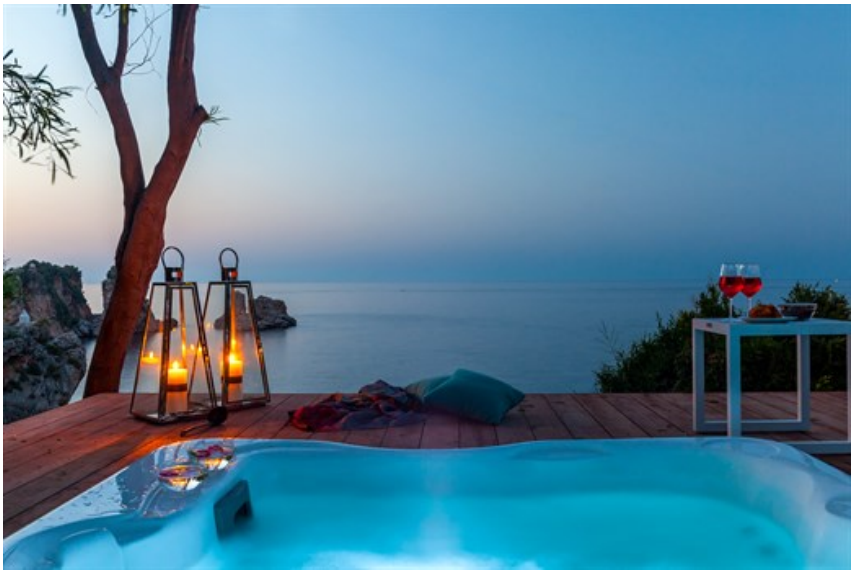
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AI FARAGLIONI

The immaculate white-washed walls and impeccably modernist lines of Ai Faraglioni sit amidst a veritable oasis of sea-view terraces overlooking one of Sicily's most picturesque and evocative stretches of coastline. Add to this heady mix a heatable infinity pool, a Jacuzzi and direct access to the transparent waters below, and it's not hard to see why Ai Faraglioni is such an irresistible proposition.





PRICES, AVAILABILITY AND BOOKING →

Service

Features

Heatable Infinity pool
Panoramic hot tub
Garden gate sea access
Stunning sea and coastal views
Modernist architectural pedigree

Nearby

Scopello village
Beaches
Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Ai Faraglioni is spread between a main house and a separate, externally accessed guest bedroom. The main entrance takes one into a hallway, off which one may access most parts of the house.

Immediately in front of you is a voluminous, luminous, open-concept room articulated over two levels. This airy, lofty-ceilinged and fabulously panoramic space defines the aesthetic of the property, which was designed by the renowned Roman architect Andrea Nonis. Down below is the sitting area, which features a commodious corner sofa, and a huge, wall-sized window, conceived to make the very most of the enchanting sea and coastal views. Light floods in from all angles, thanks to the numerous, imaginatively placed windows: long, angular slats follow the slant of the roof, clusters of different sized glazed apertures pierce the walls, evoking collections of framed artworks (a nod to Le Corbusier?), and glass doors provide access to the wrap-around terraces.

Steps to one side of the living area lead up to the raised dining area, which is furnished with a bespoke table and sideboard and designer light fittings. A glass door leads out from here to the extensive pool terrace and shady al fresco dining area.

Back in the entrance hall, a right turn takes you into the large, top-of-the-range kitchen. Superbly equipped with triple fridges, twin ovens, ice machine and a stainless steel central island with professional hobs and sitting area, the kitchen is perfectly positioned to serve both the indoor and the outdoor dining areas, thanks also to its double access to the surrounding terraces.

Heading back into the living area, a few steps lead up to a corridor, off which is a glazed cactus courtyard, a steam room and four of the five bedrooms:

• a cosy double-twin with en-suite shower room;

• a double with en-suite bathroom featuring a curvaceous shower illuminated by a circular skylight;

• a double with in-room tub and en-suite shower room;

• the main bedroom, a spacious double with a sensuous en-suite bathroom

featuring a double walk-in shower and a fabulous sink sculpted from one single, impressive chunk of marble.

All of these bedrooms have glorious views of the sea and the *faraglioni* (sea stacks), and direct access to the terraces running along the front of the house.

Accommodation at Ai Faraglioni is completed by a separate double-twin, sea-view bedroom with en-suite shower room accessed independently from the terrace below the pool area.

Outside: wide-open expanses of panoramic sea-view terraces wrap around Ai Faraglioni. The views of the sea, the dramatic coastline and the *faraglioni* (the sea stacks from which the house takes its name) is unique and intoxicating. Boats might moor in the bay below, but only those lucky enough to be staying at Ai Faraglioni will witness such glorious beauty from such a privileged vantage point.

The main terrace, where you will spend much of your time, is accessed from the indoor dining area and the kitchen and is sub-divided into four distinct areas: a shady sea-view dining area; a superb al fresco kitchen equipped with barbecue, sink and gas hobs; a sun-drenched solarium; and a fabulous double-edged infinity pool with views out to sea.

Steps lead down from here to another large expanse of sea-view terrace, accessed from the living area and the fifth bedroom. A couple of steps from here take one up to yet more terraces, this time accessed from the four bedrooms of the main house and furnished with sink-in cushioned loungers.

The master bedroom and the steam room area also open out onto a shaded section of terrace to the side and rear of the house, the perfect spot for a herbal infusion after a Hammam or a restive afternoon snooze.

The terraces are delimited both by tended gardens and by a vibrant tangle of indigenous flora, a natural extension of Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve just a couple of kilometres up the coast.

A path leads from the bedroom terraces past a fabulously panoramic Jacuzzi to the sea steps, which take one down to the rocky shoreline below. Here, one may immerse oneself in transparent waters, swim round the headland to the historic *tonnara*, or snorkel amongst the *faraglioni*.

CONSIDERATIONS

Ai Faraglioni features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There are two infinity edges, both of which have quite a large drop so precautions should be taken here. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

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

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with mobility problems.

The sea access in front of this property is via rocks and so may not be possible to use if the sea is rough, it is also immediately deep and therefore not ideal for less confident swimmers. We urge caution at all times. Please note that the bay can get busy in July and August.

Boats moor in the bay in front of the property and while this can create a lively atmosphere, their presence may create some noise during the day.

Due to the villa's privileged location near the Tonnara and the Torre of Scopello, you may occasionally hear music from events held at these venues.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	2
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5
Garden gate beach/sea access	✓
Heatable infinity pool [2]	10x3m
Sea views	✓
Hot tub	✓
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s) [4]	✓
Hammam/steam room	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Shopping delivery service	–
Smart TV	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Outdoor sound system	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer [3]	✓
Microwave	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓

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

[2] there is an extra charge of €525 per week to heat the pool if requested. Please give us at least a week's notice if

you would like the pool heated.

[3]the washing machine has a tumble dryer function

[4]there is a mini-market with an outstanding deli, butcher's and wine section, a good bar, and an organic farm shop selling superb fruit and vegetables just a 20-minute walk away. There are also some good restaurants in the village of Scopello, about a 20-minute walk away (uphill). Please note that there are no pavements along the road up to Scopello

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Set on the coast between the Golfo di Castellammare and the nature reserve of Lo Zingaro, Ai Faraglioni occupies a prime spot on one of the most beautiful and striking stretches of coastline in Sicily.

The small village of **Scopello** just up the hill has a good selection of restaurants and bars, and can be reached by car in about 5 minutes. There is also a mini-market (with an excellent deli, butcher's and wine selection), a good bar and an organic farm shop selling superb fruit and vegetables about 5 minutes drive away on the road towards Guidaloca beach.

The old tuna fishery (*tonnara*) of Scopello, a few hundred metres walk away (or a 200m swim!), occupies a very suggestive setting, and **Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve** offers a range of spectacular walks and some beautiful crystal clear bays for swimming. There is a diving centre in Scopello for SCUBA lovers and a pebbly beach with equipped lidos just a 5-minute drive away at Guidaloca.

The town of **Castellammare del Golfo** a few kilometres up the road has several seafront bars and restaurants and a daily fish market.

The spectacular Elymian/Greek site of **Segesta** is about 30 minutes' drive away and **Erice**, **Palermo**, **Trapani** and **Selinunte** can all be reached in under an hour.

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Distances

Palermo Airport: 53km-33miles-45mins
Trapani Airport: 65km-40miles-1hour
Catania airport: 283km-176miles-3hr20
Comiso airport: 265km-164miles-3hr45
Nearest sea access: at the bottom of the garden (about 40 steps)
Pebbly beach at Guidaloca: 5mins drive
Nearest shops and restaurants: 1.5km-2km along the road approaching the villa and in the village of Scopello. It is possible to walk (about 20-30mins but there are no pavements and it is uphill most of the way)
Castellammare del Golfo (shops and beach): 15-20mins drive
Zingaro Nature Reserve: 5mins drive
Segesta: 30km-18miles-30mins
Erice: 35km-22miles-45mins
Selinunte: 70km-44miles-55mins
Palermo/Monreale: 75km-47miles-1hr





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