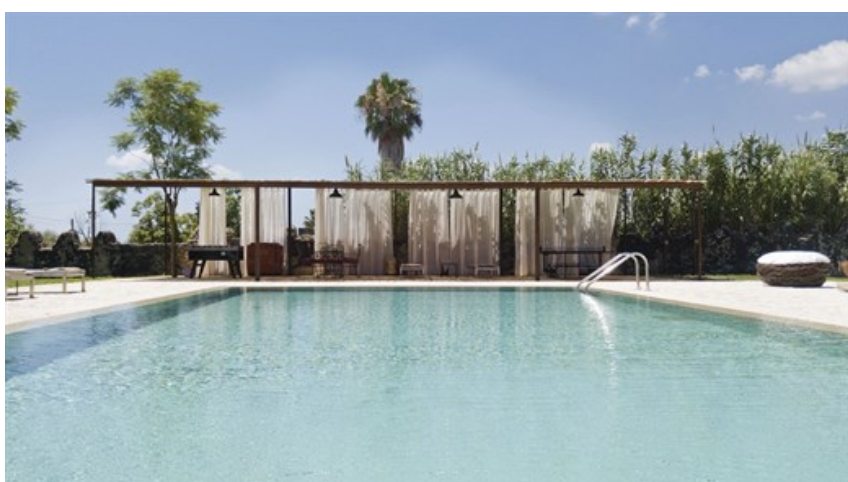


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MASSERIA GARGALLO

Masseria Gargallo has been conceived by its owner, a well-known jewellery designer, as a colourful and ingeniously inventive homage to Sicilian artistry and craftsmanship. The original features and floors of the property have been retained wherever possible, and furnishings, fabrics and fittings are a fascinating mix of the contemporary and the traditional. Outside, beautifully tended gardens wrap around the property, culminating in the pièce de résistance, an utterly irresistible pool.



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Service

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

Features

Lovingly restored masseria
Unique, artistic interior design
Fabulous gardens and pool

Nearby

Syracuse
Sandy beaches
The towns of the Val di Noto
The Necropolis of Pantalica

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Masseria Gargallo is spread over two lovingly restored floors. The ingenuity and invention of the interior design ensures that wherever you look, you'll find something fascinating, something to make you smile in wonder: exquisitely embroidered table cloths and bedspreads from another era are illuminated by ultra-modern lighting; age-old, time-worn floors support state-of-the-art bathroom fittings; and antique, hand-painted Sicilian bedsteads frame the latest in mattress technology.

The main entrance takes one from a courtyard into the splendid living area, which is at once cosy, voluminous, welcoming and stylish. Once home to the wine press, evidence of which remains, this grand space features lofty ceilings, original stone flooring, an impressive fireplace, a TV and projector, modular sink-in sofas, and direct access to the outdoor sitting area and pool.

A door to one side of the living room leads into an attractive dining room, which is decorated with gilt-framed mirrors and antique plates, and served by a triple-sized kitchen-diner. Fully-equipped with all mod-cons, the kitchen nevertheless retains a distinctly traditional feel thanks to the presence the original red-brick floor, antique tiles, and an impressive pot-bellied wood-burning oven. Doors at either end of the kitchen create a luminous, airy atmosphere and provide seamless access to the al fresco dining area.

A short corridor leads from the kitchen past a guest bathroom to the first bedroom, called Perle (Pearls). Here, accessed by an old cast iron staircase, is a double bed on a mezzanine level, and, down below, a mightily impressive en-suite bathroom with giant walk-in shower and a tub with its own window overlooking the gardens.

Back in the living area, an open flight of stairs leads to the first floor and a double bedroom with balcony overlooking the courtyard. Ambra, as this bedroom has been named, also features a truly magnificent en-suite bathroom, complete with a reclaimed 15th-century font as a sink, a sensuously rotund tub and a separate walk-in shower.

Coming back down the stairs, a door in the living room leads to the third bedroom, Corallo, also accessed directly from the courtyard. As you might have come to expect by now, Corallo also boasts a highly original en-suite bathroom, this time with a sunken stone tub and a large, glass-cased shower.

The fourth and final bedroom, Acquamarina, is a double-twin accessed from the courtyard, and includes an in-room tub and an adjacent bathroom with shower.

Outside: Masseria Gargallo sits amidst an extensive, beautifully tended garden. To one side of the house is a large rectangular courtyard, at the centre of which is a landscaped area and a towering Mediterranean pine.

The grounds fan out around house, leading, eventually, to the focal point of the outdoor areas: two large expanses of lawn, planted with gnarled old olive trees, and sitting either side of the magnificent pool, whose steps and floor are formed of reclaimed stone.

Immediately outside the living room is the al fresco sitting area, furnished for lounging under a shady pergola. Further along this stone-paved terrace, which runs along the entire façade of the house, is the shady al fresco dining area. Accessed conveniently from the kitchen and offering views over the gardens and pool, it offers the perfect relaxing environment for long convivial meals.

Exploring the grounds you will come across a series of other delightful spots, including a second, walled courtyard, a small kitchen garden and an orchard.

CONSIDERATIONS

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

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	8
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	2
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	4
Daily maid service	
Breakfast (excl. ingredients)	
Pool (LxW in m)	1 18x6

- Air conditioning 2 ✓
- Heating ✓
- Fireplace/log burner ✓
- Wine cellar ✓
- Wine cooler ✓
- Washing machine ✓
- Dishwasher ✓
- Microwave oven ✓
- iPod docking station ✓
- Satellite TV ✓
- DVD player ✓
- Stereo ✓
- Bluetooth speakers ✓
- Satellite Wi-Fi Internet ✓
- Ice maker ✓
- Outdoor fireplace/fire pit ✓
- Barbecue ✓
- Private parking ✓
- Table tennis ✓
- The Thinking Traveller local support ✓

1 a saline filtration system is used

2 in all bedrooms

3 in the indoor kitchen

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Masseria Gargallo sits just outside the fascinating, historic and beautiful town of **Syracuse**, whose beating heart, the island of Ortygia, boasts one of Italy's loveliest piazzas and a maze of charming streets lined with independent shops, restaurants and bars. Neapolis, just outside the centre, is home to a fabulous archaeological site and museum, both of which we heartily recommend. Also within easy driving distance of Masseria Gargallo are the white sandy beaches of Fontane Bianche, and a cluster of must-see towns, including **Noto**, Modica and **Ragusa**. A little further afield but well worth the trip are **Catania** and **Mount Etna**.

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Distances

Catania airport: 60km-37miles-40mins

Palermo airport: 290km-175miles-
2hr50

Trapani airport: 370km-230miles-
3hr45

Comiso airport: 105km-65miles-1hr25

Nearest shops and restaurants: in
Syracuse, 10km-6.5miles-15mins

Nearest beaches: at Fontane Bianche,
18km-11miles-20mins

Noto: 34km-21miles-30mins

Modica: 67km-41miles-1hr

Ragusa: 98km-61miles-1hr20



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