

# Guide to Villa Rental in Italy





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# Introduction to Italian Breaks and Cristina.



Welcome to Italian Breaks; a travel business offering a handpicked selection of holiday homes in Italy perfect for family trips, romantic getaways and luxury breaks.

I've been successfully building up Italian Breaks over the last **25 years**, inspired by my love of the country where I was born and grew up as a young girl. After beginning my journey by sourcing beautiful holiday apartments in the centre of Rome, the company has grown to include properties in regions all over Italy that are suitable for groups of all sizes and travellers with a wide range of budgets.

**Having a family myself** has been a big inspiration for finding a variety of holiday properties

that offer a real experience of the country that are more than just basic accommodation options. When you come on holiday you want to stay somewhere that feels like home but also has something extra special to make your trip memorable, and that is what all of the properties in our portfolio offer.

Whether you're already in love with Italy or are a first-time traveller, there is **something for everyone** in our selection of holiday properties in Italy. Our options range from fantastic apartments with terraces in Rome, Florence, Venice for city centre breaks, to villas with pools within walking distance of Siena and Lucca and even traditional Trulli villas with

swimming pools in the popular region of Puglia.

As well as plenty of properties that offer excellent value for money, I have also selected a range of luxurious villas for those who are looking to treat themselves on their holiday and want something a little different from their experience of Italy. Or, if you would prefer really exclusive accommodation, we also hold a high-end luxury selection of villas that are only available on request.

Every one of our outstanding properties has been chosen by a member of our expert team because it is more than just your average Italian villa. I've put together this guide to villa rental in Italy with exclusive insights and advice based on **knowledge and experience** of my home country so that you can enjoy the perfect trip.

*Cristina*

# Is it Safe to Travel?

As restrictions start to ease and the world begins to open up again after numerous national lockdowns prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, many people are looking forward to travelling internationally again whilst still feeling wary about how to do this as safely as possible.

Once it is legal to travel again, official advice is to keep checking the travel guidance in your home country and the country you are planning on visiting right up to the day that you travel to ensure you are following the latest safety advice. This may include any documentation you need to bring, whether there are quarantine laws that will apply when you return to your country, and what health and safety measures you will be required to follow whilst on transport such as planes or trains.

If you begin to feel unwell or show signs of coronavirus before you travel you will not be allowed to leave the country. At the time of writing, you are required to take a COVID-19 test up to 3 days before you travel back to the UK and will have to take further tests on arrival back in the country.

At present, you are also required to present a negative coronavirus test result to your airline no more than 48 hours before traveling to Italy. You are not currently required to quarantine on arrival, unless you do not have proof of a negative test.

Whilst abroad, it is recommended that you follow the country's safety advice and take precautions such as social distancing, avoiding

crowded areas, wearing a mask and frequently washing your hands.

You can find the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 requirements when traveling to Italy [here](#).

You can find the latest advice from the UK government on what to do whilst travelling internationally [here](#).

You can also read general travel advice from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [here](#).



At the time of writing, our current booking policy for holidays in 2021 applies to any new villa bookings taken by the end of June 2021. If measures issued by public authorities related to the COVID-19 health emergency such as national lockdowns, closure of borders, tourist or non-essential travel restrictions and quarantine obligations prevent your stay, Italian Breaks will grant the possibility to change the booking period or refund the full amount already paid for the rental without applying any penalty.

However, this policy does not apply if you are unable to attend your villa due to personal reasons, such as flight cancellations or illness that includes testing positive for coronavirus before you travel.

If you're reading this after June 2021, then our booking policy may have changed, depending on new travel guidance..., so please [visit our website](#) for the most up to date information before making a booking.

It is recommended that you purchase travel insurance that can provide security and peace of mind in the case of any last-minute changes to your holiday plans because of changes to travel restrictions caused by coronavirus.

Specific advice on what to do if your holiday plans have to change because of COVID-19 and how to seek a refund or compensation are available from Money Saving Expert [here](#).

You can also read more advice from Which on booking a holiday in 2021 and what to take into consideration [here](#).





The Benefits of Italian Rentals vs  
Traditional Hotel Holidays.



Choosing to stay in an Italian villa instead of a traditional hotel for your holiday has a huge range of different benefits. When you book with Italian Breaks you are guaranteed an exceptional experience from one of our hand-picked holiday properties across the country, with something in our portfolio for all budgets, groups and moods.

Firstly, an Italian villa offers the kind of privacy that you just won't be able to get in a hotel or resort. Many of our properties are located in secluded parts of the country that offer peace and quiet for miles around and plenty of open space for you to enjoy without any interruptions, which is perfect for travellers who like to spend time by themselves on holiday.



Many of us are still worried about the implications of travelling during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the cleanliness of holiday properties can be a worry. When you stay in an Italian Breaks villa you can be assured that all health and safety advice has been followed to make the properties as clean and COVID-safe as possible before new guests arrive: areas and especially high-touch surfaces are cleaned with disinfectant, all towels and bedding are washed between stays at at least 60°C, and masks and PPE is used by our staff during cleaning and when in contact with customers.







## Our Promise

Our booking policy also relieves worry, as for any new 2021 villa bookings taken by the end of June, Italian Breaks Ltd will refund your deposit if the borders in Italy or your country of residence are closed. These conditions can be applied only 60 days before the scheduled arrival date, but mean that you won't be left out of pocket because of circumstances outside of your control.

You can be assured that all of our villas are safe and secure for our guests, meaning that you don't have to worry about crime or any disruptions during your stay. A private property is a much safer option than staying at a hotel or holiday resort, and many of our villas offer private parking and private pools that are incredibly secure as well.

As well as assurances on safety, privacy and security, staying in an Italian rental also gives you much more freedom with what you choose to see and do on your holiday. You've got the freedom to simply spend the day relaxing and exploring the grounds of your property or you can explore the surrounding area before returning at any time to an exclusive holiday home that offers all the comforts and amenities you could need during your stay.



# Where to Stay?

If you're new to visiting Italy, trying to decide which region to stay on your trip can feel impossible. With so many different landscapes, local cultures, attractions and climates, there's a lot to bear in mind when you're planning a holiday.

A lot of our customers come to us asking for recommendations on which regions they should book for different kinds of trips. Here are some of our top suggestions.

If you're looking for a villa or a holiday in a bustling Italian town and near many amenities, choose

the Sorrento Peninsula and Amalfi Coast. Here, you'll find gorgeous coastline and warm weather along with plenty of places to visit and everything you might need on your holiday within easy reach of a range of properties.

For a holiday in a villa that is near towns and ideal for children, we recommend [Lake Garda](#). There are plenty of different towns and villages around the lake, lots to do on the water from the spring right through the autumn, and they have [Gardaland](#); a large family waterpark that is ideal for younger children.

For a holiday near beautiful sandy beaches with lots of baroque towns to visit, we recommend Sicily. This island region has numerous gorgeous coastal locations that are the perfect place to spend your days sunbathing, swimming and enjoying local seafood.

For a quiet holiday away from it all, visit [Tuscany](#) and [Umbria](#). These central Italian regions are covered in gorgeous scenery and have an air of tranquillity that will make you feel like you've stepped back into the past; perfect for a relaxing break.

Finally, if you're looking for a really unique experience of Italian culture that is ideal for travellers who love to explore the great outdoors, the region of Piedmont is ideal. With dramatic scenery, plenty of walking trails and outstanding food and drink, it offers an unforgettable Italian getaway that is worlds apart from classic tourist itineraries.





# What Type of Villa is Right for Me?

We have a vast range of different villas in our portfolio that are suitable for a wide variety of different holiday types and travel parties. Whether you're planning a big family get together, a romantic trip or a coastal retreat, there's something for everyone.

## ROMANTIC VILLAS

Italy is well known as one of the most romantic countries in Europe, and couples have been coming here on holiday for decades in order to spend quality time together and absorb a little bit of the famous Italian passion for love and life.

No matter which part of the country you decide to visit with the one you love, you're guaranteed spectacular scenery, fascinating history and plenty of examples of beautiful artwork and architecture. Combined with the wonderful Mediterranean climate and local cuisine that is favoured by travellers all over the world, you'll have a holiday that indulges every one of your senses and definitely leaves you feeling loved-up.

If you've been looking for an unforgettable holiday in Italy with your partner, our [romantic villas](#) are a perfect choice. Whether you two are fans of art, history, culture, food or beaches, there's a destination in Italy that will be perfect for you both. And whether this is your first trip away together, a celebratory holiday or even a honeymoon, Italian Breaks is the perfect choice for an exceptional holiday villa in Italy.



## COASTAL VILLAS

The Italian coastline is truly something to behold. Since the days of the Roman Empire, all kinds of travellers have been coming to enjoy the coast on their holidays and making the most of the fantastic range of locations that are scattered around the edge of the country.

With 7,600km of coastline, there's a lot to choose from when it comes to where to stay along

Italy's coast. You've got classic locations like Naples, Sorrento and the glamorous Amalfi Coast, as well as popular island regions like Sicily or Sardinia and more remote destinations such as Polignano a Mare.

Italy is an ideal place for a holiday by the sea, with a wide range of beaches that include classic stretches of golden sand, hidden bays, secluded coves and popular

watersports destinations. We have plenty of [villas](#) right on the coast across the country that offer stunning views of the ocean as well as being a great base to enjoy the surrounding towns and beaches.

If what you really want from your Italian holiday is the chance to spend time swimming, sunbathing, enjoying delicious fresh seafood and relaxing by the sea, take a look at our coastal villas and find the perfect property for your break.



### DID YOU KNOW?

that Italy boasts over 7,500km of coastline, there's a lot to choose from when it comes to where to stay along Italy's coast.

From Naples to the glamorous Amalfi Coast, as well as popular island regions like Sicily to remote destinations such as Polignano a Mare.





## LUXURY VILLAS

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Italy is well known for being a haven for the finer things in life, from food to wine and art, culture and scenery. It's a location that oozes luxury wherever you visit, making it an ideal holiday destination for travellers who want to indulge on their break.

Whether you're making the most of the art and culture in Florence, indulging in world-class cuisine in the Tuscan hills or rubbing shoulders with celebrities in the Italian Lakes, luxury is definitely on the cards for all kinds of holidays in Italy. For a luxury shopping break

you can hit the streets of Milan, there are renowned concerts and operas to enjoy in Venice, and the Amalfi Coast offers a range of different towns and villages that are oozing with elegance and charm.

Choosing one of our holiday villas is the best way to make the most out of visiting this rich and beautiful country, and we have a selection of [luxury properties](#) that are ideal for travellers who want to stay somewhere exceptional. If you're looking for luxury then our special selection of villas are perfect for you.







Family holidays are an incredibly special time, whether you're exploring a new country with your children or taking a celebratory trip with all your relatives. Italy's culture places family as one of the most important aspects of living *la dolce vita*, which makes it a fantastic place to come on a break with kids.

From the fascinating ruins of Rome or Sicily to the exciting architecture of Venice and the brilliant beaches and mountains of Lake Garda and Lake Como, there are endless locations that are perfect for a family holiday. Staying in a villa is one of the best ways to ensure that you really enjoy your time in the country, as you can make yourself at home in your property and easily cater to a range of different ages and interests by using the villa as a base to explore.

If you're travelling with small children, teenagers or a large group of friends and relatives then our [\*\*family villas\*\*](#) are a brilliant choice for your holiday to Italy. We have properties in a wide range of locations that are suitable for groups of all sizes, all handpicked by our team of experts and promising fully equipped kitchens, open-plan living spaces, and beautiful views of the city, countryside or coastline.





## VILLAS WITH PRIVATE POOL

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Italy is known for its spectacular weather from spring right through to autumn, which makes choosing a villa with a private pool a fantastic idea for your holiday. There's no better way to cool down in the Mediterranean heat than taking a dip in cool, blue water and then stretching out in the shade beside

a pool to relax, read, or simply admire the view.

There's nothing better than starting your day with a refreshing dip in the pool surrounded by outstanding natural scenery, and we can offer you just that every day of your break. Whether you're

staying beside the sea or just want to add a touch of luxury to a holiday in the Italian countryside, our team have hand-picked a selection of villas with private pools that are suitable for a range of group sizes and budgets.

Villas with private pools are also a brilliant option for those travelling with children who want to add extra excitement to the holiday and might not be

staying in a location that is close to the beach. From luxurious infinity pools to heated turquoise lagoons, if you're looking for a villa that offers an unforgettable accommodation experience then you're in the right place.





## GOLF VILLAS

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The culture of playing golf in Italy dates right the way back to the 1800s. Since the sport first reached the country, over 200 courses have now been built and are enjoyed by enthusiastic players from all over the world.

Italy may not be the first destination that comes to mind when you think about golf, but it's a fantastic part of the world to come on holiday and enjoy outstanding scenery and weather as you play. With courses on the

coast offering views of the Adriatic Sea as well as luxurious golfing destinations in the rolling Italian countryside, there are plenty of different locations to choose from that all offer stunning experiences of the country.

If you're tired of golfing holidays to typical destinations then Italy is a brilliant choice for your next break. We have partnered with some of the country's most famous golf courses to offer



### DID YOU KNOW?

Italy has started to grow its golf courses and resorts, now boasting over 400 golfing resorts across the country.

**villa accommodation** that is the perfect place to stay for days out on the green followed by indulgent dining, spa treatments and day trips to nearby towns and cities.



# Destination Guide.



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# Central Italy

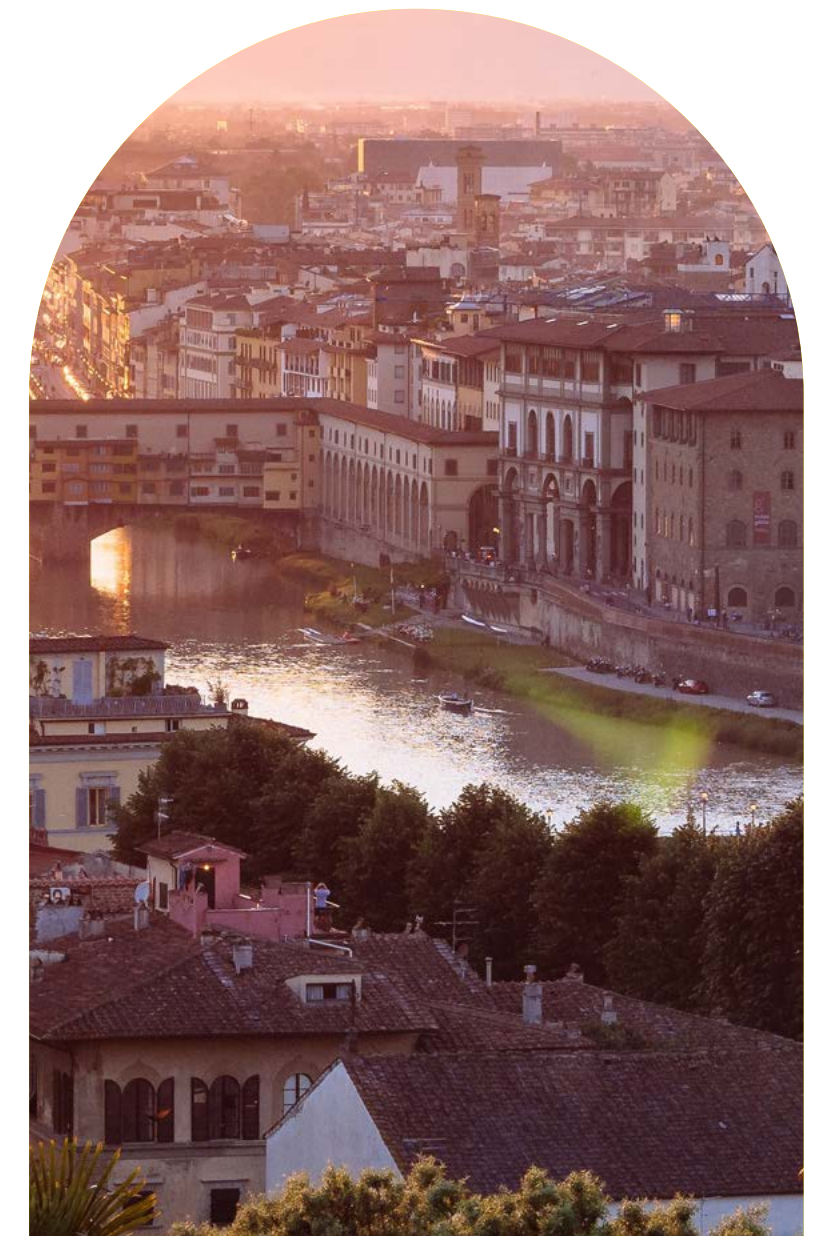
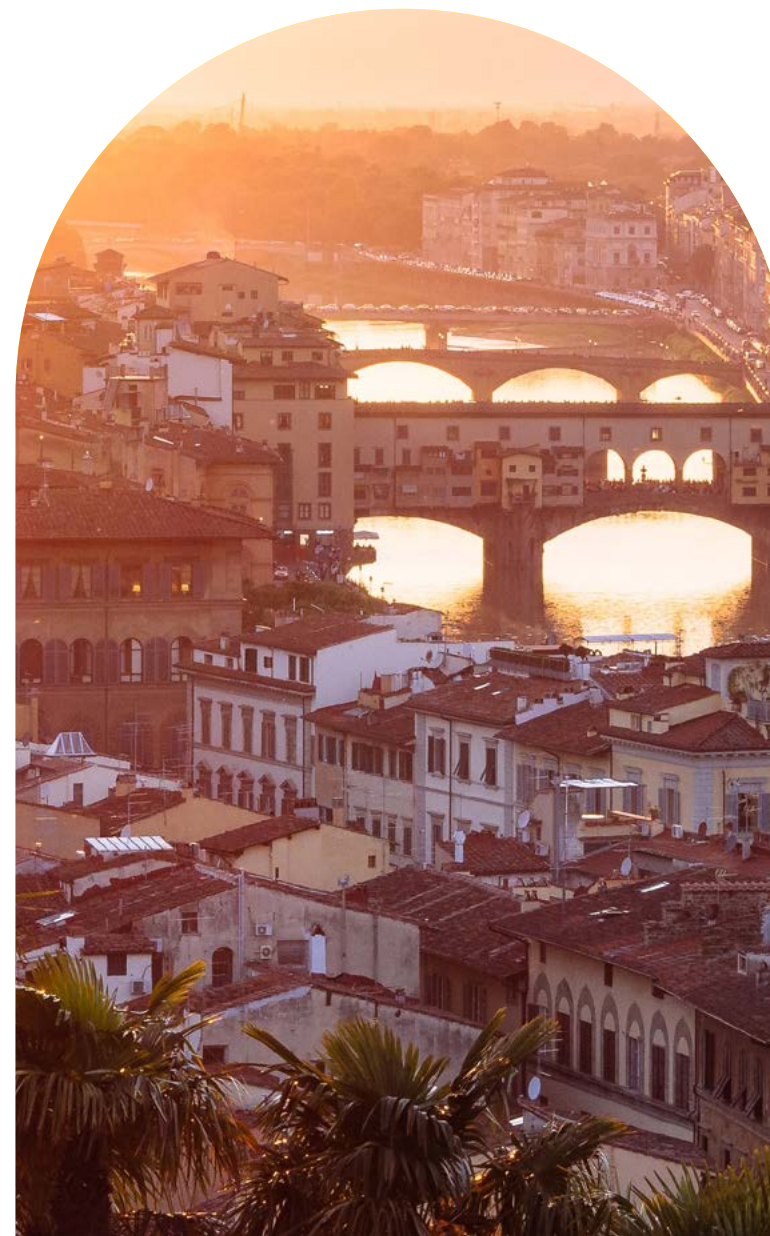
Central Italy is home to some of the country's most famous destinations. With the regions of Tuscany, Umbria, Lazio, Abruzzo and Marche, it's got everything you could want for an unforgettable visit, from historic cities to picturesque countryside and delicious local food and drink.

If you're looking to tick off several bucket list destinations then Central Italy is the place to visit, with locations like Rome, Florence, Siena and Pisa all within visiting distance of each other. It's a part of the country that is steeped in history and is ideal for travellers who enjoy architecture, art, ancient monuments and museums.

The centre of Italy is also a brilliant place to stay if you want to enjoy the country's green landscapes in all their glory, with acres of hills, vineyards, olive groves and fragrant lemon trees scattered across the countryside. Walking holidays are very popular here, but you've also got plenty of coastline to explore that makes it an ideal destination for beach and boat trips.

## INTRODUCTION

Central Italy is the best location for first-time trips to Italy, as there are plenty of iconic tourist spots around the various regions. It's also a brilliant place to bring younger children on daily holidays for the range of cultural attractions and things to do in places like Rome.





# Popular Destinations

## ROME

**Rome** is the most famous place in Italy, the country's 'eternal city' and one of the most incredible historic destinations in the world. It's a location that is flooded with tourists at all times of the year and is at the top of many people's travel bucket list, with famous attractions including the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps.

Italian Breaks offers a range of beautiful villas on the outskirts of Rome that are ideal places to base yourself if you want to explore the city, as well as several luxury apartments that you can rent right in the centre.

## FLORENCE

**Florence** is another one of Italy's most famous cities, best known for being the cradle of the Renaissance movement in the medieval period of history. It's brimming with art, architecture and cultural marvels that still give it a reputation as one of the most magnificent places in the world and a highlight of the region of **Tuscany**.

We have handpicked a selection of luxurious holiday apartments in Florence that are perfect for travellers who want to stay in the city and really appreciate all that makes it such a special location.





## UMBRIA

**Umbria** is known as the green heart of Italy, so it's a great place to come and stay if you like to get out and about in the great outdoors on your holidays. The small size of the region also means that it has a very quiet and peaceful atmosphere wherever you go, so it's an ideal choice if you're the kind of traveller who likes to see the authentic side of a country when you visit.

If you're after a classic Italian villa in the countryside then we have a vast selection of different properties in Umbria, many of which are built in a wonderfully rustic style and have their own beautiful grounds to enjoy.

## LAZIO

**Lazio** faces the Tyrrhenian Sea and has a wonderful Mediterranean climate along the coast that makes it a wonderful Italian seaside location to spend the summer months. Inland, the region is home to the county's capital city and is home to a great selection of history and art that can be discovered through day trips and overnight stays in the range of central towns and cities.

## MARCHE

Marche, or **Le Marche**, is considered by many to be a distillation of all the best bits of Italy. With hills, mountains and the sea, this is actually a region that has been relatively undiscovered by tourism and therefore is one of the country's best-kept secrets.

Our villas in Marche are scattered around the region and all offer incredible views of the surroundings, unique architecture and brilliant features such as swimming pools, terraces and tennis courts.





## THINGS TO DO

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Central Italy has some of the country's most famous locations, so there are plenty of classic bucket-list things to do around its towns, cities and regions.

## SIGHTSEE IN ROME

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Everyone knows at least one of the famous tourist attractions in Rome, and if you're visiting the city then they're all certainly worth visiting. Despite the popularity of spots like the Colosseum or the Trevi Fountain with travellers coming to the city, the scale and magnificence of Rome's historic monuments and ruins is still breathtaking and should be a **must-see** on your itinerary if you're visiting this part of Central Italy.

## WINE TASTE IN TUSCANY

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The Tuscan countryside is known for many different things, but the quality of its vineyards is maybe the region's most famous legacy. If you're revisiting Tuscany then there's no better way to learn about the history of the **wine** produced here and properly appreciate the diversity and quality of all the varieties than with a wine tasting experience at a local winery.







## VISIT A FLORENCE ART GALLERY

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Florence is known as the cultural heart of Italy, and if you're a fan of classic and Renaissance art then there is nowhere better in the world to come and appreciate the work of artists like Michelangelo, Botticelli and Titian. There are a multitude of different galleries across the city that offer a perfect [way to spend an afternoon](#), with the Uffizi Gallery and Accademia Gallery being top highlights.

## SEE PISA'S LEANING TOWER

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If you're passing by Pisa then a visit to this city isn't complete without visiting the famous Leaning Tower. Unveiled in 1372 as the Duomo's bell tower, the


precariously leaning building is a top spot for photographs and can also be climbed if you book in advance, offering brilliant views of the rest of the city.

## PEOPLE WATCH IN SIENA

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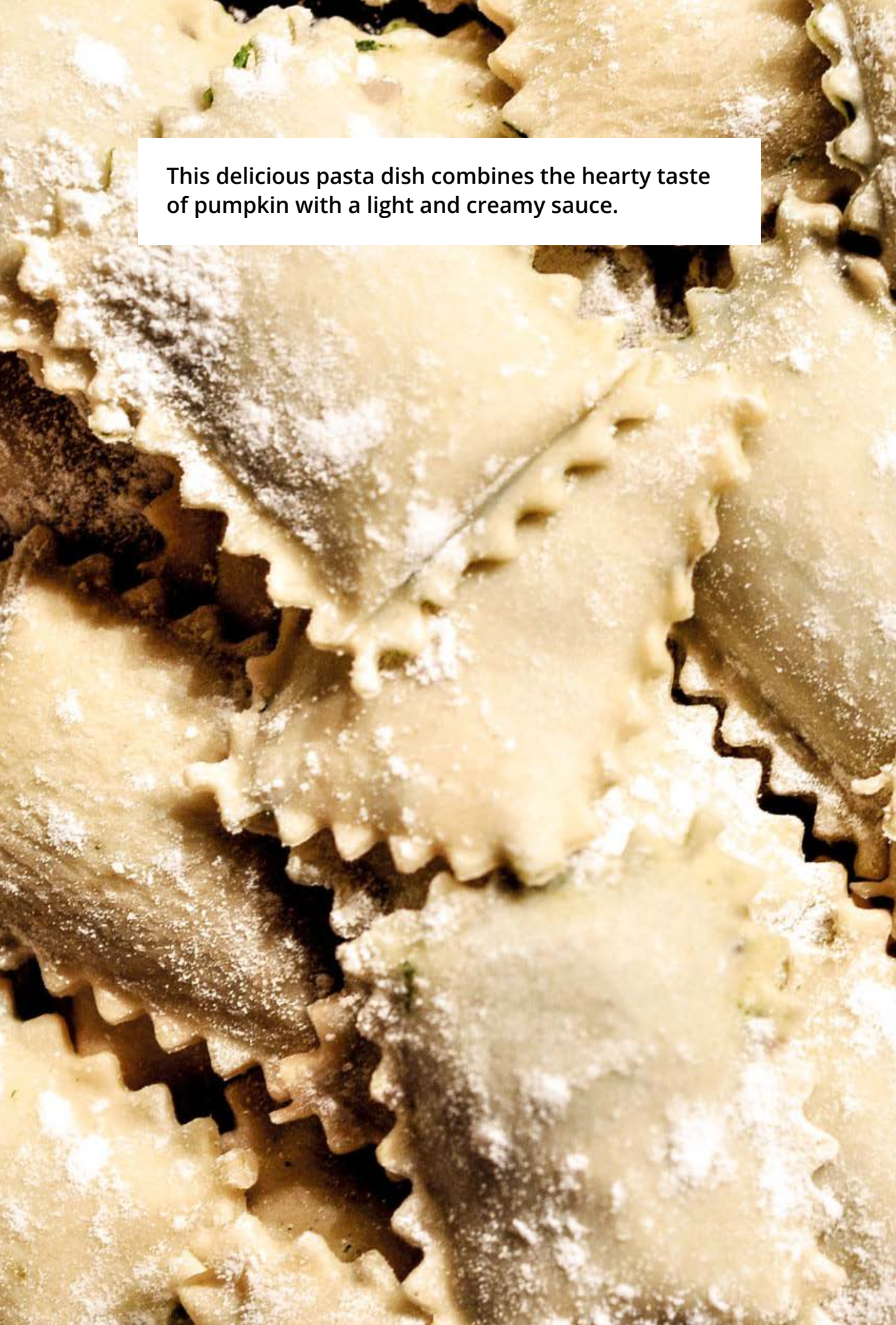
People watching with an espresso on a sunny afternoon is a distinctly Italian pastime, and there's no better place to do it than the Piazza del Campo in the city of Siena. With the impressive Palazzo Pubblico and Torre del Mangia nearby, you can sit in this fan-shaped square in the sunshine and enjoy watching the world go by for as long as you like, appreciating having nothing to do just like a local!





The local cuisine found across the regions of Central Italy is heavily influenced by the area's history of agriculture. Classic dishes are based around vegetables grown in the diverse landscape, rich, meat-based sauces and strong-flavoured cheeses. The warm weather in the summer provides the perfect climate for growing tomatoes, so you'll also find plenty of this signature ingredient in salads, sauces and other savoury specialities.





This delicious pasta dish combines the hearty taste of pumpkin with a light and creamy sauce.

# Agnolotti with Pumpkin Filling

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## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin purée
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan, plus more for sprinkling
- 1/8 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon zest
- Salt and pepper
- 18 round or square wonton wrappers
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup crème fraîche
- Pumpkin seeds, toasted and shelled

1. Mash pumpkin purée, Parmesan, sugar, and lemon zest in a medium bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Arrange wonton wrappers on a work surface. Brush edges with lightly beaten egg. Place 1 teaspoon filling on bottom half; fold top half over, gently pressing edges to seal.

3. Boil ravioli in salted water until just tender, about 3 minutes.

4. Melt butter with crème fraîche in a sauté pan. Add ravioli and 2 tablespoons pasta cooking liquid; toss to coat.

5. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Top with grated Parmesan and pumpkin seeds (pepitas).

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# Northern Italy

Northern Italy is the perfect holiday destination for big fans of food and drink, thanks to the delicious range of outstanding ingredients produced across the regions. It's also well-suited to travellers who enjoy more active holidays, with plenty of hiking, cycling and other sporting activities on offer across the rugged landscape.

Northern Italy is one of the most geographically diverse parts of the country, making it a perfect location if you're a big fan of spectacular views and unspoiled scenery. With the rugged mountains of Piedmont in one corner and the famous floating lagoon of Venice in the other, you've got a lot to choose from when it comes down to deciding where you're going to visit.

There are 8 different regions in the north of Italy, including Aosta Valley, Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto. There is a wide

range of holiday experiences on offer across these regions, with Liguria being popular for seaside breaks, Emilia-Romagna which is known for its famous food and wine and Lombardy, the home to the economic and design capital city of Milan.

Whether you're a fan of food, culture, history, architecture or landscapes, northern Italy has it all. It's a wonderful place to see some of the country's highlights and is ideal for all kinds of holidays, whether you're only spending a few days in one place or are planning a grand tour around several locations.

## INTRODUCTION





# Popular Destinations

## PIEDMONT

**Piedmont** is said to be the seat of Italy's heritage, with beautiful rugged landscapes, amazing local food, arts, history and culture. Bordering Switzerland and France, the region gets its name from the fact that it sits right at the foot of the Alps, making it a popular destination for walking or skiing holidays.

## LIGURIA

Backed by the Apennines, the coastline of **Liguria** is a rich and varied stretch of Italy that includes the glamorous Italian Riviera alongside small fishing ports overshadowed by rugged cliffs. Its capital is Genoa, a charming medieval city beside the sea that is a popular tourist spot and features the famous Romanesque Cathedral of San Lorenzo.

Our villas in the Ligurian countryside and on the coastline are all perfect for family holidays or trips away as a couple, with many including their own swimming pool, sun terrace or balcony from which you can enjoy views of the region's wonderful scenery.



**Emilia Romagna** is best known as Italy's finest region for food. Found between the River Po to the north and the Apennine Mountains to the south, you've got locations such as Bologna, Ravenna and Parma to explore along with culinary highlights such as cheese, wine, olive oil and cured meats.

The exceptional food in Emilia Romagna is found in its lush countryside where many of our handpicked villas are also located, offering a range of accommodation options for groups of all sizes who want to enjoy the sights, smells and flavours of this brilliant part of the country.

Some of the most famous and beautiful cities in Italy are found in **Veneto**, making it an incredibly popular region in the country for travellers. It's known for its variety of landscapes as well as its cultural and artistic treasures, which include the Basilica of San Marco in **Venice** and the famous balcony from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet overlooking the streets of Verona.





## THINGS TO DO

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Northern Italy is such a vast and varied part of the country, there are hundreds of different things to choose from to do during your holiday, no matter what your interests are.

## EAT IN EMILIA ROMAGNA

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Emilia Romagna is known for being one of the **finest foodie destinations** in the world, and if you're a fan of exceptional flavours then I strongly recommend you visit the region and sample the local cuisine. Highlights include olive oil, vinegar, Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, prosciutto ham and all kinds of meat and pasta dishes.



## SHOP IN MILAN

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Milan is the design capital of Italy, home to world-famous fashion weeks and more designer boutiques and stores than any other city. If you're a fan of retail therapy then you should put shopping in Milan high on your list of things to do in northern Italy, and remember to leave room in your suitcase for all the new purchases you end up bringing home!

## RIDE A GONDOLA

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If you're visiting Venice then riding a gondola is an unmissable experience that you can't replicate anywhere else. There's no better way to see the streets of canals that make up the city than from the water, and it's a particularly **good activity** if you're visiting on a romantic holiday and want to treat your partner to an unforgettable experience.

## HIKE THE MOUNTAINS

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Northern Italy is known for its variety of hills and mountains, and if you're a walking fan then it's the perfect destination to plan an extended trek or just to enjoy a gentle hike along one of the area's many popular trails. The Gran Paradiso National Park is a favourite if you're looking for staggering mountains and dense woodland, or there are a variety of routes of different levels of difficulty to be found around the Dolomites.



Northern Italy is one of the most famous parts of the country when it comes to food, particularly in the region of Emilia Romagna. Local cuisine across the area is characterised by less pasta, tomato and olive-oil based dishes and a heavier reliance on butter, cheese, cream, rice and polenta. On the coast, there are plenty of specialities involving seafood, whilst in the more rural, inland areas you'll find a focus on dishes that include game or wild fowl.







Risotto is one of Italy's staple dishes, and this recipe combines a classic take on the rice with the veal shin that is known in the country as Osso Buco, a staple ingredient of northern Italian cooking.

# Osso Buco with Milanese Risotto

## Ingredients

- 1 ½ kg veal shin
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion,
- 1 large, peeled carrot
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 100ml white wine
- 500ml veal or beef stock

### Ingredients for the Milanese Risotto:

- 2 shallots
- 25g clarified butter
- 360g risotto rice
- 50ml white wine
- Pinch of saffron
- 600-700ml chicken stock
- 25g grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

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1. Heat oil in a large casserole dish and brown the veal on all sides. Once the meat has seared, remove it from the pan and keep to one side.

2. Chop the onion and carrot finely. Add to the pan and fry on low heat for around 10 minutes until soft.

3. Add the tomato puree to the vegetables and cook for a further 3 minutes. Stir in the wine and allow it to reduce by two thirds.

4. Add the cooked Osso Buco to the pan along with the stock and season with salt and pepper. Bring the ingredients to the boil then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer and cook for 90 minutes.

5. To make the risotto, chop the shallots and add them to a pan with the melted clarified butter. Fry for 5 minutes.

6. Add the risotto rice to the pan and cook for 2 minutes. Add the wine and simmer the rice until the liquid has all been absorbed.

7. Add the saffron to the rice and then the stock a little at a time, ensuring each batch has been absorbed before adding the next. Once all the liquid is absorbed, the rice should be cooked al dente.

8. Stir in the cheese to the cooked rice and serve with the Osso Buco.

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# Southern Italy

Southern Italy is a wonderful holiday destination for families looking for a coastal holiday or groups of friends who want to experience a range of cultural, historic and gastronomic highlights of the country. Places like Puglia are also ideal for holidaymakers who prefer less-touristy destinations for visitors to the country who have already spent time in more popular Italian locations.

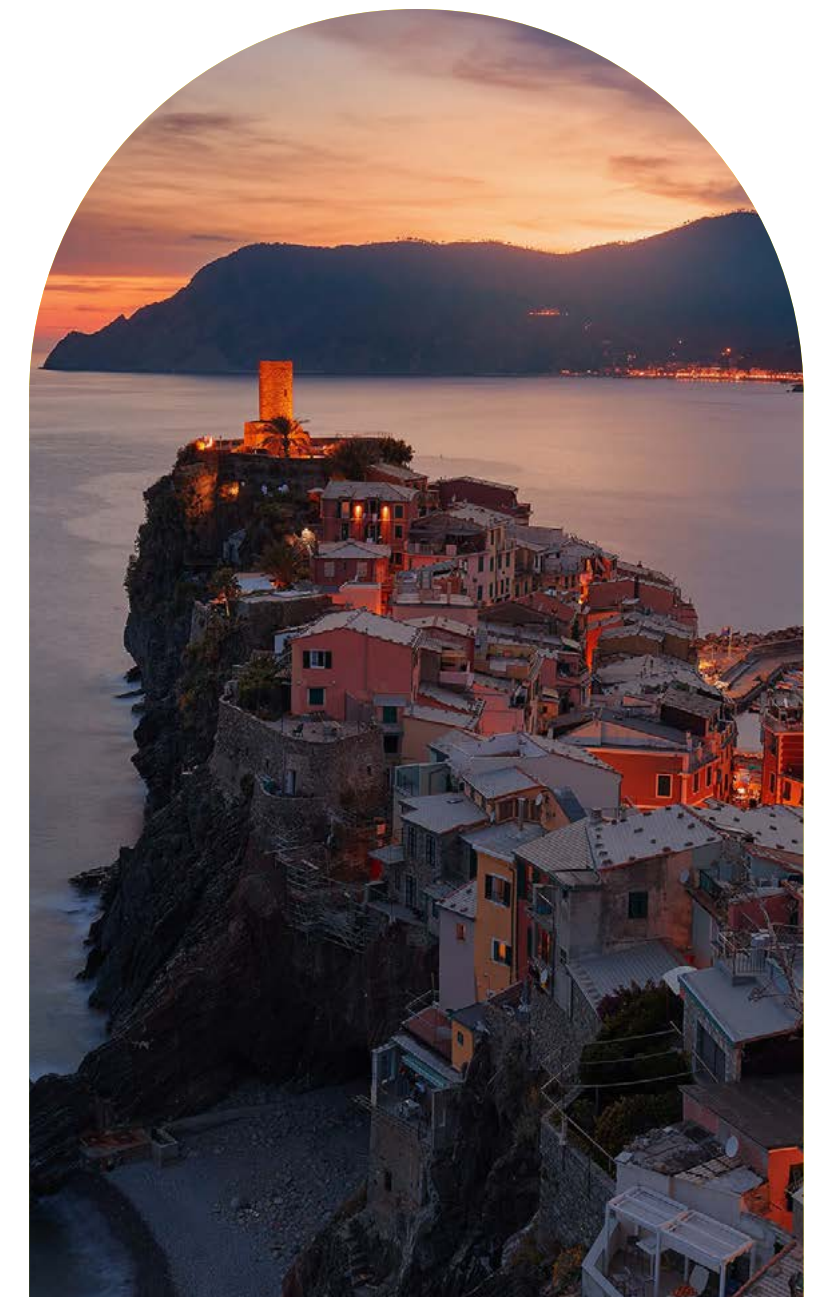
The south of Italy is one of the most popular parts of the country to visit because of its wonderful weather and laid-back atmosphere. There are remnants of all kinds of past civilisations scattered across the regions, with Greek, Spanish and Norman influence still found in the food, culture and architecture.

Southern Italy is particularly famous for its cuisine, which is heavily influenced by the ideal conditions for growing a wide range of ingredients across the regions of Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania and Molise. It's also a wonderful part of the country for stunning views, whether that's

the beautiful blues and greens of the coast and the mountains or some of the examples of ancient architecture that remains in places like Pompeii, Matera and Lecce.

Many travellers choose to come to the south of Italy in the summer for their holidays, but it's a brilliant year-round destination with much more to offer than the popular beach resort towns and sightseeing spots. With a unique blend of Italian and Mediterranean culture in many parts of the area, it's a wilder and more authentic side of the country that is full of vibrant experiences and wonderful weather.

## INTRODUCTION





# Popular Destinations

## AMALFI COAST

The Amalfi Coast is one of the most beautiful and glamorous holiday locations in all of Italy; a stunning 50-kilometre stretch of coastline along the southern edge of the Sorrentine Peninsula. With cliffside towns and villages, classic coastal resorts and miles of clear blue water alongside sandy beaches, it's the quintessential southern Italian holiday destination.

We have selected villas in many of the towns along the Amalfi Coast, many of which enjoy spectacular views of the ocean along with private pools and gorgeous cliffside terraces.

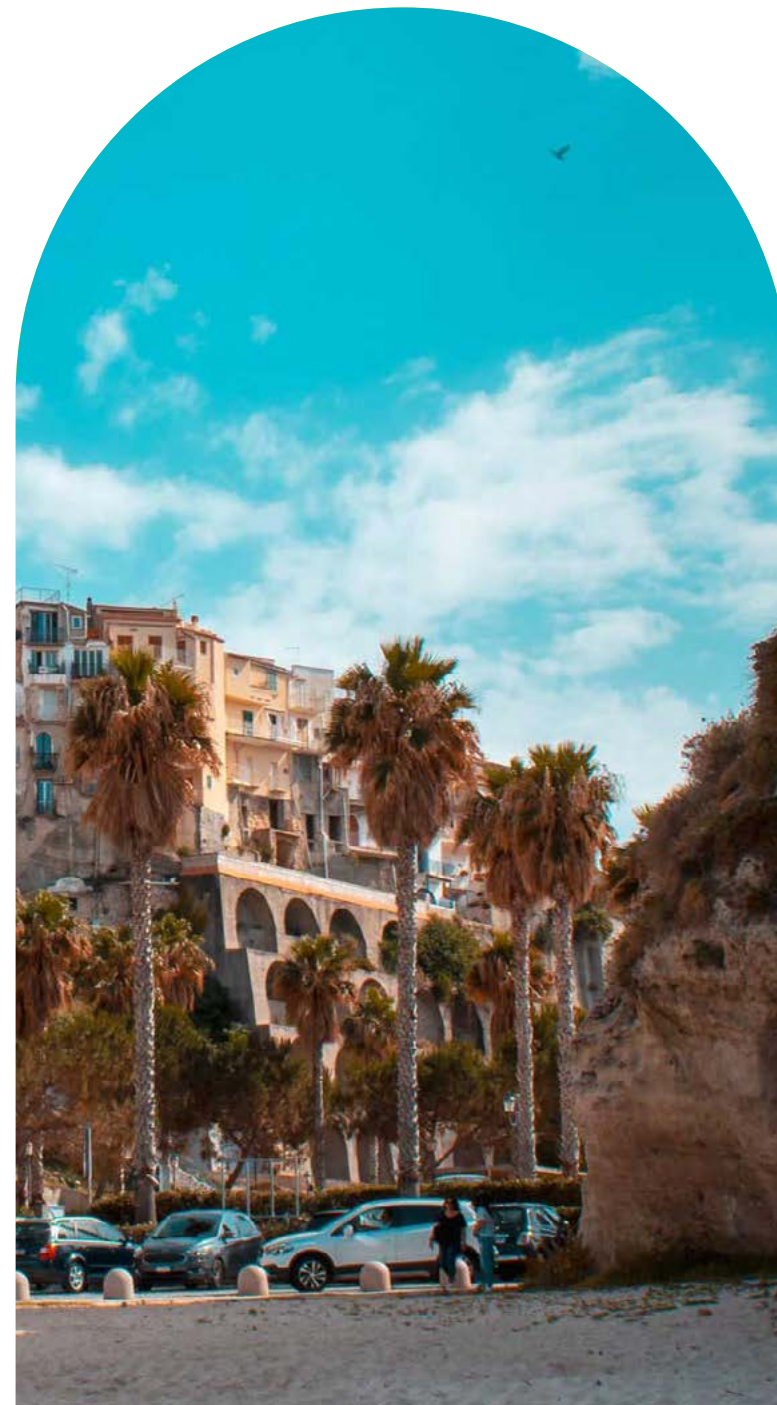
## PUGLIA

Puglia is quickly becoming one of Italy's favoured regions for a holiday, home to beautiful landscapes, coastline, history and culture. As well as the exceptional natural landscapes that cover the whole area, you've got unique towns and villages dotted across the countryside and plenty of historic locations such as the Trulli town of Alberobello and the seaside destinations of Bari and Ostuni.

As well as beautiful coastal and countryside villas, we also offer distinctive trulli villas that provide wonderful historic architectural experiences.







**Calabria** is an unspoiled corner of Italy that feels like the country at its most authentic, right on the coast by the Ionian and Tyrrhenian seas. The history and culture of Calabria find their roots in prehistoric times, and there are plenty of archaeological sites to be found around the area as well as quiet towns and villages and beautiful stretches of coast.

**Basilicata** is a relatively undiscovered southern region of Italy situated between Campania, Calabria and Puglia. Some of Italy's most pristine white-sand beaches are found along the coast here and includes the famous historic city of Matera that is known for its atmospheric cave-dwelling districts and dramatic architecture.

The countryside in Basilicata is rugged and stunning, and our villas are found in beautiful locations and perfect for large groups who want a holiday in a quiet part of Italy that has plenty to see and do.



## HEAD TO THE BEACH

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The south of Italy is the best place in the whole country to go to the beach. From the start of summer temperatures across the regions in the south are high, and beaches such as the Baia dei Turchi in [Puglia](#), the seafront at Atrani and the Spiaggia del Fornillo in Positano are some of the best spots along the coast for swimming, sunbathing and walks along the sand.

## SAMPLE SEAFOOD

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If you're visiting the southern coast of Italy then you'd be mad to miss out on sampling some of the incredibly fresh seafood that can be enjoyed in restaurants and cafes from everywhere from Naples to Tropea. Different regions have their own local delicacies, but even the simplest of dishes will taste truly unlike any other seafood you've had before, especially whilst enjoying the view of the very ocean that your meal came from.

## THINGS TO DO

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## VISIT THE RUINS OF POMPEII

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If you're passing by Pisa then a visit to this city isn't complete without visiting the famous Leaning Tower. Unveiled in 1372 as the Duomo's bell tower, the precariously leaning building is a top spot for photographs and can also be climbed if you book in advance, offering brilliant views of the rest of the city.

## EXPLORE MATERA

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Florence is known as the cultural heart of Italy, and if you're a fan of classic and Renaissance art then there is nowhere better in the world to come and appreciate the work of artists like Michelangelo, Botticelli and Titian. There are a multitude of different galleries across the city that offer a perfect way to spend an afternoon, with the Uffizi Gallery and Accademia Gallery being top highlights.

## TRY NEAPOLITAN PIZZA

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People watching with an espresso on a sunny afternoon is a distinctly Italian pastime, and there's no better place to do it than the Piazza del Campo in the city of Siena. With the impressive Palazzo Pubblico and Torre del Mangia nearby, you can sit in this fan-shaped square in the sunshine and enjoy watching the world go by for as long as you like, appreciating having nothing to do just like a local!



A close-up photograph of an olive branch with several green olives. The branch is illuminated by warm, golden sunlight, creating a strong lens flare effect in the upper left corner. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more foliage.

When most people think of the food in southern Italy they think of the country's coast and the plentiful array of seafood dishes that the area is very famous for. Influenced by the Mediterranean climate and the history of agriculture, there are also other, signature flavours belonging to this part of the country thanks to the hot summer weather that provides ideal growing conditions for tomatoes, citrus fruit and olives. Distinctive Italian spices like oregano and basil also come from here.





Spaghetti Vongole is a seafood pasta recipe originally from Venice that was a popular dish amongst the peasants of the city, but is now a classic dish enjoyed all over.

# Spaghetti Vongole

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## Ingredients

- 1 kg small clams
- 15g fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 10 cherry tomatoes
- 250ml white wine
- 400g dried spaghetti
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1-2 dried red chillies

1.Sort through your clams and dispose of any that aren't tightly closed. Add

dried spaghetti to a pan of boiling water and cook until it is al dente.

2.Heat a pan and add the olive oil, chopped garlic cloves, parsley stalks, chopped tomatoes and dried chilli. Stir for a few minutes and then add the clams and the wine.

3.Shake the pan and put a lid on it. The clams will be cooked in 3 - 4 minutes, and when all of them have opened take the pan off the heat.

4.Add the cooked pasta to the other pan and add the parsley leaves. Stir everything together and serve immediately.

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# Italian Lakes

If you're looking for a romantic holiday destination then the Italian Lakes are an ideal place to come, whether you're on your honeymoon or just celebrating a special occasion with the one you love. It's also a great place to come on holiday with children of any age, as there are a great range of different things to do around the Lakes that will fill all kinds of itineraries.

The Italian Lakes have been one of the country's favoured holiday destinations for centuries. Rich Ancient Romans used to spend their summers in villas by the lake, celebrities are common amongst the crowds who visit, and countless artists and writers have been inspired by the wonderful landscapes that surround each of the famous bodies of water.

From the start of the spring to the end of the autumn, the Italian Lakes are a bustling holiday destination that is popular with a widerangeoftravellers,fromhoneymooners to celebrities, walkers and families. It's a brilliant place for an active holiday either on

the water or in the hills and mountains that surround the lakes, but is also an ideal place to just relax in a lakeside villa and enjoy the warm weather that the region is famed for.

As well as the many attractions on offer around the lakes themselves, the cities of Milan and Verona nearby make perfect day trip destinations if you fancy a change of pace from the tranquillity you'll find in the towns beside the water.

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## LAKE GARDA

**Lake Garda** is the largest lake in Italy and perhaps the most famous, with towns such as Sirmione, Bardolino and Riva del Garda all offering beautiful views, a peaceful atmosphere and plenty of lakeside walking trails. With three different regions all bordering the water, you can find a range of different **places to stay** around Lake Garda that are perfect for all kinds of holiday, whether you're looking for a relaxing break or an active hiking trip.

Our villas are found in locations all around the lake, so no matter where you'd like to base yourself for a holiday in lake garda, we have a range of handpicked options for a range of group sizes.

## LAKE COMO

**Lake Como** is known for being the most glamorous location in the Italian Lakes, with numerous luxurious hotels and villas found around the distinctive 'Y' shape of the body of water. It's an area that is rich in history and culture, with many artists and writers claiming it to be one of the most beautiful places on earth.

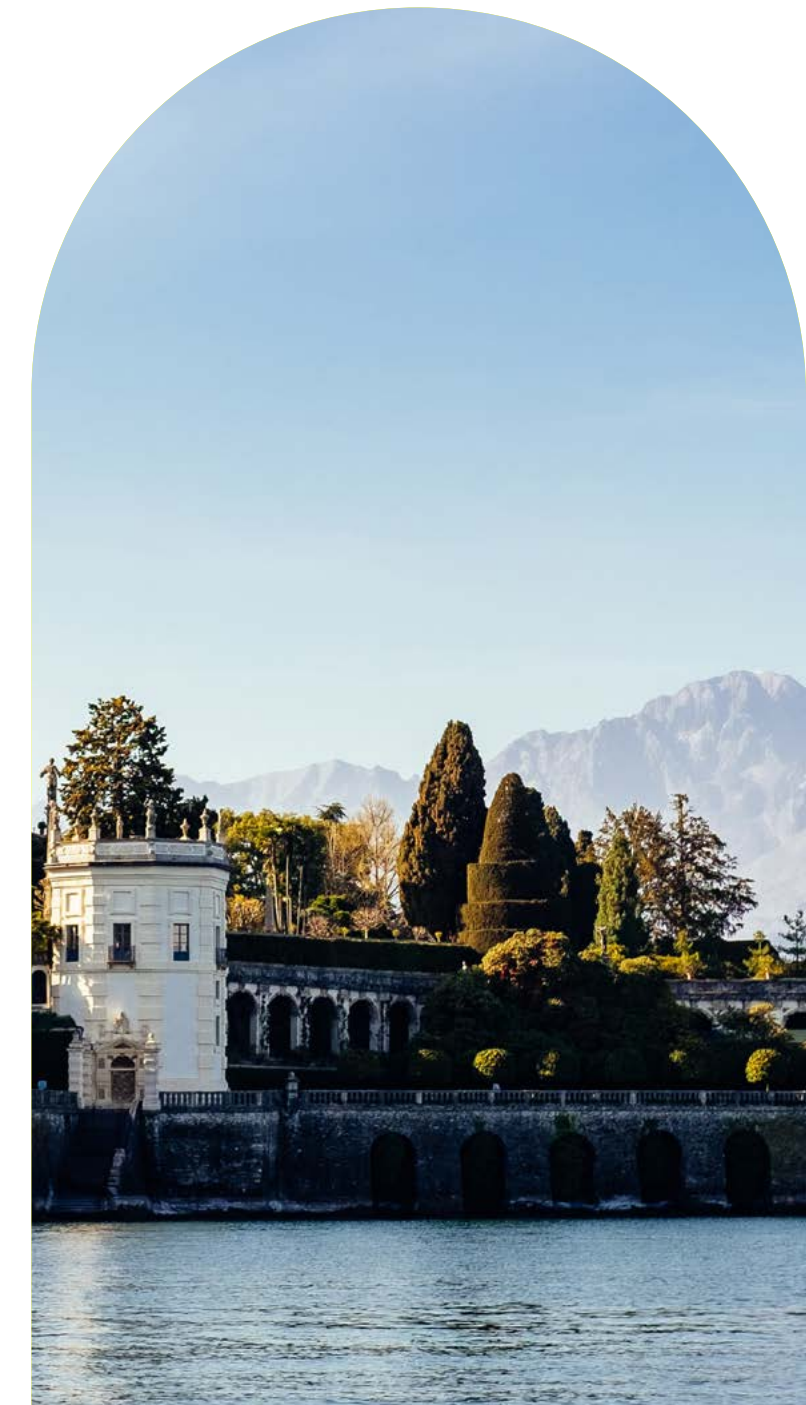
The villas we have selected around Lake Como all have the area's signature charm and splendour, with many including views out over the water and their own terraces, pools and lakeside gardens.




**Lake Maggiore** is the other of the three most famous Italian Lakes, found right at the foot of the Alps crossing the border into Switzerland. You can enjoy elements of both Swiss and Italian culture in the various locations around the lake, along with far fewer crowds than Garda and Como and a very peaceful atmosphere that pairs beautifully with the exquisite scenery.

Our villas around Lake Maggiore are an ideal choice for travellers who want to enjoy the Italian lakes without the crowds of Garda and Como, with options for families, couples or large groups with a range of budgets.

Whilst not as famous as the other main Italian Lakes, **Lake Orta** is a fascinating destination that offers a unique holiday experience in this part of Italy. It's a little body of water with a small island floating in the middle, and the whole area is filled with breathtaking scenery, medieval villages, restaurants and high-class outlets.







## THINGS TO DO

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### SAIL TO ISOLA BELLA

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Isola Bella - or beautiful island- is found on the west side of Lake Maggiore and is one of the Borromean islands near the lakeside town of Stresa. It's a wonderful place to visit for a morning and is home to the beautiful 18th-century Palazzo Borromeo as well as stunning gardens and lovely terraces that take you high up enough to look out over the island to the surrounding waters.

### CATCH A FERRY

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Whilst many people choose to hire a car to get around the Italian Lakes themselves, there are plenty of ferry services that cross Lake Garda, Como, Orta and Maggiore to help travellers

and locals get from town to town. Not only is it usually a faster way to travel across the lakes, but you get to enjoy views of the water and surrounding scenery as you travel which is particularly lovely in the spring and autumn.

### VISIT A ROMAN VILLA

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The Italian Lakes were a favourite holiday destination for many rich Romans and the legacy of their occupation is still found around the lakes with the villas that have been preserved over time. The Villa Romana complex on the shores of Lake Garda in Desenzano is one of the best sites of the whole area and includes entirely preserved mosaic floors and a small museum displaying many of the artefacts that were discovered when the villa was first discovered and excavated.



## DAY TRIP TO MILAN

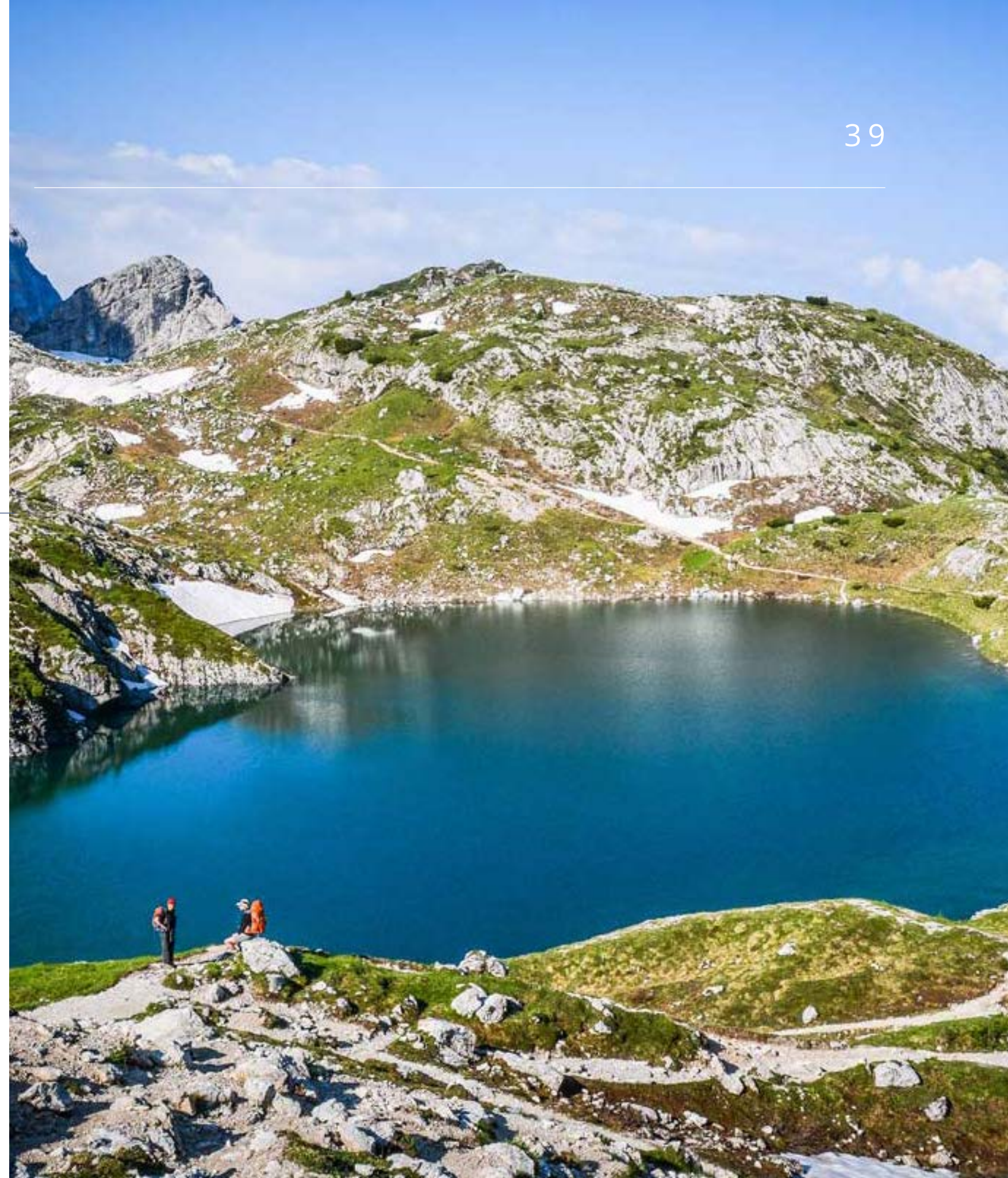
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There's more than enough to see and do around all of the Italian Lakes, but if you fancy a change of scene then taking a day trip to the nearby city of Milan is a very popular option. Italy's capital of design is full of brilliant shops, restaurants and cultural attractions and offers an exciting change of pace from the tranquil lakeside atmosphere if you'd like to experience a range of Italian locations during your trip.

## HIKE AROUND THE LAKES

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Walking holidays in the Italian Lakes are a wonderful way to appreciate the truly stunning scenery in this part of the country. Whilst the summer months tend to be hot and humid, hiking in the mountains and hills around any of the lakes in the late spring or early autumn will give you mild and pleasant weather along with beautiful flowers in the spring and a riot of fiery colours at the end of the summer.





The Italian Lakes are located in the north of the country, and therefore the food from this area has similar traditions of being butter, cheese and cream-based along with strong-flavoured meat stews and sauces. Vegetables are grown in the fertile soil around the water and feature heavily in local recipes, along with fish right from the lakes themselves.







# Delicate Lake Antipasto

## Ingredients

- 1 whole pike
- 1 whole whitefish
- 1 carrot
- 1 onion
- 1 stalk of celery
- 10g of butter
- 1/2 Glass of White Wine
- 200g of prawns
- Olive Oil
- Chopped Parsley
- 1/2 a lemon
- 150g of olives
- 100g of boiled Peas

1. Fillet a pike and a whitefish and put the flesh to one side.

2. Use the head and the bones to prepare a fish broth, boiling them in the water together with a carrot, an onion and a stalk of celery.

3. Place a knob of butter in a saucepan with the fillets of whitefish and pike, add salt and pepper and brown them gently.

4. Then pour in ½ glass of white wine and two ladles of fish broth (filtered to remove impurities or bones). Shell some prawns, add them to the other fish and put everything in the oven at 180° for 5 minutes.

5. When fully cooked, remove the fish from the saucepan to dry on a paper towel.

6. Now prepare a little sauce to dress the fish. Pour some olive oil into a casserole dish with some chopped parsley, the juice of a half lemon, two roughly chopped tomatoes with seeds removed, some olives without stones and boiled peas. Stir gently and leave everything for about ten minutes.

7. Place the fish on serving dishes together with greens.



# Italian Islands

The Italian islands each have their own distinctive charm, and each is best suited to different kinds of holiday. If you're travelling with younger children, Sicily is a fantastic destination filled with a wide range of things to see and do, no matter the interests of the people you're with. Sardinia makes an ideal alternative Italian islands destination if you're looking for fewer tourists and a similar range of coastal attractions, whilst Capri and Ischia are more suited to couples seeking romance or travellers who like privacy and quiet on their holidays.

As well as all the wonders that mainland Italy has to offer its visitors, there are also many beautiful islands found around the coast of the country that are equally as stunning. You get to experience a range of climates and cultures when exploring the Italian islands, and they're a great choice for travellers who want to see a different side of the country away from the more popular tourist traps.

The most famous of these is Sicily, found right at the 'toe' of the boot of mainland Italy. With a unique blend of Greek and Italian culture, this is a brilliant island for family

holidays, historic sightseeing adventures, wine tasting trips and beach breaks that make the most of the many miles of beautiful Sicilian coastline.

Sardinia is another of Italy's best island destinations, located to the west of the country in the Tyrrhenian Sea and home to historic attractions along with lively, modern elements and exceptional food. There's also Capri just off the coast of Sorrento, the tiny, picturesque Aeolian Islands near Sicily, and the peaceful Ischia that sits just off of the Amalfi Coast.

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# Popular Destinations

## SICILY

**Sicily** is the most famous of Italy's island regions. With art, food, plenty of history and beautiful scenery, you can enjoy every aspect of Italian culture with an added Sicilian twist that is unique to the island and offers an unforgettable experience. It's an ideal place for family holidays whether you and your kids want to sightsee, get out and about or visit the beach and relax by the coast.

Our Sicilian villas range from stylish and compact to sprawling and luxurious, so no matter what kind of holiday you're planning in the region, we've picked out the perfect place to stay.

## SARDINIA

With a far-reaching reputation as an Italian island paradise, Sardinia has a long tradition of being fiercely independent and separate with its own customs, speech and history. The coast is ruggedly beautiful, the food is delicious and there is a range of brilliant historic sightseeing spots that make it an ideal location for an Italian holiday with a bit of a difference.

**Sardinia** is a very popular summer holiday destination for travellers who want to spend time at the beach, and we have a large selection of beautiful coastal villas, many of which come with their own pool as well.







**Ischia** is another small island floating just off the Bay of Naples that is part of the Campanian Archipelago and now famed for its thermal spas. Unlike the glitz and glamour of Capri, Ischia has a relaxed and unspoiled feel to it that makes it a wonderful holiday destination to get away from the stresses of modern life and escape the crowds of tourists in the summer months on mainland Italy.

**Capri** is a small, pristine island off the west of the Sorrento Peninsula with a tropical climate all year round. It's a location known for being beautiful and luxurious and has been particularly popular with celebrities on their holidays in the past, but makes an ideal destination if you're looking for an Italian holiday that is quiet and secluded.

Our villas in Capri offer this luxurious seclusion and are perfect for groups looking for an island holiday property that is really something special.



## SAMPLE SICILIAN WINE

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## SEE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

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The Valley of the Temples is one of the most famous attractions in Sicily; a UNESCO World Heritage Site archaeological park containing a collection of ancient Greek temples and ruins. Sicily has some of the best preserved ancient ruins in the whole of Italy, and if you're a fan of history then this site is a real highlight of the island.

It's a lesser-known fact that some of the **finest wine** in Italy is produced in the region of Sicily. This is thanks to the incredibly fertile soil that Mount Etna provides the island with and the warm, Mediterranean climate that contributes to incredible grape production, so if you're a fan of wine then a great way to spend your holiday is enjoying wine tasting experiences at some of the finest vineyards on the island.

## THINGS TO DO

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## CLIMB MONTE SOLARO

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### DRIVE SARDINIA'S SCENIC ROAD

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The SP71 is a 25km stretch of road that runs along Sardinia's Costa del Sud between Chia and Porto di Teulada and is one of the most scenic routes around the entire island. If you've hired a car to explore Sardinia then you can enjoy panoramic views of the ocean on one side and plenty of Sardinian towns and countryside on the other as you drive; a perfect way to spend long, sunny days when you want to experience as much of the island as possible.


Monte Solaro is the highest point on Capri and offers the best views on the whole island. There's an easy hiking path that takes you right to the top starting in Anacapri that is suitable for the majority of walkers or you can take a chairlift for a truly breathing experience of rising up above the whole island and surrounding ocean.





Italy's islands each have their own distinctive culinary styles, but Sicily's approach to food is perhaps the most famous. Blending classic Italian cooking with Greek and Mediterranean influences, there's a huge variety of different dishes around the island with a strong emphasis on local ingredients that have never travelled more than a few miles. Whether you're enjoying seafood on the coast, wine beside the plentiful vineyards of Mount Etna or signature sweet treats for dessert, the food in Sicily is unforgettable.





Arancini - stuffed and deep-fried balls of rice - is one of Italy's most famous delicacies, enjoyed around the world and served across the island.

### Ingredients for the rice

- 300g of arborio rice
- 1/4 teaspoon of crushed saffron
- 450ml of water or stock
- 2 tablespoons of grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 4 teaspoons of unsalted butter

### Ingredients for the filling

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ½ a small onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped carrot
- 3 tablespoons chopped celery
- 85g of ground beef
- 85g of ground pork
- 2 tablespoons dry red wine
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste
- 200g tomato purée

### Ingredients for the coating

- 50g all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs
- 100ml cup water
- 400g breadcrumbs

# Sicilian Arancini

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1. Add the water or stock, rice and saffron to a pan. Cover and simmer until the rice is cooked.

2. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese and butter. Spread the mixture onto a plate and leave it to cool.

3. For the filling, heat the onion, carrots and celery to a pan and heat until softened. Add the ground meat and cook until it is browned.

4. Add the red wine to the mixture and cook for around a minute until the alcohol has reduced. Add the tomato puree and cook on a low heat for 20 minutes until the mixture is thick. Set to one side and leave to cool as well.

5. Once your ingredients are cool, assemble the arancini balls. Take a tablespoon of rice in your hand, then

add a teaspoon of meat filling in the middle of this. Close the rice around the filling until you have a ball shape and set to one side.

6. When all your balls have been assembled, whisk together the flour, water and eggs until smooth. Spread the breadcrumbs out on a plate. Gently roll each rice ball in the wet mixture and then the breadcrumbs, coating evenly.

7. Either put your arancini in the fridge for half an hour to cool, or fry right away. Heat around 2 inches of oil in a pan until hot, then put 2-3 balls into the oil at a time and cook for around 3 minutes.

8. Transfer to a paper towel and leave to drain. Serve hot.

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# Our Favourite Villas for 2021

If you're looking for a bit of inspiration when it comes to choosing one of our special Italian villas, take a look at some of our top picks for 2021.

## VILLETTE TAORMINA

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Part of a beautiful coastal resort in Taormina, the Villetta Taormina is a charming, four-bedroom holiday apartment for eight guests that overlooks the Mazzara's Bay and Isola Bella island. As well as giving you direct access to the beach, the building has a private infinity pool and solarium for all the guests at the resort, and also comes with its own beautiful terrace providing wonderful views of the sea.

[More info Here](#)

from £1,656/weekly







## VILLA PIAZZA

Located on the south east coast of Sicily, the Villa Piazza is a modern four-bedroom holiday property for up to ten guests who want to enjoy the atmosphere of an authentic Sicilian town and nearby attractions in places like Modica, Ispica and Syracuse. The villa comes with its own private swimming pool and tennis court as well as a glass-fronted sitting room, BBQ and garden, and is situated only a short walk away from the stunning beaches at Ispica.

[More info Here](#)

from **£1,449/**weekly



## CASA IRENE TRILO

A stylish holiday apartment in one of the upper neighbourhoods of Sorrento, Casa Irene Trilo sleep up to six guests in two spacious bedrooms bedrooms and is an ideal place to base yourself for an exploration of the south coast of Italy. With a large terrace that offers incredible views of the Gulf of Naples, the apartment shares a private pool, patio and pool table with just one other holiday property and is in a fantastic central location that means the centre of Sorrento is only a short stroll away.

from **£1,482/**weekly

[More info Here](#)







## CASA LA PORTA

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Positano is one of Italy's most popular seaside towns, and the Casa la Porta is an ideal property to enjoy the location. Suitable for up to eight guests, this modern holiday property has unrestricted views of the sea from its large terrace, an open-plan living space, three bedrooms and is only a short distance away from Positano and the beautiful beach.

[More info Here](#)

£1,475/weekly





## VILLA CARLOTTA

[More info Here](#)

The Villa Carlotta is found only 4km out from Sorrento and its nearby beach, and is an ideal holiday villa for groups of up to ten who want to enjoy the Sorrento peninsula from the comfort of private accommodation. With terraces on every level, a private outdoor swimming pool and children's play area, this is an ideal property for large family groups who are looking for a base for a holiday on the Italian coast with plenty of nearby amenities.

from **£4,552/**weekly



[More info Here](#)

from **£1,737**/weekly

Only 1km away from the quaint village of Massa Lubrense on the Sorrentine peninsula, Villa Mia is a large holiday villa that sleep up to ten guests across four bedrooms and is in an ideal location to explore the surrounding area whilst enjoying privacy provided by your accommodation. With three large terraces, modern amenities and private parking, it's an ideal property for groups of friends and family looking to enjoy spending time together and see the sights of the southern coast.







## VILLA MARINA GRANDE

The Villa Marina Grande is located right in the centre of Sorrento, and is one of our most luxurious private villas that sleeps up to eight guests and is ideal for those who are looking for a really special holiday property experience. With a private swimming pool garden, terrace and parking, a highlight of this villa is that it is right on the coast of Sorrento, meaning you can access the sea directly from the terrace and enjoy stunning views across the water from almost every room.

[More info Here](#)

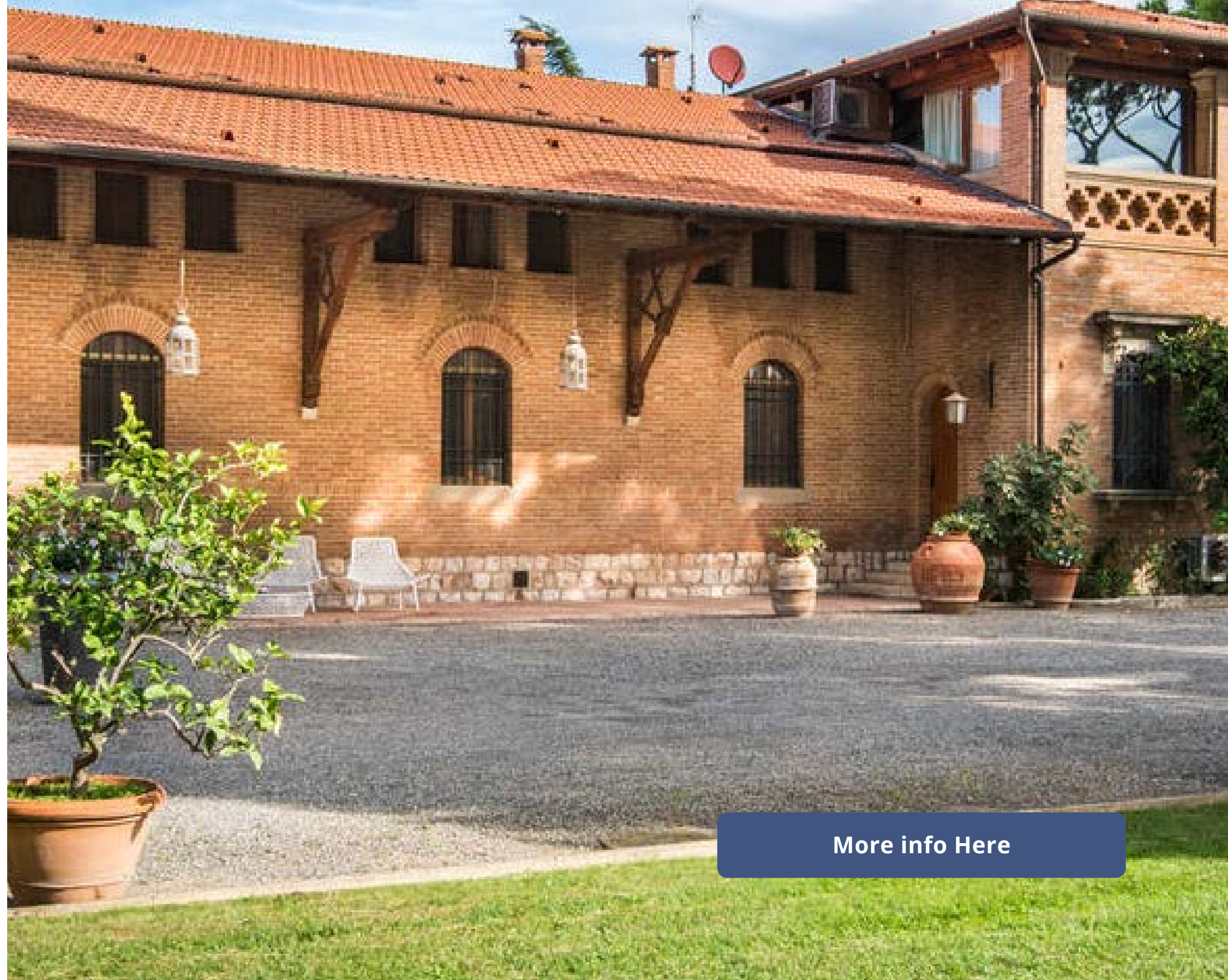
from **£9,668/**weekly



## VILLA ROSELLE

The beautiful Tuscan countryside is an ideal place for a holiday villa in Italy, and the Villa Roselle offers just that for fifteen guests staying in seven bedrooms. Located in Maremma, this classic, two-storey villa comes with a private outdoor swimming pool, extensive kitchen facilities, a terrace, daily cleaning service and private parking. It's the ultimate luxurious retreat in Central Italy, perfect for large groups of friends or family.

from **£20,750/**weekly



[More info Here](#)





## LA FORTEZZA

[More info Here](#)

Found on the edge of Positano on the Amalfi Coast, La Fortezza is a 13th-century holiday property that can accommodate up to thirteen guests and is in a private location on the coast that can only be reached by water taxi or on foot. The unique accommodation includes a tower with rooms overlooking the water, a large terrace and exceptional views of the surrounding scenery, offering a beautiful escape from the busyness of the main towns on the coast.

from **£25,988/**weekly



[More info Here](#)

from **£680/**weekly

The Villa Anemone is found on the edge of the city of Acireale in Sicily, and is an exclusive property made up of holiday apartments that all share a private swimming pool and access to a small, nearby beach. The Medusa apartment sleeps 2-3 people, has a private terrace with a sea view and is ideal for romantic retreats on the island.

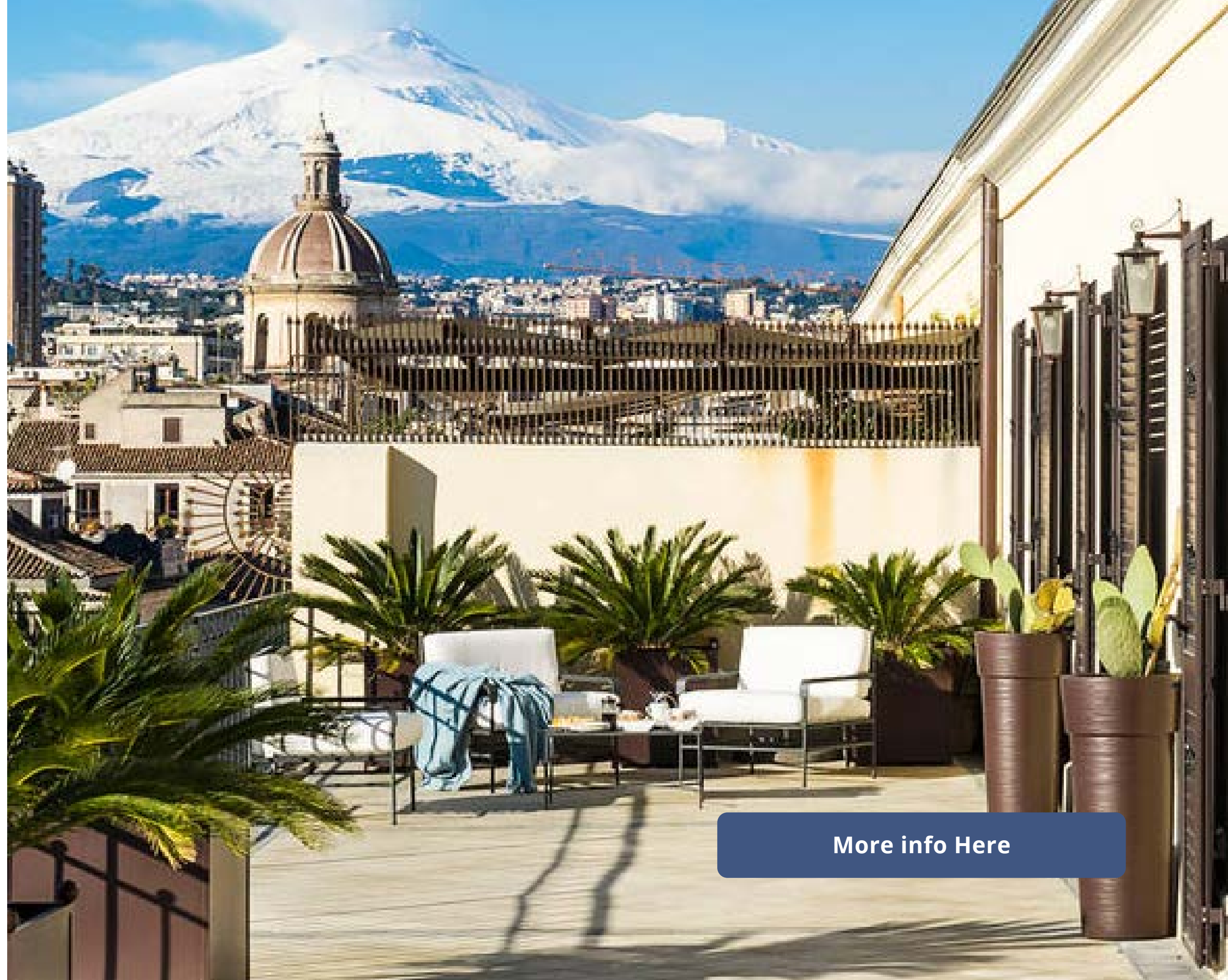




## CASA ETNA

In the centre of the Sicilian city of Catania is Casa Etna; a modern, two-bedroom apartment that is named after the stratovolcano that it overlooks. It's a brilliant place to base yourself for exploration of the city, and comes with an outdoor terrace area that is perfect for outdoor dining in the evenings.

from **£2,047/**weekly



[More info Here](#)





## CASA MARLENA

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Casa Marlena is a modern holiday apartment outside of the Taormina town centre on the coast of Sicily with a rooftop terrace that offer panoramic views of the surrounding ocean and nearby Isola Bella. Sleeping up to three people, the real highlight of this property is the beautiful sun terrace that comes with its own jacuzzi and dining area which is perfect for romantic evenings as the sun sets over the ocean.

[More info Here](#)

from **£2,082/**weekly



Our handpicked Italian villas are enjoyed by thousands of our customers from all over the world every year, who all return full of praise for the country and for our properties. But don't just take our word for it. Here's what some of them had to say...

“

Iuliana was super helpful. We had booked a villa in Lake Garda directly with an owner. The villa she found for us was perfect for our needs and everyone involved bent over backwards to make sure the villa was ready for our imminent arrival.”

Vicky Hayward, UK

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The Italian Breaks team are truly a band of magicians. They came together to create the most marvellous birthday celebrations I could have imagined. Beautiful scenes, exquisite food, exciting activities and wonderful hosts. Villa Vanessa felt like it was ours.... we wish it was! Luxurious! Thank you Italian Breaks!”

Kunaal Odedra

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The whole experience was excellent. From initial booking to completing the payment, to joining instructions and then the house itself. Perfectly described and depicted. It was absolutely as advertised. Great house, great area and fabulous holiday.”

Rob Winter

“First class, as always”

Malcolm Rogers



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We just had a wonderful family holiday in Sorrento over Christmas, staying at Villa Agnello. The service I had from Iuliana at Italian Breaks was exceptional and helped to make the holiday the success that it was. Villa Agnello met all of our requirements and if anything exceeded expectations. Iuliana was very responsive to my many requests and emails and organised airport transfers, sightseeing tours, and a chef for some meals, as well as obtaining restaurant recommendations from the villa owner. As a result, all of our group of 10 had a wonderful time and I would certainly recommend Italian Breaks to others seeking a perfect Italian villa holiday.”

Vicky Hayward, UK

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Great service! Great advice when booking. Prompt responses with any queries. Felt confident that they would deal effectively with any problems.”

Sarah Houlton

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The staff at Italian Breaks were, from first to last, splendid in their helpfulness, patience and support. Nothing was too much trouble. Questions they couldn't at once answer were dealt with by immediate phone calls to Italy and then the response was phoned to us.”

J M Berry

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We stayed at Villetta Taormina for a week in August. This place is wonderful, beautiful and fantastic. The owner Marco is extremely helpful and will assist you in whatever you need. He would recommend local restaurants and good places to go. The apartment is spacious and clean. The view, the pool and the private beach is breathtaking. Do I need to say more? No, just go there and you will enjoy every moment!”

Rikke Buhl



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