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BELICH

With its bewitching sea views, its infinity pool, its access to a long stretch of quiet sandy beach, and its gorgeous sunsets, Belich is imbued with a romantic calm that has few rivals. Spacious interiors spill out onto shady wrap-around terraces and gardens equipped for lounging, dining and a liberating al fresco lifestyle.

Have a read of Belich's most recent review on **Luxury London**.





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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Glorious sea views
Walking distance to a long sandy beach
Romantic infinity pool

Nearby

Sandy beaches
Selinunte
Menfi
Sciacca and Mazara del Vallo

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ABOUT THE VILLA

2 GUESTS 1 BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Belich is all on one level. The main entrance takes one from a sheltered courtyard into a welcoming dining room, from where one gets one's first glimpse of the stunning sea views. Lofty white-beamed ceilings, calming grey resin floors, white walls animated with colourful contemporary artworks, and French windows opening out onto the surrounding terraces all combine to create a light, airy atmosphere that is replicated throughout the house.

An opening to the right leads into the well-equipped, double aspect kitchen, which flows out both onto the main sea-view al fresco dining area and a sheltered courtyard. Heading left from the dining room, a hallway takes one to the remainder of the accommodation.

To one side is a beautiful double bedroom with access to the gardens, and a glamorous, luxuriously fitted en-suite bathroom with walk-in shower. On the other side is a double-sized living room with two distinct areas: a TV snug furnished with sink-in sofas, and a second sitting area with table and sofa. French windows in both of these areas bring in the sea views and provide seamless access to the main terrace, the gardens and the pool.

Outside: the outdoor areas of Belich have been designed to make the most of the splendid sea views and to promote an effortless al fresco lifestyle. Terraces wrap around the house, offering a variety of areas in which to relax.

Running all the way along the sea-facing side of the house is a large shaded terrace accessed from all the indoor communal areas. Furnished for lounging and dining, this terrace also leads down, past a family of palm trees, to the lovely infinity pool, which comes with a submerged sitting ledge (the perfect spot for watching the sunset with an aperitif in hand) and a swimming pump (an attractive proposition for those wishing to do some energetic virtual lengths).

Extensive gardens spread out for about 100m before the house, and a gate at the bottom opens onto a path leading down to the glorious sandy beaches of

the Belice Nature Reserve, about 300m away. A similar sized section of garden runs behind the house, much of which is given over to a fragrant citrus orchard.

The sheltered courtyard from which one accesses Belich has been designed as an alternative al fresco area for breakfast or for an afternoon snooze. Conveniently situated just outside this courtyard, and easily accessed from the kitchen, is a food preparation area, with sinks and a barbecue.

CONSIDERATIONS

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

Some areas of this property may be overlooked.

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

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.

One section of the access road to Belich is a little rough, so we recommend guests hire a car with high ground clearance.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	2
Bedrooms	1
Double beds	1
Bathrooms	1
... of which en suite	1
Infinity pool	8x4m
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access [5]	✓
Barbecue	✓
Table tennis	✓
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning [2]	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air cooling system [3]	✓
Satellite TV [4]	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

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

[2] in the kitchen and dining room

[3] in the bedroom and the living room there is an integrated, eco-friendly

(min. temperature 24°C) water-cooled system

[4] includes Netflix

[5] the nearest beach is a 15-minute walk away along a natural path, steep on the way back. We recommend wearing a pair of trainers or slingback shoes to navigate this.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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THINK ABOUT

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Belich is located just a few kilometres outside **Menfi**, a wine-making town surrounded by vine-carpeted hills and olive groves.

Some of Sicily's best beaches run along the coast below Menfi and one of these, is a long expanse of sand in the **Belice Nature Reserve** is just a 300m-walk away along a natural path. Other beaches, including the one at Porto Palo, are just a few minutes' drive away. The beaches in the area of Porto Palo-Menfi have received over 20 consecutive "Bandiere Blu", attesting to the cleanliness of the water and their general ecological excellence.

Not to be missed for anyone staying in the area are the superb archaeological sites of **Selinunte** and the **Cave di Cusa**. After a visit to these, you might like to enjoy a superb lunch or dinner at La Pineta, a great seafood restaurant on the beach of the Belice Nature Reserve. Several of the towns nearby are also well worth a visit. **Sciacca** and **Mazara del Vallo** both have charming old centres, some great seafood restaurants and working ports with large fishing fleets working the Mediterranean daily. A little further afield but still in easy day-trip distance are **Marsala**, **Trapani** and **Erice**. Caltabellotta is spectacularly situated in the craggy hills overlooking both coast and interior, while Menfi itself is an up-and-coming centre of excellence for the wine trade.

Cycling in the Menfi area is a very pleasurable pastime, thanks to both the quiet back roads and the purpose-built cycle track along and around the old railway line between Menfi, Porto Palo and Sciacca (running quite close to Belich).

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Distances

Trapani airport: 100km-62miles-1hr20
Palermo airport: 102km-63miles-1hr15
Catania airport: 251km-156miles-3hr30
Comiso airport: 198km-123miles-3hr
Sandy beach: at the Belice Nature Reserve, a 10-15minute (300m) walk away along a natural path, or a 10-minute drive away in Porto Palo
Shops and restaurants: Menfi12km-7.5miles-15mins and Castelvetrano 20mins drive
Cycle path: 280m-3min to asphalted road. Then 8km-4.9miles-20-30mins to cycle path
Sciacca: 30km-19miles-35mins
Selinunte: 20km-12.5miles-30mins
Agrigento: 88km-55miles-1hr30





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