



*Highly recommended at
any time of year*

La Corte di San Giacomo

Brucoli, Nr Siracusa, Sicily

With magical and richly verdant gardens, views to Mount Etna and every facility one could wish for, La Corte di San Giacomo is a luxurious home and a dream destination in every way!

Situated just north of Siracusa La Corte di San Giacomo was the only abbey of the knightly order of St James of the Sword in Sicily. Only a knight from this order and from the most important aristocratic European families could hold the title of Commander of San Calogero. As centre of a former feudal estate it then became a stately home in the XIX century and more recently was restored into an extremely comfortable and characterful private villa providing modern comforts within the setting of a magical and historical ambience.

Arriving at the villa one cannot fail to be stunned by the views to the sea and across the countryside to Mount Etna. Here, guests really will discover the Sicily of time gone by and will be able to luxuriate in this fabulous and enviable setting. Beyond the 1600 chapel one enters into the entrance hall of La Corte di San Giacomo and beyond to the beautifully appointed living areas, each separated by original arched doorways. The spacious drawing room with impressive fireplace is elegantly and tastefully furnished as is the library where one can find all manner of books and pictures recounting the original

property. Beyond the well equipped kitchen and atmospheric dining room are glass doors which take one to the extremely well-tended Italian garden and relaxing Indian pavilion.

The luxurious bedrooms are situated off the courtyard beyond the various living areas and each is individually decorated and furnished with wonderful taste and simplicity. Each enjoys its own en suite facilities and there is even the possibility of having interconnecting rooms – ideal for guests with children. A further two bedrooms can be found opposite the main entrance next to the English garden and near here is the exceptionally impressive swimming pool and spa with Turkish hammam and sauna and attractive summer kitchen with barbecue and outdoor dining area. Occasionally the owners of La Corte may be present in the east wing of the property and their immense knowledge of the history of the property represents a great addition to the house and lucky guests are at times offered the possibility to attend tours of the grounds to discover and experience the insider view of a property that still holds many secrets.

Set within 110 acres, the villa is surrounded by extensive gardens with numerous shaded areas, relaxing look-outs and secluded benches that offer privacy and peace. Accessible from the dining room and from the back of the villa is the impressive symmetrical Italian garden with infinite species of plants, fountains and water rills. This garden is adorned by Indian pavilions – ideal for relaxing with a book on a hot afternoon – and plants and trees around the house and near the pool provide delightful shaded areas where aperitivi and al fresco dinners can be served. Beyond the glorious gardens are the seemingly endless grounds with orange and olive groves and farmland, as well as a rich variety of Mediterranean plants, secular trees and archaeological ruins dating back to IX BC. There are lots of options of trekking routes available within the grounds of the villa where guests can really escape into the peace and calm of time gone by.

La Corte di San Giacomo is the perfect destination for a large family celebration or a gathering of friends and cannot be more highly recommended at any time of year as a very special property on this magical, mesmerising and mystical island.

Information

Sleeps: 24

Service:

- Daily maid & cook service, gardener, caretaker, linen change twice a week, welcome pack
- Welcome dinner, laundry & daily excursions on request (payable locally)

Accommodation:

- Entrance hall
- Drawing room
- Library
- Sitting room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Ten double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms
- Opposite entrance hall: Two double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms each with Jacuzzi

Facilities:

- Salt Water private pool 20m x 9m
- Hammam
- Sauna
- Air conditioning & heating
- Parking
- Summer kitchen with barbecue
- Hi-Fi, Satellite TV
- Internet, DVD Player,
- Trekking routes on the property with forest and river
- Archaeological remains & grottos
- Horse riding & boat rental (payable locally)
- Chapel

Places of Interest nearby:

- Siracusa-Ortigia 35 mins
- Taormina 60 mins
- Mt. Etna 70 mins
- Noto 45 mins
- Ragusa 75 mins
- Vendicari Nature reserve 60 mins
- Catania 30mins
- Necropolis of Pantalica, Brucoli, Marzamemi

Beaches at:

- Brucoli 10 mins (Fisherman boat rental for a day or half day)
- Agnone Bagni 10 mins (sandy beach)
- Fontane Bianche (35 mins)
- La pineta del Gelsominetto 35mins (white sandy beach and rocks)
- Eloro 50 mins (Nature reserve with sandy beach)

Airports:

- Catania 30mins, Palermo 3hrs



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