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TENUTA FALCONERI

Situated in a commanding position above Sicily's southeast coast, Tenuta Falconeri is a dream property where effortlessly stylish, luxuriously appointed interiors flow out onto extensive terraces, emerald lawns, and heavenly gardens inspired by Arabic aesthetics. No matter where you look, everything has been designed to delight, charm and transport guests to a world of rarefied beauty and sophistication.





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Service

Features

Refined, elegant interiors
Two fabulous pools
Space galore and idyllic grounds
Wide-open vistas
In-villa cook service for three meals a day

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ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Tenuta Falconeri is spread over two separate wings, one hosting the communal areas, the other the bedrooms.

The Tenuta has been restored to exacting standards and every room brims with charm, grace and elegance. The interior design works in complete harmony with the venerable allure of the building's original architectural features and is an object lesson in how to blend timeless elegance and 21st-century luxury.

The main entrance to the first wing leads in to a welcoming hallway, where a door on the right opens into a fabulously well-proportioned open-plan living and dining pavilion, whose walls of glass, lofty white wood-beamed ceilings and creamy stone flooring combine to create a wonderfully luminous and airy atmosphere.

To one end is an impressive dining table, while to the other, wrapping around a fireplace, is a carefully assembled assortment of armchairs and sofas, Ottomans, and antique furniture. Glass doors allow the space to flow out onto the surrounding terrace courtyards and gardens, encouraging guests to fully indulge in a seamless indoor-outdoor lifestyle.

On the opposite side of the entrance hall, moving past a guest WC, is the wonderful kitchen, where your private chef will rustle up delicious Sicilian feasts using ingredients grown on the estate. Spacious, professionally equipped, and featuring the same lofty wood-beamed ceilings and creamy stone floors as the living space, the kitchen includes a large central island and a double-sized range cooker.

Accommodation in the first wing is completed by a WC accessed from a vestibule next to the kitchen.

Just across the courtyard from the communal wing are the sleeping quarters, which comprise two suites and four bedrooms, all of which are accessed

independently from the terraces. Each one features original flagged floors, a mix of stone and smoothly plastered walls, antique tiles, and opulent wallpaper depicting exotic scenes from the Indian subcontinent.

• La Suite delle Colonie includes a double bedroom with sitting area, fireplace and a luxuriously appointed en-suite bathroom with a large square indoor pool and a separate shower
• La Suite dell'Elefante, whose name recalls the discovery of the fossilised remains of a prehistoric dwarf elephant on the estate, is a voluminous suite with a double bedroom with sitting area and a huge en-suite bathroom. To one side is a large square indoor pool and sitting area, while to the other is a good-sized shower room.
• the four remaining bedrooms, La Stanza delle Stelle, La Stanza degli Aironi, La Stanza delle Musciarabie and La Stanza del Riad, all feature beautifully finished double bedrooms (though Riad can be made up as a twin), walk-through wardrobes, and luxuriously finished en-suite shower rooms (one also has a separate bath tub).

Outside: al fresco life at Tenuta Falconeri is a feast for the senses and a balm for the soul. The 100-acre estate surrounding the property is planted with thousands of lemon trees, which act as a secluding and verdant buffer against the outside world.

Immediately outside the two wings of the house are a series of large terraces, some flagged, some cobbled, some with in-laid designs. Dotted with olive, palm and banana trees (to name a few) and delimited by low dry stone walls, serene water features, a polychromatic assortment of flowers, exotic cacti and ambitious climbers, these terraces are also home to a generous sprinkling of sitting areas, both shady and sun-kissed.

On the northern side, accessed from the communal space of the pavilion, is a dreamy dining area, one of several possibilities for al fresco meals. Next to this, outside the sleeping wing is a large porticoed quad, whose graceful surrounding arches offer tantalising glimpses of the magnificent sea views and a veil for the first tempting pool. With its deeply verdant greenery and its stylish sunloungers and seating, this is a magnetic spot.

A path from these north-facing terraces cuts through the lemon groves to the pièce de résistance of the property, the second pool, a voluminous, curvaceous affair which measures some 25m in length. Its elegant, lake-like form, which incorporates a shallow, beach-effect border and a long infinity edge, offers

endless vistas over Sicily's southeast coastline. Put simply, it's one of the most spectacular pools in our collection.

The pool area itself has been designed for those who wish to spend the whole day swimming, sunbathing and lounging in the shade. There are shady pergolas, numerous sitting areas, daybeds, loungers, a bar, showers, a WC and a dining area.

Back on the south side of the house, the terraces give way to swathes of deep green lawns, while to the west is the glorious Arabic garden, whose cool shady fountain, screened by a trio of arches, feeds a 35m-long *saia* - an ornamental water feature that evolved from the agricultural irrigation channels introduced to Sicily by the Arabs over 1,000 years ago. Flanked by walk-ways and fragrant rose bushes, the *saia* comes to an end at another large expanse of lawn. Here there is a second fountain and a pair of historic *caffeaus*, an intriguing feature of 18th-century southern Italian aristocratic country houses, where guests would withdraw after dinner to sip coffee under the stars and the cooling night skies.

CONSIDERATIONS

Tenuta Falconeri 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.

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

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

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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	12
Bedrooms	6
Double beds	5
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	6
... of which en suite	6
Fully serviced [1]	✓
Pool	7x4m
Infinity pool	25x12m
Sea views	✓
Poolside bar	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Table tennis	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Fireplace	✓

Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Staff on the grounds [2]	✓
Safe	✓

[1] including a cook, who will prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Please note that the cost of ingredients is not included and should be paid for locally (see the Services section below).

[2] members of the staff live in an annexe on the estate, out of view from the villa

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Tenuta Falconeri rises on the crest of a hill overlooking the Ionian Sea and Sicily's southeast coastline, from Syracuse to near Noto.

Should you wish to venture out from the delightful confines of Tenuta Falconeri, there is much to see nearby, starting with **Syracuse**, whose historic island centre, Ortigia, and world-famous archaeological site is a 20-minute drive away. One of Sicily's most beautiful and intriguing town's, Syracuse is home to numerous excellent restaurants, bars, independent shops and a flourishing food market.

Other towns within easy reach include **Noto**, **Modica**, **Ragusa**, and **Scicli**, whose glorious baroque town centres are united as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In terms of restaurants, shops and other amenities, Cassibile and Fontane Bianche are less than 10 minutes away. Fontane Bianche is also home to a beautiful bay and arc of golden sand.

Other beaches nearby include those of Gelsomineto (a little paradise) and Arenella, which are about 10 and 20 minutes away respectively. You may also wish to venture further south to **Vendicari Nature Reserve**, home not only to a succession of gorgeous beaches, but also migrating flamingos, nesting turtles and the remains of an old *tonnara* (tuna fishing station) dating back to Arab times, some 1,000 years ago.

For those in search of the outdoors, there is some good walking in the nature reserves of Cassibile and Pantalica, this latter home to a prehistoric necropolis.

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Distances

Catania airport: 71km-44miles-45mins

Palermo airport: 310km-190miles-3hr30

Trapani airport: 395km-245miles-4hr20

Nearest shops, restaurants and amenities: Cassibile - 4.5km-2.8miles-6mins; Fontane Bianche - 8km-5miles-10mins

Nearest beaches: Gelsomineto - 7km-4.5miles-10mins; Fontane Bianche (see above); Arenella - 13km-8miles-20mins

Syracuse centre: 13km-8miles-20mins

Noto: 24km-15miles-25mins

Modica: 59km-36miles-55mins

Ragusa: 87km-54miles-1hr15

Scicli: 65km-41miles-1hr

Vendicari Nature Reserve: 27.5km-17miles-30mins





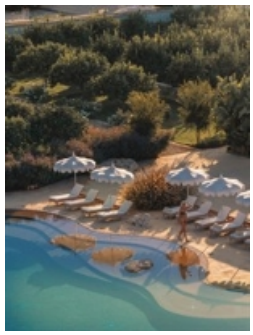
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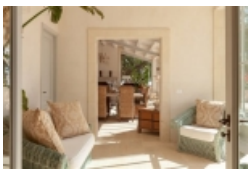




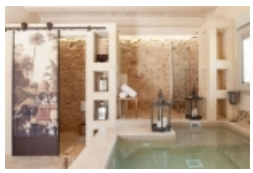
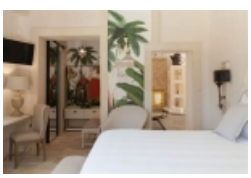
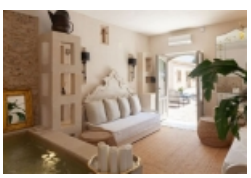
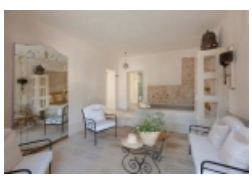
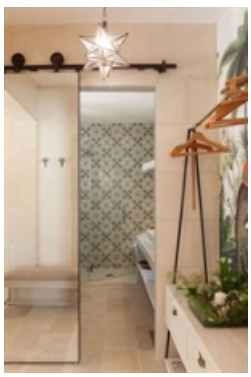
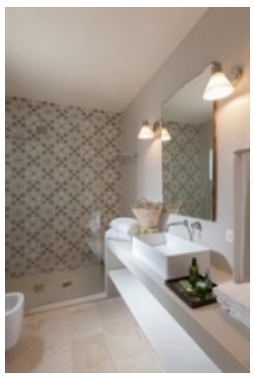






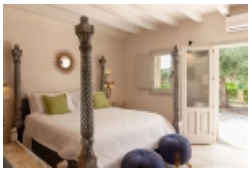
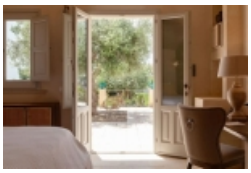
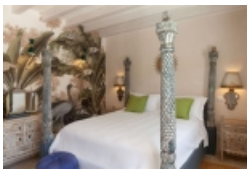
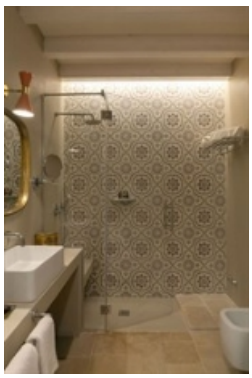


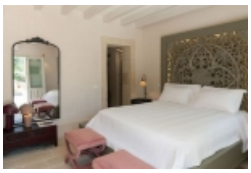
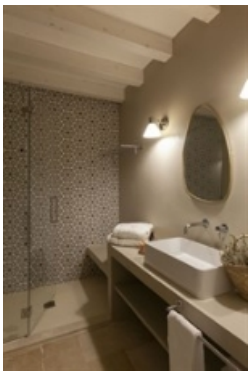
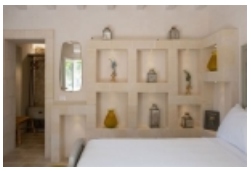
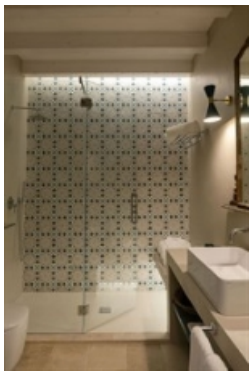


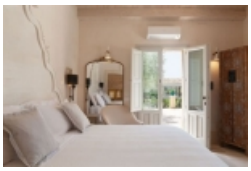











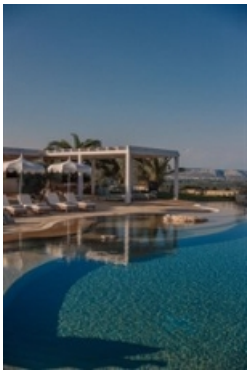





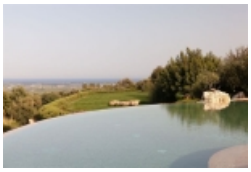









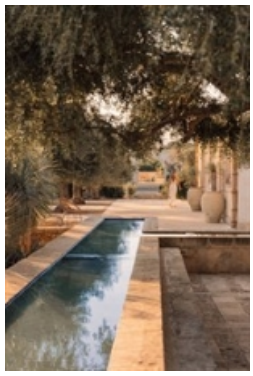

















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