Villa Licosa is immersed in natural beauty along one of the last remaining unspoiled, uncrowded coastlines in Italy - an accessible yet under-the-radar destination. You will experience all the surrounding region has to offer from this gracious, utterly private setting. No one will be wandering across the jasmine-scented patio while you enjoy your first cappuccino in the subtle light of morning.

The oceanfront waters are stunningly clear and clean and easily accessible. You also have a private pool if you prefer.

Flat bike-friendly road to a local village with restaurant, bar, shop and other necessities. Ideal destination for an afternoon gelato.
OVERVIEW

Villa Licosa is immersed in one of the last remaining unspoiled stretches of coast on the western shore of Italy - an accessible yet under-the-radar destination two hours south of Naples along the serene and beautiful Cilento Coast facing the Amalfi Coast. You see Capri in the distance.

From this very private park with a delightful sea-front setting and pool, you will enjoy the services of a flexible local staff and a choice of sporting or cultural activities to fill your days. No one will be wandering across the jasmine-scented patio while you enjoy your first cappuccino in the subtle light of morning. No one has to travel for ages in a car to see and do something interesting.

Villa Licosa is sheltered by a grove of tall umbrella pines, steps from the impossibly clear blue-green water of the Tyrrhenian Sea. The surrounding park of 800 hectares belongs to a local aristocratic family. At the rocky beach, sandbags are set in a path on the seabed so you can walk more easily out to swim, and the deserted Isola Licosa is just 500 meters off shore - a lovely destination for a swim. If you prefer, a pool is surrounded by a furnished sun deck with shade umbrellas. The ruin of a Roman fort serves as the backdrop. There is a bathhouse complete with water shoes and beach toys for all ages. Walk nearby to the small, private harbor and enjoy an excursion in self-driven or skippered boat that will be brought for you from the local marina. A meandering sea-front path extends the length of the waterfront connecting the park to the villages of Ogliastro and San Marco so you can stroll out for a bite to eat. The terrain is flat so rental bikes mean everyone can go for gelato in the afternoon.

For those familiar with Italy and ready for a relaxing outdoorsy destination, there are many ways to stay active. Kayaks and standup paddle boards can be provided at the house to complement the bocce court and the ping pong table already furnished for the entertainment of all. Bocce tournaments are particularly recommended, as they are an equal-opportunity way for your group to enjoy spending time together laughing and having fun. Snorkeling and scuba diving both happen right off Punta Licosa, and fishing excursions can be arranged. Tennis, biking and hiking are all immediately available in the neighboring towns. Paragliding and rafting are also options. Guests of Villa Licosa have the privilege of using the grounds and facilities of a nearby four-star hotel including a private beach and serving superb cuisine under the stars on a candlelit terrace by the sea.

In Cilento the historic Mediterranean diet is alive and well with a strong commitment to excellent local cuisine. You can enjoy grilled local fish, caught that day and prepared by the cook. Perhaps most famous for mozzarella di bufala, there are a number of places to visit and taste cheese, yoghurt and gelato. White figs are part of the historical landscape here and there are a number of producers enthusiastic about sharing this particular delicacy. The key cultural destinations are Paestum with its formidable ancient ruins -- more interesting than Pompeii and the charming historic centers of Castellabate and Agropoli. Like so much of southern Italy, there is a palpable presence of the Ancient Greek, Byzantine and Roman cultures all of which crossed this peninsula.

Yes, there is plenty to do. There are also plenty of reasons not to do much at all beyond simply sharing the gracious Villa Licosa and its lovely setting with people you love.
**GROUND FLOOR**

- Entrance into large living room with seating for 8, working fireplace, plasma TV, Sky, DVD, iPod dock. Double doors open to patio.
- Country kitchen with casual dining table for eight. Direct access to patio.
- Beige: Double bedroom (king/twins) off living room. Two double doors open to garden. Ensuite bath (oversize walk-in shower).
- Rosso: Double bedroom (king/twins) with direct access from garden or kitchen. Ensuite bath (shower stall).
- Azure: Double bedroom (king/twins) reached from terrace and garden. Ensuite bath (enclosed shower stall).
- Verde: Double bedroom (king/twins) with direct access from garden. Ensuite bath (enclosed shower stall).

**FIRST FLOOR**

- External stairs lead to entrance hall.
- High-ceilinged sitting room with four windows over garden with sea views. Comfortable seating for 6 to 8, TV with satellite, iPod dock, card table.
- Cavalli: Double bedroom (king/twins) with ceiling fan, garden view.
- Shared bath (enclosed shower stall).
- Fiori: Double bedroom (king/twins) with ceiling fan, garden view.
- Gialla: Double bedroom (king/twins) with ceiling fan, garden view.
- Shared bath (enclosed shower stall).

**GROUNDSD**

- Entrance from private park through gate, open parking on gravel drive.

- Naturalistic garden immediately surrounding house with flowering shrubs, bedding flowers and potted plants, seamless transition to natural park-like setting with tall umbrella pines, palms, aloe and cactus plans and carob trees.

- Open patio surrounding house. South facade set with outdoor dining for 14, generally used for breakfast and lunch.

- Cushioned benches along long expanse of west facade for relaxing al fresco. Ample space for 14 plus.

- Bamboo covered pergola set between house and beach, furnished as alfresco living room. Recommended for enjoying appetitivi and sunsets behind Capri.

- Dinners most often served at adjacent open dining area. BBQ (wood charcoal)

- Gravel walkway of 100 meters to neighboring garden with pool (10 x 5 meters, ladder). Fresh water pool with nearby pool house (changing areas, full bathroom with hot/cold shower). Beach toys, water shoes, life jackets, snorkeling masks provided.

- Beach access through gate (adjacent to pool) with shallow water very friendly to all ages. Pathway of large sandbags facilitates access to deeper water.
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS
• Ogliastro Marina (restaurants, bars, sandy beach, beach clubs)  5 minute drive, 15 minute bike ride, 25 minute walk along seaside path
• San Marco (tennis courts, boat hires, restaurants, bars)  5 minute drive, 25 minute bike ride (within park and on public roads, easy)
• Santa Maria di Castellabate (all shopping, harbor), Castellabate (historic center)  15 minute drive
• Agropoli, Prignano, Acciaroli  30 - 40 minutes
• Paestum  30 minutes
• Salerno, Pisciotta, Palinuro  1 1/2 hours
• Naples (Pompeii, Herculaneum, historic center, airport)  2 hours

HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME
• Enjoy the breathtaking views and charming narrow stone passageways of the 12th century village of Castellabate, 300 meters above the sea.
• The Cilento Coast is home to arguably the most important vestiges of Magna Grecia -- 2,700 years ago Paestum was the center of a thriving and diverse community. These exceptional archeological ruins are best appreciated with one of our engaging guides.
• The province of Salerno, which includes the Cilento Coast, is famous for mozzarella di bufala. You can enjoy tours and tastings of mozzarella, yoghurt, gelato and baked goods prepared from this exceptional milk.
• The entire Cilento Coast is a paradise for outdoorsy types. Trekking excursions can be organized for the nature parks. There is paragliding and rafting, as well as the more accessible pleasures of standup-paddle boarding and kayaking.
• The area of the Cilento is blessed with both mountain and sea oriented activities. Traveling south along the Coast brings you to Pisciotta and Palinuro -- charming hamlets on the sea with access to pristine grottos and vivid turquoise waters. The abundance of nature preserves and the Bandiera Blu controls make these waters especially clean and lovely.
• We can arrange a private car or van transportation with English-speaking driver to escort you up to the Amalfi Coast for a visit to Ravello, Amalfi and Positano. This can either be a day trip or an evening trip including dinner out and dancing at the chic beach club of L’Africana in Praiano.
• Enhance your experience of Villa Licosa with at-home wine tastings led by a local sommelier, or at-home cooking classes tailored to the ages, interest and expertise of your group.
WHAT TO KNOW

- Housekeeper sets out Continental breakfast and cleans till 1:00 pm. Linen change twice weekly. Additional services available. Please inquire.

- Complimentary WiFi provided with coverage on the ground floor. Please note there is not consistent coverage throughout the property. Please discuss your particular connectivity needs before booking.

- Ground Floor bedrooms have AC; First Floor bedrooms have ceiling fans.

- Board games, English-language Sky TV, DVDs and iPod docks are provided.

- Visitors to the park (local residents and guests of the owner’s hotel) have access to the sea front path that passes near by Villa Licosa but is very little used. By law in Italy, no one can be refused access to land from the sea. There are small tourist boats that come to the waters off Isola Licosa.

- Kayaks and stand up paddleboards can be provided with advance notice and with separate payment. There is sometimes seaweed on the beach, a sign of clean water. The waterfront area is a marine preserve and no interventions are permitted.

- The beach is rocky, water shoes are recommended. Sandy beaches in Ogliastro Marina -- both a public beach with no services and beach clubs with services.

- In addition to our assistance in preparing your itinerary, Villa Licosa extends its’ own concierge services from the owners’ nearby hotel. Baby-sitting and onsite massage and yoga can be arranged. Activities and excursions as well as additional domestic services are best requested and organized in advance to be sure your preferences can be accommodated.

- Saturday to Saturday rentals. Arrival time is 4 pm- 5 pm; departure time is 10 am.

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Each Homebase Abroad Villa Vacation includes our professional Travel Planning supported by our local Concierge. We work closely with you to develop a Trip Itinerary that reflects your personal interests and preferences. From the moment you book your villa until you return home, you have continuous access to our curated circle of guides, chefs, drivers, skippers and contacts.
INCLUDED:
• HEAT in April if needed
• GAS
• ELECTRICITY electricity included up to 600 kWh per week
• WATER
• AIR CONDITIONING AC included up to 600 kWh per week
• INTERNET
• CLEANING 6 days/week: 14 guests = 5 hours/day; 8 guests = 3 hours/day; 4 guests = 1.5 hours/day
• LINEN CHANGE bed linen, towels and beach towels change every 3 days. Pool towels every 2 days.
• ADVANCE SHOPPING SERVICE Advance shopping service included (food/beverage paid at cost by guest)
• LOCAL TAX VAT is included in the price
• WELCOME GIFT Whole Villa: bottles of local white wine and Extra Virgin Olive Oil from own produce. Quantity based on number of guests.
• BASIC SUPPLIES paper napkins, toilet paper, kitchen rolls, citronella candles, candles for the dinner table will be provided on a regular basis. Coffee/tea, balsamic vinegar, salt/pepper provided once on arrival
• FIREWOOD
• VILLA PRODUCTS Villa olive oil provided on arrival.

AVAILABLE:
• ELECTRICITY overage based on usage at cost
• AIR CONDITIONING overage based on usage at cost
• TELEPHONE/FAX paid by guest at cost
• CLEANING Additional hours available €15 per hour
• LINEN CHANGE Additional changes at extra charge.
• PERSONAL LAUNDRY €15 per hour
• WELCOME DINNER Only lasagna available; left for guests on request
• BREAKFAST on req, local Cilento Breakfast €15/adult per day, €10/child per day up to 10 yrs. OR Continental Breakfast, €10/day per adult, €5/day per child up to 10yrs.
• LUNCH €150/meal for cook, up to 8 pax; Cook + helper (7-14 pax) €200/meal. Includes shopping service for 1 day, food prep, table setting, table svc, clean up.
• DINNER €150/meal for cook, up to 8 pax; Cook + helper (7-14 pax) €200/meal. Includes shopping service for 1 day, food prep, table setting, table svc, clean up.
• PIZZA
• PROVISIONS All food and beverage at cost, deducted from Extras Deposit
• SHOPPING SERVICE Additional shopping: €40 up to 10 items; €50 up to 8 items; €100 bulk purchase (plus cost of purchases)
• ACTIVITIES Contact Palazzo to make arrangements for water skiing
• TRANSFER Can be arranged by the house, payable directly on site
• BOAT RENTAL Contact Palazzo to make arrangements for boat rental
• VILLA PRODUCTS Additional olive oil on request, at additional cost
• EXTRAS DEPOSIT Due on arrival in cash Euro. All expenses to be settled in cash prior to departure.