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At Antika, expertly crafted, exquisitely finished interiors flow out onto sea-view terraces and luxuriant gardens that fan out around the property and down to Panarea's irresistible cobalt coastline. A curvaceous, inconspicuous infinity pool adds to the allure, and the chic restaurants and bars of San Pietro are just an amble away. For larger groups of friends or family seeking tranquillity, seclusion and timeless elegance in the Aeolian Islands, Antika has no rivals.





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Service

Mid week clean towels (no linen)

Features

Enchanting sea views
Irresistible pool
Exquisite interiors
Luxuriant gardens
A 15-minute walk to restaurants

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Antika is laid out over a main house and three garden guesthouses - Cactus, Wisteria and Bougainvillea. The villa was originally designed and built by the renowned architect Paolo Tilche, who, along with his partner Miriam Beltrami, created the legendary boutique Hotel Raya in the 1950s.

The main house is the communal heart of the property. The entrance leads in from a panoramic terrace to a generously proportioned open-concept space on two levels. The lower section is given over to a voluminous, curvaceous living area with wraparound, built-in seating topped with cushions, and an impressive decorative fireplace.

A couple of steps up from here is the dining area, which is furnished with a stylish round table and chairs. Doors open out from here into the gardens.

Architecturally, this convivial space is of great interest: the lofty wood-and-cane ceilings add a sense of airy volume; the different sized windows bring in a soft light; the smooth cream textured concrete floors create a seamless flow; and the walls, which incorporate both decorative and practical recessed niches, appear to have been moulded by the hands of a master sculptor. All of these are leitmotifs destined to return throughout the property, uniting the various houses in a pleasing homogeneity of style.

An opening leads through from the dining area to the gorgeous kitchen, which incorporates antique Sicilian tiles, built-in storage, bespoke cabinetry, a venerable wooden worktop table, and a range of top-quality appliances. Right off this kitchen is a guest WC.

A few steps along a stone path from the main house is the first guesthouse, Cactus, which hosts a double-twin bedroom and an en-suite shower room with garden access.

The second and third guesthouses - Wisteria and Bougainvillea - are located

about 15m behind the main house and accessed via paths that weave through the gardens.

• Wisteria hosts two bedrooms, each independently accessed from a shared terrace. The first is a double with en-suite shower room, the second a double-twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom with tub and rainfall shower. An interconnecting door between the two bedrooms can be left open (in the case of children sleeping next to their parents) or locked for full privacy.

• Bougainvillea also comprises two independently accessed double bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms. One has a built-in sofa, which can, on request, be transformed into a single bed for a child.

All the bedrooms at Antika are of a similar size and quality and all the en-suite bathrooms are stylish and finished to a very high standard.

Outside: Antika's glorious gardens fan out for over 1.5 acres. Fruit of volcanic soils, time, a wonderful climate and the skilful hand of man, they are a wonderland of colour, luxuriance, fragrance and and variety. There's an abundance of shady spots in which to read a book or take an afternoon snooze, and plenty of sun-kissed terraces for those who wish to soak up Helios' rejuvenating rays.

Rampant bougainvillea, jasmine and wisteria embellish the walls of the houses and shade terraces, cacti of all shapes and sizes bask in the sun, palm trees reach for the skies, hibiscus and other flowering plants compete in a polychromatic beauty contest, the citrus grove gifts lemons, oranges, limes, mandarins and cedro, and aromatic pine trees, alive with the gentle hum of crickets, gather in cool copses.

Numerous stone paths weave through the gardens, connecting the main house to its satellites, the many terraces, and the pool.

The living area of the main house opens out onto a partly shaded sea-view terrace, while to the side is a wonderful, fully shaded al fresco dining area served by a well-equipped outdoor kitchen with grill, sink and hobs. This is a most convivial spot for lazy lunches and long dinners accompanied by the shushed plashing of the waves against the shore.

A second al fresco dining area is tucked away under the shady pine trees, offering a variety of choice when it comes to meal times.

Bougainvillea has its own shady terrace, while Wisteria comes with two: a superbly panoramic sea-view roof terrace with day beds and cushioned seating (the perfect spot for aperitifs); and a dining area below served by an al fresco kitchen with gas hot plate, fridge, and barbecue.

Between the sea and the main house, meanwhile, is the artfully designed, curvaceous pool, which comes complete with hydromassage corner and infinity edge looking out to sea. Under the shady fronds of the surrounding palm trees there is a pool bar with a drinks fridge. Here, a couple of four-poster day beds invite guests to enter a world of total repose.

For post-prandial drinks under the moon and the stars there is no better spot than the sitting area next to the sea wall.

CONSIDERATIONS

Panarea is a car-free island but golf cart taxis are available to get around.

Antika features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side so we recommend children are supervised at all times. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

Please note that there is no real shallow end in the pool (min. depth more than 1.3m)

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

Please note that Antika is situated in a quiet part of Panarea with a few neighbours nearby. Guests are therefore politely requested to refrain from playing loud music during their stay and to keep noise to an absolute minimum when returning home at night after dinner or drinks out.

The Cactus bedroom's location on the property means that it sometimes does not have Wi-Fi.

As this villa is located on an island, we recommend extra caution when booking your flights to avoid problems or delays with ferries and hydrofoils. It may be advisable to arrive a day earlier and depart a day later. Please contact us for any information or advice.

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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	2
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5
Infinity pool [1]	12x5m
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Sea views	✓
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s)	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to shop(s)	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Transfer service [2]	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓

Please note that although Antika is located on the seafront, there is no direct access to the sea.

Iron	✓
Filtered drinking water	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓

[1] a saline filtration system is used

[2] a return taxi transfer from the port coordinated by the house manager

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Antika is located on the east coast of Panarea, midway between San Pietro, the main village, and the beach of Cala Zimmari.

San Pietro, with its restaurants, shops, cafés and port, is around 15 minutes walk from the villa (or 3 minutes' drive), while the village of Drauto, which has a restaurant, is about 5 minutes away on foot. While there are no cars allowed on Panarea, electric taxis and golf buggies are available for all journeys around the island.

The aforementioned Cala Zimmari is a 10-minute walk away, and if you continue for another 10 minutes you'll come to the southern tip of the island, Punta Milazzese, a promontory that's home to the remains of a Bronze Age village. Down below is Cala Junco, a pebbly inlet with crystalline transparent waters, and a couple of other lovely coves.

If you wish to go for a good hike (and we recommend you do), a path from the southern edge of San Pietro leads up to Panarea's highest peak, Punta del Corvo, which, at 421m, offers sublime views across the archipelago and the Tyrrhenian. From there you can either head north or south and complete a very satisfying circuit with a refreshing swim in the sea.

Panarea is the second smallest and the most fashionable of **Aeolian Islands**, and it is an ideal point from which to discover the entire archipelago, be it by boat, hydrofoil or helicopter.

In the summer months Panarea offers a wide selection of good restaurants, bars with stunning terraces, discos and chic boutiques. Diving, walking and fishing are amongst the most popular pursuits.

Regular hydrofoil and ferry services link Panarea to Palermo, Milazzo and Naples, but the most exciting and speediest way to reach the island is by **helicopter**.

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Distances

Arrive by hydrofoil from Milazzo (2hrs) or Palermo (5hrs), private boat, helicopter or ferry.
Nearest beaches: Drauto - 5mins walk; Cala Zimmari - 10mins walk; Cala Junco - 20mins walk
San Pietro (port and a good selection of cafés, shops, bars and restaurants): 15mins walk or approx 3mins drive (by buggy)





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