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PALAZZO ALVEAR

Unassumingly tucked away in a quiet street, and yet just an amble from all that's best of glorious Noto, Palazzo Alvear is a real find for connoisseurs of sophisticated living, aesthetic finesse and timeless charm. The property's exquisitely finished, sumptuously furnished interiors are a delight in themselves, but it also come with a pair of al fresco aces up its silk sleeves: a heatable courtyard pool and a majestic terrace.





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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Inspiring restoration

Refined sophistication

Heatable courtyard pool

Grand terrace

Prime location at the heart of Noto

Nearby

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Palazzo Alvear is arranged over an apartment on one floor, a courtyard guest bedroom, and an adjacent guest suite.

The impressive front door of the apartment opens into a little open hallway, from where steps lead up to the first of three reception rooms, a beautifully appointed space with lofty ceilings, white walls, smooth grey polished concrete flooring, and two sets of French doors, one opening out onto a balcony above the street, the other onto the large terrace. This space immediately sets the tone for the eclectic décor and style of the property, while at the same time bearing testament to the painstaking and respectful conservation project that has breathed new life into it.

In one corner is a chaise-longue, in another a desk. A round wooden table takes centre stage, and thoughtfully placed antique bibelots and modern objets blend harmoniously together. Up above, a subtle contemporary chandelier adds sparkle and contrast to classic table lamps and sconces, and the overall atmosphere is one of effortless elegance and a warm sense of hospitality.

A wide arabesque opening, flanked by a pair of antique sideboards and two oval windows high up the wall, allow the space to flow into the second reception room. A pair of contemporary white sofas sit to either side of an impressively ornate marble fireplace which in turn is topped by a proud depiction of the owners' coat of arms. Display cabinets show off collections, a super-sized gilt mirror graces one of the walls, and French doors open out onto the terrace.

A door to the right of the fireplace leads into the sleek, well-equipped contemporary kitchen, which accesses the internal courtyard.

Back in the second reception room, meanwhile, double doors open into a comfy TV sitting room, furnished with a contemporary L-shaped sofa and Ottoman, a TV and a desk. Oil paintings of ancestors crowd the walls, curious to see who's inhabiting their home, and French doors provide easy access to the internal courtyard.

Two of the bedrooms are accessed from the sitting room:

• the first is an elegant double with armchair, marble-clad en-suite shower room, and a little balcony above the street
• the second, also a double, is the main bedroom. It has access to the internal courtyard and a luxurious bathroom with shower and sunken tub

The guest bedroom, a double with en-suite shower room, is just a few metres away across the internal courtyard from the main apartment.

Completing the accommodation at Palazzo Alvear is the guest suite, which can be accessed independently from the street or from the internal courtyard, via a few steps. It is an impressive open-concept space with vaulted ceilings, a spacious living and dining area, a kitchen, a double bed, an en-suite bathroom and a separate wet room.

Outside: there are two spots in which guests at Palazzo Alvear can enjoy al fresco life. The first is the grand terrace accessed via French doors from the first two reception rooms. Furnished with a large dining table, this is an extra-special spot in which to indulge in unforgettable moonlit dinners under starry night skies.

The second, is the internal courtyard, an oasis of calm and tranquillity. Accessed from the third reception room, the kitchen, one of the bedrooms in the main apartment, the guest bedroom and the guest suite, this space offers a shaded sitting and dining area, a flurry of exotic greenery and climbing plants, and an enticing heatable plunge pool.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the nature of this property, we cannot accept bookings with children under 12.

Palazzo Alvear's building is home to one other apartment on the first floor, a balcony of which can be seen within the grounds. The gardens and pool however are exclusively for the use of our guests.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	8
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	4
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	4
Heatable pool [1]	7x3m
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s)	✓

Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to shop(s)	✓
Daily maid service	–
Fibre Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Smart TV	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

[1]there is an extra charge of €325 per week to heat the pool if requested. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Palazzo Alvear is situated in a relatively quiet street in the centre of the fascinating baroque town of **Noto**, whose architectural treasures, shops, restaurants, cafés and bars are within a few minutes' stroll.

Noto is the most easterly of a chain of baroque towns now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is perhaps the most perfect of all and was rebuilt in flamboyant style following a major earthquake in 1693.

Down on the coast below is a series of idyllic sandy beaches including those of **Vendicari Nature Reserve**. Depending on the time of year, Vendicari is home to thousands of migrating birds, including flamingos, and sea turtles come to nest on its beaches. In the autumn, winter and spring it is a great spot for coastal walking.

The magnificent, historic Greek city of **Syracuse** is just half an hour's drive away, and a day there is highly recommended to anybody spending time at Palazzo Alvear. A little further afield, the other baroque towns of Modica, **Ragusa**, **Scicli**, and **Palazzolo Acreide** (this latter with an impressive Greek archaeological site) are all easily reachable.

Lastly, for keen hikers, there is some spectacular scenery in the rushing streams and waterfalls of Cassibile and at the Paleolithic burial sites in the dramatic valley of **Pantalica**.

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Distances

Catania airport: 90km-56miles-1hr10
Comiso airport: 80km-50miles-1hr20
Palermo airport: 310km-192miles-3hr30
Trapani airport: 391km-243miles-4hr20
Nearest beaches: at Vendicari - 13km-8miles-25mins; Lido di Noto - 10.5km-6.5miles-20mins; Oasi Gelsomineto - 15km-9.5miles-25mins
Noto (shops, bars, restaurants): a couple of minutes' walk
Syracuse: 42km-26miles-40mins
Modica: 38km-23.5miles-45mins
Ragusa: 51km-39miles-1hr
Palazzolo Acreide: 31km-19.5miles-40mins





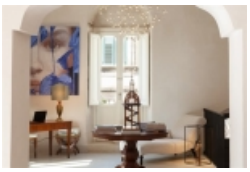
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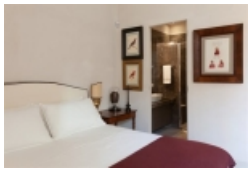
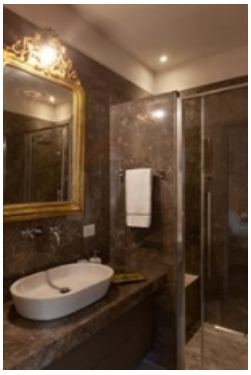


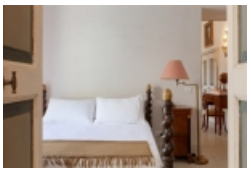
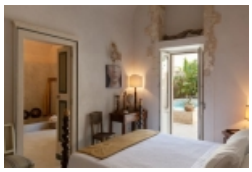
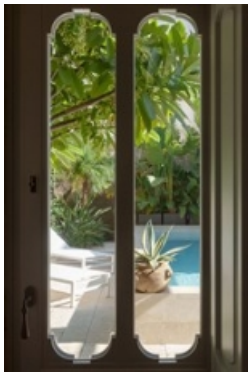
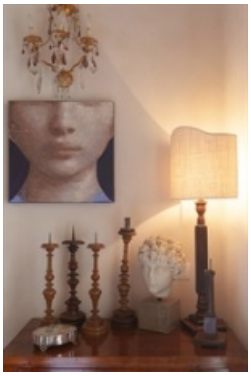


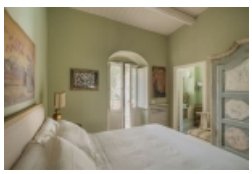


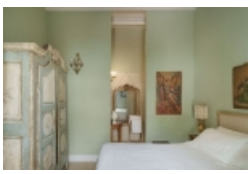


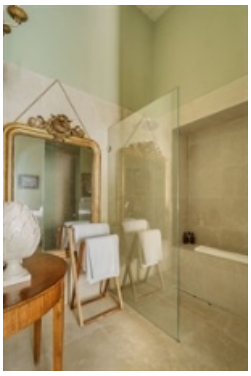
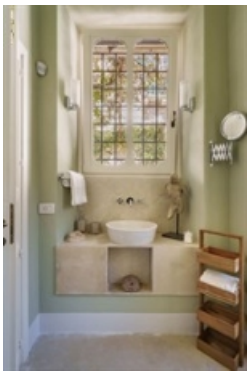


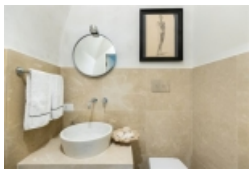
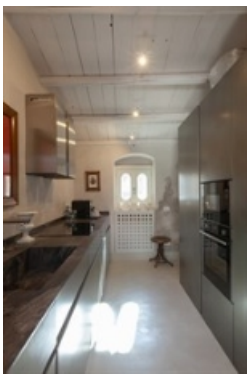
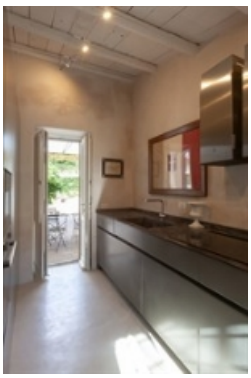
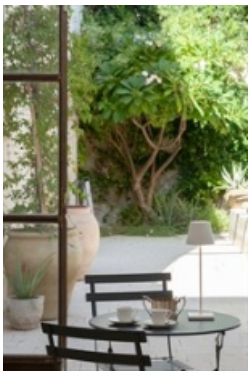



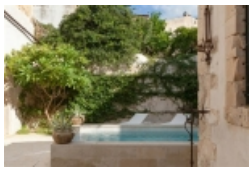
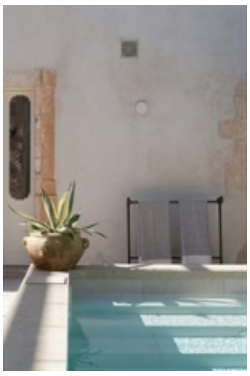









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