

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

MARINA DI RAGUSA, SICILY

NIDO D'ESTIA

Sitting in a panoramic position surveying the surrounding farmland and the sparkling sea, Nido d'Estia is a treasure trove of inventiveness and charm. Beautifully designed interiors spill out onto shady terraces and gardens, whose carob trees, fragrant Mediterranean shrubs, emerald green lawn and crystalline blue pool are a feast for the senses.



**PRICES, AVAILABILITY
AND BOOKING**



Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Beautiful pool and gardens

Open sea views

Stylishly crafted interiors

Nearby

Glorious sandy beaches

Ragusa, Scicli and Modica

Montalbano country

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ABOUT THE VILLA

4 GUESTS 2 BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Nido d'Estia is all on one floor. The main entrance takes one into a centrally positioned living area, off which the rest of accommodation flows organically. Lofty vaulted ceilings, alternating stone and melon-ochre-painted walls, and polished concrete floors combine to provide a mellow backdrop for the colourful retro and mid-century furnishings that include a high-backed faded teal sofa, two pale yellow slipper chairs, a wooden coffee table, a large upcycled baby blue armoire, and a trio of hanging lights.

This harmonious, restful style continues throughout the house. To one side of the living room, double doors open into a beautifully designed suite, complete with double bed, a huge in-room walk-in rainfall shower for two (with theatrical proscenium arch drapes when privacy is required), an en-suite WC with a venerable reclaimed stone laundry sink, and French windows looking out onto and accessing the pool.

Back in the living room, more double doors open into a corridor, off which, at one end, is the well-equipped kitchen with its mid-century American-style cupboards, breakfast table, and French windows accessing the shaded al fresco dining and living areas.

At the other end of the corridor is the second bedroom, a twin-double with French windows opening out onto the terraces that wrap around the property. This bedroom is served by a shower room a couple of steps away along the corridor.

Outside: delimited by the dry-stone walls that so typify this part of Sicily, the sea-facing grounds of Nido d'Estia provide an ideal environment for those in search of an fully al fresco lifestyle. Accessed from the kitchen is a shady pergola with whispering white curtains and a panoramically positioned dining table.

From here, it is a matter of a couple of paces to the superb pool, which includes a hydromassage corner and is also accessed from the master bedroom and the

living room. A carob tree - perhaps the emblem of the countryside in these parts - provides natural shade and a convenient support for a swing chair. Creamy white stone surrounds the pool on two sides, while on the third is a large expanse of emerald green lawn.

Views take in the surrounding farmland and, in the distance, the shimmering sea. The side and rear sections of the grounds are planted with low-lying Mediterranean shrubs and a large centuries-old carob tree.

CONSIDERATIONS

Masseria d'Estia is situated amidst farmland sometimes used for grazing cattle.

Just down the road is a cheese-making farm producing and selling delicious Ragusano DOP cheeses.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	4	
Bedrooms	2	
Double beds	1	
Flexible (double or twin)	1	
Bathrooms	2	
... of which en suite	1	
Pool	11.5x3.5m	
Sea views		✓
Outdoor dining area		✓
Daily maid service		—
Breakfast (excl. ingredients)		✓
Barbecue		✓
Gym equipment		✓
Private parking		✓
Cookery classes		—
Air conditioning		✓
Optional cook ¹		—
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet		✓
Stereo		✓
Satellite TV ²		✓
Smart TV		✓
Bluetooth speakers		✓
Shopping delivery service		—
Hairdryer		✓
Iron		✓
Washing machine		✓
Dishwasher		✓

Microwave 

Safe 

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

² SKY cinema and sport

 = yes/present

 = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Nido d'Estia is ideally located for those who love both lazing on sandy beaches and exploring fascinating, historic towns.

The sandy beach of Marina di Ragusa is just a 10-minute drive away and there are many other beaches along the coast (including Donnalucata, Cava d'Aliga, Punta Secca and Sampieri) that are between 15 and 25 minutes' drive. The beaches in the area of Marina di Ragusa have received several consecutive "Bandiere Blu", attesting to the cleanliness of the water and their general ecological excellence.

In terms of beautiful towns oozing history, Nido d'Estia could hardly be better placed: the UNESCO-protected Baroque pearls of **Scicli**, **Modica**, **Ragusa** and **Noto**. **Siracusa** is also within easy driving distance as are the quiet beaches of the Nature Reserve at **Vendicari**.

Finally, for fans of Montalbano, a visit to Punta Secca, home to the Inspector's house, is a must.

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Distances

Catania airport: 115km-70miles-1hr30

Comiso airport: 40km-25miles-35mins

Palermo airport: 295km-182miles-4hr10

Trapani airport: 305km-190miles-4hr20

Nearest shops and restaurants: in Marina di Ragusa (10mins drive), Santa Croce Camarina (15mins drive), Ragusa (20mins drive) or Scicli (25mins drive)

Nearest beaches: Marina di Ragusa (10mins drive), Plaja Grande (15mins drive), Donnalucata and Punta Secca (20min drive) and Sampieri (30mins drive)

Scicli: 15km-9miles-25mins

Ragusa: 19km-12miles-20mins

Modica: 30km-20miles-30mins

Noto: 65km-40miles-1hr5

Syracuse: 100km-62miles-1hr30



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GALLERY

