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Corsica Villa Mathilde (sleeps 14)

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The garden of this low-slung, modern villa, recently made available as a holiday house, slopes down to a fabulous beach edged with rocky outcrops, which is only accessible from the house. A large infinity-edged swimming pool and plenty of lounging areas, both inside and out, make it suitable for large groups. Feminine touches (a four-poster draped in fine gauze, baskets of toiletries, carefully placed ornaments) make the house feel like a home. Two bedrooms in an annex would provide privacy for older teenagers, and an added bonus is the use of a skippered 10-metre Boston Whaler for excursions to hidden bays around the coast or deep-sea fishing.

ON THE DOORSTEP Grilled fish at beach restaurants Chez Francis or Chez Eric, a 15-minute boat ride away, and Café de la Plage is on nearby Arone Beach. There's good snorkelling at the Scandola marine reserve.

PRICE €13,000 per week

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The villa people

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