

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

BONIFACIO, CORSICA

ARBITRU

A great villa for families or groups of friends, Arbitru features practical, spacious, beautifully finished interiors that spill out onto wrap-around decked terraces and walled gardens, at the centre of which is an enticing heated pool. If all that weren't enough, it's also good to know that Arbitru is perfectly placed for exploring southeast Corsica's many attractions.



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Service

Maid service two days a week and weekly linen change

Features

Practically laid-out, airy interiors

A tempting, heatable pool

Secluded walled gardens

A quick drive to a sandy beach

Nearby

Bonifacio

Sandy beaches

Golf

Porto Vecchio

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Arbitru is all on one floor, except for a mezzanine living area. Furnishings, fittings and the soothing palette of greys, whites and sandy browns have been chosen to imbue the whole with a cool, sleek modern ambience that is both calming and practical.

The main entrance takes one into a voluminous open-concept living and dining area divided by a sculptural central staircase. To one side are a couple of sink-in sofas and a TV, to the other a dining table. Two large sliding glass doors on either side of this space bring in the views and provide access to both the gardens and the fabulous pool area.

This space flows naturally into a sleek, extremely well-equipped contemporary kitchen, featuring a large central island-with induction hobs and a floor-to-ceiling wall of cupboards that incorporate twin ovens, a wine chiller and a double-fronted fridge. A large sliding glass door opens out onto the external dining area, making al fresco meals de rigueur.

The staircase at the centre of the open-plan living and dining area leads up to a mezzanine gallery, which is furnished with more sofas and easy chairs. Picture windows offer lovely views of the pool area, the surrounding countryside and, a few kilometres away, the sea.

A light-filled corridor overlooking the pool area leads from the living area to the main sleeping quarters, comprising three good-sized bedrooms, while a fourth bedroom is accessed from another door in the living area. In total, there are three doubles and a double-twin. Each bedroom has its own en-suite shower room and access to the terraces and gardens that wrap around the property.

Outside: the walled gardens that surround Arbitru spread out for around one acre. The highlight of this space is, without a doubt, the extensive split level decked terrace that is accessed from the living and dining area, the kitchen, and, via a wooden boardwalk, the bedrooms. The upper level is given over to a shaded al fresco dining area and an invitingly furnished lounge, while the lower

level, accessed via five beautifully crafted steps, is home to the beautiful cerulean-blue heated pool.

Where the decking ends, the Mediterranean gardens begin and there is plenty of space to wander, explore and have fun.

CONSIDERATIONS

You may wish to know that Arbitru's pool has a single depth of 1.55m.

Two cats may be seen in the villa grounds. However, they will not enter the house unless encouraged to do so.

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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
Heatable pool ²	10x4m
Sea views	✓
Daily maid service	—
Barbecue ³	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Satellite TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓

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

² with a salt chlorination system. There is an extra charge of €420 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 a plancha grill

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Arbitru is located just 8km north of the gorgeous cliff-top town of **Bonifacio** in the southeast of Corsica. Bonifacio is one of Corsica's most dramatically positioned and picturesque towns, offering sublime views over to Sardinia, an almost tangible sense of history, a harbour and a great selection of restaurants, bars and shops.

Arbitru is also fabulously placed for spending time on the beach. A drive of fewer than 10 minutes will take you to the lovely little sandy beach of Canettu, while just 15 minutes away are the gorgeous sandy beaches of Maora (Plage de Sant'Amanza) and Balistra. There are **many more options**, including the gorgeous Plage de Santa Giulia, within 20km.

After you've spent some time in Bonifacio, you might like to get out and explore some other towns and cities in the south of Corsica. There are several fascinating options, including Sartène, a panoramically positioned, medieval town whose pretty labyrinth of streets gives an idea of Corsican life away from the coastline, and **Porto Vecchio**, a charming, town with a good selection of shops, bars and restaurants, a daily morning market, and a lovely old town centre looking over the large natural harbour.

The **south coast** of Corsica, with its numerous sandy beaches, its coastal walking trails and its superb views, is also very much worth exploring.

Further afield on the west coast is the island's capital, **Ajaccio**, which is well worth a visit, not least so you can say that you've been to the birthplace of the great Napoleon.

For golf enthusiasts, the superbly sited coastal course of Sperone is just a 20-minute drive away.

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Distances

Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 22km-14miles-25mins

Bastia Airport: 150km-93miles-2hr30

Ajaccio Airport: 129km-79miles-2hr20

Nearest beaches: Plage de Canetto: 3km-2miles-9mins, Plage de Maora (Plage de Sant'Amanza): 8km-5miles-15mins, Plage du Petit Sperone: 13km-8miles-25mins, Plage de Balistra: 4.5km-3miles-15mins, Plage de Rondinara: 17km-11miles-40mins, Plage de Santa Giulia: 18km-12miles-20mins

Nearest shops: there is a simple grocer's selling fruit, vegetables, bread, cheese and wine, etc. just a 5-minute drive away

Bonifacio (your nearest town for a variety of shops, supermarkets, restaurants and other amenities): 8km-5miles-15mins

Plage de Palombaggia: 24km-14miles-27mins

Porto Vecchio: 24km-15miles-30mins

Sperone Golf Course: 1.52km-7miles-20mins

Sartène: 53km-33miles-1hr

Ajaccio: 130km-82miles-2hr30



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GALLERY



