

SANTA CROCE CAMERINA, SICILY

THINK EXQUISITE

IL BAGLIO DELLA SORGENTE

Sitting in a peaceful position in the Ragusan countryside, Il Baglio della Sorgente is a lovingly converted winery and stables offering space, light-filled interiors, charm and extensive grounds. The flexible accommodation and tempting 15m-long pool makes it an ideal property for large gatherings of friends and family.



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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Splendid refurbishment
Extensive grounds and 15m-long pool
Tranquility and seclusion

Nearby

Sandy beaches
Ragusa and the Val di Noto towns
Golf courses

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ABOUT THE VILLA

18 GUESTS 9 BEDROOMS 9 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Il Baglio della Sorgente is spread over the main house (an ex-winery) and some beautifully converted stables, situated just across the courtyard from the former. Both have been lovingly refurbished and feature high ceilings, airy atmospheres, clean geometric lines and a captivating mix of modern comforts, contemporary art and traditional Sicilian touches.

The entrance to the main house takes one into an open-plan living and dining area, furnished with comfy sofas and a large dining table. To one side, this space flows into a well-equipped kitchen-diner with access to an al fresco dining area and the surrounding terraces and gardens. An opening on the other side of the living and dining area takes one into a corridor, off which is a guest WC, a laundry area, and three double bedrooms, each with its own en-suite shower room and access to the external areas.

A staircase halfway along the corridor leads down to a second spacious living area opening out via a large glass door into the gardens. A curvaceous wrought iron staircase leads up to a mezzanine level, home to two double-twin bedrooms, both with en-suite shower rooms.

The main entrance of the converted stables leads one into a large, convivial open-concept space with a kitchen-diner and a living area. Large sliding glass doors open out onto the surrounding gardens. A corridor to one side of this space leads to three bedrooms: a double with en-suite shower room, and two double-twin bedrooms, one with en-suite shower room, one with a shower room opposite.

All three have doors opening out into the grounds. The fourth bedroom of the stables, a double with en-suite shower room and external access, is entered from near the dining area of the communal, open-plan space.

Outside: Il Baglio della Sorgente sits on a small hill surveying the surrounding countryside. Mature trees provide shade for a variety of al fresco sitting and dining area, while vivid green lawns verge on a large stone-flagged courtyard

and a series of terraces, which the accommodation spills out onto.

Beautifully crafted, golden-hued dry stone walls, so characteristic of this area of Sicily, delimit the gardens. A private driveway leads down to the lovely pool area below, which is flanked by a fragrant citrus orchard.

Last but certainly not least are the extensive wooded grounds that fan out behind the property, perfect for a pre-prandial stroll or a touch of early morning exercise.

CONSIDERATIONS

You may also wish to know that the pool has a single depth of 1.5m.

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced and may include drops or steep slopes. There are also terraces with low walls and drops within the property. We therefore recommend that younger children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

The villa caretaker, who lives on site, has two pet dogs that can usually be seen around the grounds. They are very well-behaved and generally loved by clients, however should you prefer, the caretaker will be happy to keep them in an enclosure near her living quarters during your stay.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	18
Bedrooms	9
Double beds	5
Flexible (double or twin)	4
Bathrooms	9
... of which en suite	8
Daily maid service	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
Staff/owner on the grounds ²	✓
Pool (LxW in m)	15x4
Air conditioning	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Outdoor cinema	✓
Satellite TV ³	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
ADSL WI-FI Internet	✓
Ice maker	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ The optional cook can provide evening meals, depending on availability.

2 the caretaker and his wife, the maid,
live in a self-contained property in the
grounds

3 includes SKY Sports and Movies

= yes/present

= optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Il Baglio della Sorgente sits in the **southeast of Sicily**, just a few kilometres inland from the long stretches of sandy beach that line the coast from Scoglitti down to Punta Secca and Marina di Ragusa (Montalbano country).

Inland, just an easy drive away is **Ragusa**, one of several stunning baroque towns, including **Modica**, **Scicli** and **Noto**, that form the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Val di Noto. A more off-the-beaten-track town worth visiting is **Chiaromonte Gulfi**, which sits in a superbly panoramic position in the hills to the northeast. One architectural curiosity in the area is the fantastical Castello di Donnafugata.

Slightly further afield, though still within easy day-trip distance, are the historic towns of **Caltagirone**, known for its ceramics and its baroque centre, and **Syracuse**, an ancient Greek town, once the mightiest city in Magna Graecia. The world famous UNESCO World Heritage of Villa Romana del Casale, in Piazza Armerina, is also an easy drive away.

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Distances

Catania airport: 120km-70miles-1hr50

Comiso airport: 24km-15miles-30mins

Palermo airport: 270km-165miles-3h35

Trapani airport: 242km-150miles-3hr55

Nearest shops, bars and restaurants:

7km-4miles-15mins in Scoglitti or 8km-5miles-20mins in Santa Croce

Camerina

Nearest beaches: 7km-4miles-15mins in Scoglitti or in the Cava Randello nature reserve

Donnafugata castle: 12km-7miles-20mins

Ragusa: 27km-17miles-35mins

Modica: 43km-27miles-45mins

Scicli: 35km-21miles-45mins

Noto: 80km-50miles-1hr30

Caltagirone: 55km-35miles-1hr10

Villa Romana del Casale, Piazza

Armerina: 75km-47miles-1hr15

Syracuse: 115km-70miles-1hr45



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