

Casa Victoria

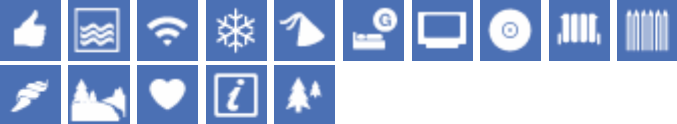
Region: Sicily Sleeps: 8

Overview

This modern and stylish villa with a large swimming pool and expansive views towards the bay of Palermo is a real treasure to discover.

The property is located 10km from the historic town of Cefalù, a town in which to savour beauty and charm. The mountain town of Gratteri, known as the gateway to the Madonie National Park, is 4.5km away, and Lascari, with good shops and facilities, is just 4km away. There is certainly plenty to explore. Whether you are interested in the beach, the delightful mountain scenery and walking, or authentic Sicilian culture and heritage, this area has it all.

Facilities



Interior & Grounds

Interior

The interior of this property is sleek and chic, split over 3 floors, with stunning views from all vantage points.

Downstairs

Downstairs there are two bedrooms and a shower room, with sliding doors opening onto the beautiful pool area.

The middle floor is the kitchen and dining area.

Upstairs

On the upper floor there are a further two bedrooms and a bathroom, with a large balcony for drinking in the wonderful views.

Amenities

The villa has Wi-Fi access available and comes equipped with a dishwasher, washing machine and air conditioning in all rooms. There is also an outdoor shower to accompany the superb 12-metre swimming pool.



Location & Local Information

Just one hour's drive east of Palermo, sitting serenely between its natural bay and the towering rocky granite mass of La Rocca, is Cefalù.

Cefalù is one of the Mediterranean's undiscovered jewels, the epitome of picturesque grandeur. Cefalù has a beach, winding and narrow medieval streets, and delightful restaurants overlooking a rocky coast. Everything is under the ever-present gaze of the Norman-Arab-Byzantine cathedral, one of the greatest churches of southern Europe. Nestled between the Madonie Mountains and the sea, Cefalù's mountain boasts the ruins of a large fortress and an ancient Sicilian-Greek temple. The view from the summit is inspiring.

Cefalù has a long and lovely beach with clean, golden sand, without doubt one of the best in Sicily. It is very easy to get to, just a short walk from the main road leading through town. It gets very crowded in the summer months, but not quite to the same extent as the beaches near Taormina. Public showers are available on the western side of the beach.

Il Duomo, the cathedral built by the Norman King Roger II circa 1131, is the dominant structure in the town. Its two towers rise up well above the rest of the buildings. The exterior is well preserved, while the interior has been restored several times throughout the centuries. It is more Gothic and Romanesque than Byzantine in character but still has impressive mosaics.

A much more strenuous, yet rewarding, exercise is to climb up to the summit of the promontory above the town. It is steep, and it takes a good half hour, but the views of the coast and the sea from there are impressive. The walk will also take you to the ruins of an old fortress and temple devoted to the goddess Diana from the fifth century BC.

The Mandralisca Museum was founded by a local art collector who bequeathed his art treasures and extensive library to the town. It houses the Portrait of Unknown by Antonello da Messina, an extensive collection of shells, and a variety of objet d'art, among which is a Chinese puzzle in ivory.

The beach and the sea offer excellent opportunities for sunbathing, swimming and other water activities to keep families happy. There are pedal boats for hire at the beach in Ogliastrillo, 4km (2.5 miles) west of Cefalù. Fishing is available everywhere. Walking in the hills to the south of town is another popular activity, and there are several gentle routes that can be enjoyed by kids.

Directly south of Cefalù is the wonderful Madonie National Park with its charming villages and towns, such as Castelbuono, its delightful scenery, its impressive mountains and some wonderful walking. It is no coincidence then that after Taormina and Palermo, Cefalù is probably the most popular tourist



town in Sicily, offering something for everyone.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €800. This is paid prior to arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: 16.00
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: Electricity allowance of 250/200 kW/per week is included in the price - additional kW/H used is charged at 0.26c/kW/H. Air conditioning, where available, is part of allowance. Heating: Charged upon consumption.
- Linen & towels included?: €12 per person.
- End of stay cleaning included?: €180.
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking in the property.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.

Late arrival fee? Access to the property is available from 15:00 on the first day of rental. There is an additional Euro 10.00 per hour charged for late arrivals.