

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

GRANELLI, SICILY

LO SCARABEO

A stay at Lo Scarabeo is an aquatic feast for the senses, where the metronomic rhythm of the surf, the invigorating, ozone-rich air, the eye-defying expanse of sea and the silky-soft sandy beach accompany your every moment. Aesthetic sensibilities are catered for too, thanks to the owners' keen and imaginative eye for design and an eclectic mix of iconic contemporary and antique furnishings and *objets*.



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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Garden gate beach access

Design-inspired interiors

Extensive sea-view gardens

Panoramic roof terrace

Nearby

Sandy beaches galore

Marzamemi

Vendicari Nature Reserve

Noto

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ABOUT THE VILLA

4 GUESTS 2 BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Lo Scarabeo is laid out over one floor.

The entrance leads into a splendid and convivial open-concept space comprising a comfortably furnished sitting area, a dining table, and a super modern kitchen in stainless steel, marble and black and white patterned tiles.

A vaulted wood-beamed ceiling and creamy Modica-stone floors create an airy, but warm and welcoming atmosphere, while large sliding glass doors open out onto a shady sea-view terrace and the garden, allowing guests to enjoy an effortless indoor-outdoor lifestyle.

A small hallway off the living area provides access to the main house's two bedrooms:

- a double with garden and sea views, sliding glass doors opening out onto the terraces, and an en-suite shower room with double sinks
- a double-twin with adjacent shower room, also with double sinks

Outside: extensive gardens and terraces at Lo Scarabeo run front and back of the house, meaning that there's plenty of space for everyone to come together or find their own private spot.

Arrival at Lo Scarabeo is quite an experience: flanked by verdant lawns, colourful flowers and whispering olive trees, a gravel path under a bougainvillea-topped pergola leads for some 60m from the car parking area to a terrace outside the main entrance. Furnished with well-cushioned built-in seating and a table and chairs, this is a tranquil, naturally shady spot in which to retreat from the afternoon sun.

Most al fresco life at Lo Scarabeo, however, takes place on the sea-facing side of the house. Accessed from the open-concept communal space and the double bedroom is a dreamy shaded terrace hosting a handsomely furnished and well-shaded sitting and dining area served by a kitchen, bar and barbecue. The

indoor kitchen's window looks out on to this space and functions perfectly as a "service hatch".

This terrace gives way to a section of lawn and then a 40m-long stretch of gravel bordered by whispering grasses and other coastal flora and bisected by a wooden boardwalk that leads directly to the magical beach gate. Open this and step out and you're on a seemingly endless arc of golden sand with the sea just a few steps away.

Last but not least is the partially shaded roof-top terrace, from where splendid panoramas pan out over the sandy coastline and the sparkling blue sea beyond.

CONSIDERATIONS

Because of natural changes to the coastline from season to season, the sandy beach in front of this property may not look as it does in the photos.

Please note that the beach in front of this property can get busy in July and August.

Due to drops, children should not be left unsupervised on the rooftop terrace.

Please note that this villa does not have a pool.

A third bedroom is available on request. Accessed from the terrace outside the main house's front door, it has a small double bed, an in-room sink and shower, and an en-suite WC. While not of the same standard as the bedrooms in the main house, it is comfortable and perhaps more suited to a young couple or a teenager wishing to have a little independence.

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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	4
Bedrooms	2
Double beds	1
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	2
... of which en suite	1
Garden gate beach/sea access	✓
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) ³	✓
Daily maid service	—
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning ²	✓
Shopping delivery service	—
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

¹ the cook can provide breakfasts and dinners on request and depending on availability

² in the bedrooms and living area

³ Lido Baia Granelli, just a short walk along the beach, has a bar and restaurant. It is open from around June to the middle of September (exact dates to be confirmed)

 = yes/present

 = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Lo Scarabeo sits right on Granelli beach, a 4.5km-stretch of sand just to the west of Capo Passero, whose lighthouse signals Italy’s most meridional point – considerably further south than Tunis.

The coastline is almost entirely given over to long sandy **beaches**, the very same ones landed on by British and Canadian forces during Operation Huskey in the 2nd World War. Just to the west is the port of **Pozzallo** from where, in just 90 minutes by hydrofoil, it is possible to get to Malta.

To the north is the splendid Baroque town of **Noto**, **Syracuse**, once the mightiest city in Magna Graecia, and **Vendicari Nature Reserve**, home to beautiful unspoilt beaches, migrating flamingos and nesting turtles.

Less than an hour's drive northwest are the other splendid towns of the Val di Noto UNESCO Heritage Site, **Modica** and **Scicli**, and, a little further afield, **Ragusa**.

The beaches in the area of Pozzallo and Ispica have received several consecutive Blue Flags, attesting to the cleanliness of the water and their general ecological excellence.

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Distances

Catania airport: 110km-66miles-1hr20

Palermo airport: 340km-211miles-4hr10

Trapani airport: 415km-258miles-4hr50

Comiso airport: 80km-49miles-1hr10

Nearest restaurants: 5-10mins drive

Nearest shops at Ispica: 14km-8miles-20mins

Pozzallo (hydrofoils to Malta): 14km-8miles-25mins

Noto: 30km-19miles-40mins

Modica: 33km-20miles-50mins

Scicli: 37km-23miles-55mins

Vendicari Nature Reserve: 20km-12miles-25mins

Syracuse: 67km-42miles-1hour



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GALLERY



