

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

FIGARI, CORSICA

L'ALPANA

Nestling in the hills above Pianottoli, L'Alpana offers 360-degree vistas of the sparkling sea and the wooded mountains, a romantic, secluded location, simple, homely accommodation and lovely al fresco areas in which to relax and unwind to the pulse-slowing rhythms of Mother Nature.



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Service

Weekly clean and linen change

Features

Commanding sea and countryside views

Panoramic heatable pool

Romance, seclusion and privacy

Nearby

Sandy beaches

Bonifacio

Porto Vecchio

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ABOUT THE VILLA 4 GUESTS 2 BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at L'Alpana is all on one level. The front door takes one into an open-plan space with living area, a dining table and a well-equipped kitchen. Two sets of sliding glass doors bring in the stunning views and open out onto the surrounding terraces.

A corridor leads from the living area, past the shared WC to the sleeping quarters, comprising a double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with tub (but no WC), and a twin bedroom with en-suite shower room (without WC). The atmosphere throughout is bright, homely and welcoming.

Outside: with its stone-clad walls and reclaimed wooden lintels, L'Alpana seems organically linked the surrounding trees and granite rocks that delimit and sometimes encroach on the garden.

To the front of the house, looking out over the surrounding hills, the coastline, the sea and even Sardinia, is the main terrace, a shady affair accessed from the communal living areas and home to a dining table and a comfy sitting area. Around one side of the house, accessed from the kitchen, is another terrace, this time equipped with a breakfast table and a built-in barbecue.

A wooden boardwalk leads from the main terrace to a trio of stone steps, at the bottom of which is the lovely decked pool area. The spellbinding views from within and around the pool are as stunning as those from the main terrace.

CONSIDERATIONS

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

You may also wish to know that the pool has a single depth of 1.4m.

The final part of the track leading up to L'Alpana is quite rough and so we recommend guests hire a 4x4 or at least a car with high ground clearance.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)		4
Bedrooms		2
Double beds		1
Twin beds		1
Bathrooms		2

... Of which en suite	2
Heatable pool ²	9x4m
Sea views	✓
Barbecue	✓
Air conditioning ³	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Stereo	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓
¹ the cook can provide lunches and dinners on request, and depending on availability ² there is an extra charge of €475 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 in the living area and bedrooms ✓ = yes/present — = optional/on request	

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Perched in a secluded, supremely panoramic position in the wooded hills above Corsica's **south coast**, L'Alpana is ideal for those who wish to relax in a rural setting while being in close proximity to a series of beautiful beaches. Indeed, a quick 10-minute drive will take you down to the idyllic sandy bays of Plage de Figari and La Tonnara, while a host of other beaches are within a 20-minute drive.

A must-see for anyone staying at L'Alpana is **Bonifacio**, one of Corsica's most dramatically positioned and picturesque towns. Teetering perilously on a high cliff above the sea it offers sublime views over to Sardinia (as does L'Alpana itself) and some good restaurants and bars.

Less than an hour's drive northwest is the panoramically positioned, medieval town of **Sartène**, whose pretty labyrinth of streets gives an idea of Corsican life away from the coastline.

Heading up the east coast one comes to a series of delightful **beaches**, including those of Santa Giulia, Tamaricciu and Palombaggia, and **Porto Vecchio**, another of Corsica's many charming towns, offering a good selection of shops, bars and restaurants and a nice old town centre looking over the large natural harbour.

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.

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Distances

Figari Sud-Corse Airport: 5.5km-3.5miles-10mins

Bastia Airport: 150km-93miles-2hr25

Ajaccio Airport: 135km-70miles-2hr05

Nearest beaches: Plage de Figari, 5km-3miles-10min; La Tonnara 9.5km-6miles-10mins; Plage de Pianottoli-Caldarelo 12km-7.5miles-20mins; Plage d'Arbitru, 12.5km-8miles-20mins

Nearest shops and amenities: in Figari, 3km-2miles-5mins; in Pianottoli-Caldarelo, 6.5km-4miles-10mins

Bonifacio: 17.5km-11miles-25mins

Porto Vecchio: 26km-16miles-30mins

Sperone Golf Course: 21km-13miles-25mins

Sartène: 40km-2miles-45mins

Ajaccio: 118km-73miles-2hr15



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GALLERY



