

RAGUSA IBLA, SICILY

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From its vantage point above a wending valley, Iblea surveys wooded hills and a patchwork of fields. This peaceful pastoral setting, allied to the villa's calming interiors and its irresistible pool, invites repose and relaxation, while the proximity of Ragusa, Modica and their nearby sandy beaches inspires exploration.



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**Service**

Mid-week clean and linen change

**Features**

Panoramic infinity pool

Extensive gardens

Peaceful countryside position

**Nearby**

Ragusa

The towns of the Val di Noto

Sandy beaches

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### ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

**Inside:** accommodation at Iblea develops over a main house and a guesthouse suite below the pool. The main entrance to the main house takes one in from the shady pool-view terrace to a generously proportioned open-concept space, at the centre of which is a hallway.

To one side is a large living area with views out over the gardens and the pool, a large, L-shaped, sink-in sofa flanking a fireplace, and a TV. To the other side of the hallway is the luminous, well-equipped kitchen-diner, whose wall-length sliding glass doors open out onto a terrace and the gardens beyond. Also on the ground floor is a double bedroom with en-suite shower room, and a guest bathroom.

A flight of stairs leads from near the kitchen up to a gallery overlooking the hallway and the living area, where you can find a modern desk with a printer, ideal for remote working. The remaining two bedrooms of the main house - a capacious double boasting a dressing room and an en-suite bathroom with tub and shower attachment, and a double-twin bedroom with adjacent shower room - are accessed from this gallery landing.

The guesthouse suite, which is accessed from a shady terrace below the pool, comprises both a double and two single sofabeds, making for flexible sleeping arrangements, a walk-in wardrobe, a kitchenette and a bathroom with both tub and shower.

**Outside:** a terrace wraps around Iblea on four sides, offering a variety of spots for lounging, gazing at the views and dining. Where the terraces stop, extensive emerald green lawns begin, each one bordered by creamy drystone walls, flowering shrubs and olive trees.

The focal point of the outdoor areas at Iblea, however, is the panoramic cobalt infinity pool, with its 180-degree views over the valley below and the wooded hills beyond.

To the front of the house, overlooking the pool, is the main terrace, a shaded, panoramic spot that's furnished for dining and lounging. A second shaded al fresco dining and sitting area is situated about 10m from the pool.

The grounds below the pool, in front of the guesthouse's shaded terrace, have been planted with a sea of aromatic plants and low-lying shrubs that sway gently in the breeze and perfume the air.

CONSIDERATIONS

About 60m away from Iblea is a second villa, property of the owner's discreet family who use it occasionally throughout the year.

Please note that part of the staircase in the main house has a drop on one side and no bannister. We recommend that younger children are supervised when using the stairs.


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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	8	
Bedrooms	4	
Flexible doubles/twins	4	
Bathrooms	4	
... of which en suite	3	
Daily maid service	—	
Cook	—	
Infinity pool (LxW in m) <sup>1</sup>	14x5	
Air conditioning <sup>2</sup>	✓	
Fireplace/log burner	✓	
Safe(s)	✓	
Filtered drinking water	✓	
Tumble dryer	✓	
Washing machine	✓	
Dishwasher	✓	
Microwave oven	✓	
Printer	✓	
Smart TV	✓	
Satellite TV <sup>3</sup>	✓	
Stereo	✓	
Blu-ray DVD player	✓	
Bluetooth speakers	✓	
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓	
Ice maker	✓	
Barbecue	✓	
Private Parking	✓	
Shopping service	—	
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓	

**1** a salt-water pool

**2** in the bedrooms

**3** including Sky Cinema, Sport and  
Netflix

 = yes/present

 = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Iblea stands in a panoramic position amongst the hills and dales just north of the gorgeous, UNESCO World Heritage town of **Ragusa** in the **southeast of Sicily**. Ragusa is just one of several stunning baroque pearls in the area, and an easy drive will take you to **Modica**, **Scicli** and **Noto**. Another architectural curiosity in the area is the fantastical Castello di Donnafugata. Most of the places listed above are the haunts of Inspector Montalbano, so you shouldn't be too surprised, if you're a fan of the series, if you have a feeling of déjà vu when you're out exploring.

A 45-minute drive will take you down to the long stretches of sandy beach at Marina di Ragusa, Donnalucata and Sampieri.

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

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**Distances**

Catania airport: 86km-53miles-1hr30

Comiso airport: 44km-27miles-50mins

Palermo airport: 313km-195miles-3h50

Trapani airport: 394km-245miles-4hr40

Nearest shops and restaurants: 10km-6miles-10mins in Frigintini; 15km-9miles-25mins in Ragusa Ibla

Nearest beaches: 37km-23miles-35mins in Marina di Modica; 36km-22miles-40mins in Marina di Ragusa

Donnafugata castle: 32km-20miles-40mins

Ragusa: 15km-9miles-25mins

Modica: 19km-12miles-35mins

Scicli: 30km-18miles-35mins

Noto: 41km-25miles-45mins

Caltagirone: 76km-47miles-1hr15

Piazza Armerina (Villa Romana del Casale): 108km-67-1hr45

Syracuse: 61km-38miles-1hr10





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GALLERY

