

# Villa Theseus

Region: Chania Sleeps: 4 - 5

## Overview

A stunning, breezy Cretan villa that perfectly blends old-world exteriors and fresh, open plan living. Perched atop a hillside and surrounded by nature, this peaceful villa is the perfect destination for a summer escape. Crumbling brick and natural white stone walls frame the white architecture that gleams in the Mediterranean sunshine, with decorative open sides.

Drink in the soaring mountain views and watch picture-perfect sunsets over the glittering sea. Greenery dotted with beautiful flora cascades down the hillside, while 'picture' windows provide captivating views in all directions and bathe the rooms in light.

Descend the Roman-style steps into the sparkling infinity pool and cool off from the sunshine in the refreshing aquamarine waters. There's plenty of room for the whole family to swim, float gracefully or splash around. The sunbeds provide the perfect place to relax and top up your tan or read a good book. The terrace is a fantastic spot for an alfresco dinner or fruity cocktail, with mesmerising views and intimate, cosy tables. A lovely pergola is the focal point of the dining area.

Climb the unique Cimentogonia staircase to reach two gorgeous bedrooms, decorated in a clean, minimal aesthetic. The master bedroom has an enviable sea view, while double beds that are convertible into twins are dressed in crisp white linen. Quirky crystal-like chairs perch beside them and colourful art adorns the walls.

The interesting furniture really adds a sense of drama, while feature walls of deep grey and punchy orange keep everything fresh. En-suite bathrooms with slick pink glass doors and cubby holes for towels are truly unique. In one bathroom, you'll even find a walk-in spa shower - so luxurious!

Open plan living with floor to ceiling windows keeps everything airy, where everyone can dine and relax together. The glossy, fully equipped kitchen is ideal for self-caterers, with stylish and practical Corian work surfaces, a breakfast bar and modern appliances. The living space has plush white sofas to unwind on and a flat-screen television for watching movies together. Tones of grey offset the minimal white theme, while pendant lighting and colourful art add charm and character.



At night, the villa is illuminated, and the pool takes on a beautiful jade green glow.

## Facilities

Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Modern • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets Welcome • BBQ • Satellite TV • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Theseus is nestled in the centre of a hill, where it enjoys fantastic views of the natural surroundings. There are 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, accommodating up to 4 people. A fifth guest can make use of the living room sofa bed.



### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining area with sofa bed
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

### First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

### Exterior Grounds

- Private infinity-style swimming pool (heated on request)
- Sun loungers
- Covered outdoors dining area
- Barbecue

### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Toiletries, slippers & bathrobes
- Safe box
- Parking for 2 cars

*\* Both of the double beds can be converted into twins if necessary, please just request at the time of booking*



## Location & Local Information

Located in the westernmost side of Crete, the villa has incredible views stretching across the Gramvousa Peninsula and Kissamos Bay. The area is peaceful and unspoilt, perfect for taking a breather from modern life. Dotted with mountain villages and sprinkled with island charm, the villa is just 2km from the nearest beach and surrounded by lush greenery.

Tucked away from the hustle and bustle yet easily accessible from the amenities of Western Crete, this villa is the best of both worlds. Kissamos town is just 2km away, while the regional capital city of Chania is less than an hour drive from the villa. Crete itself is the largest island in Greece, so there's plenty to see and do here.

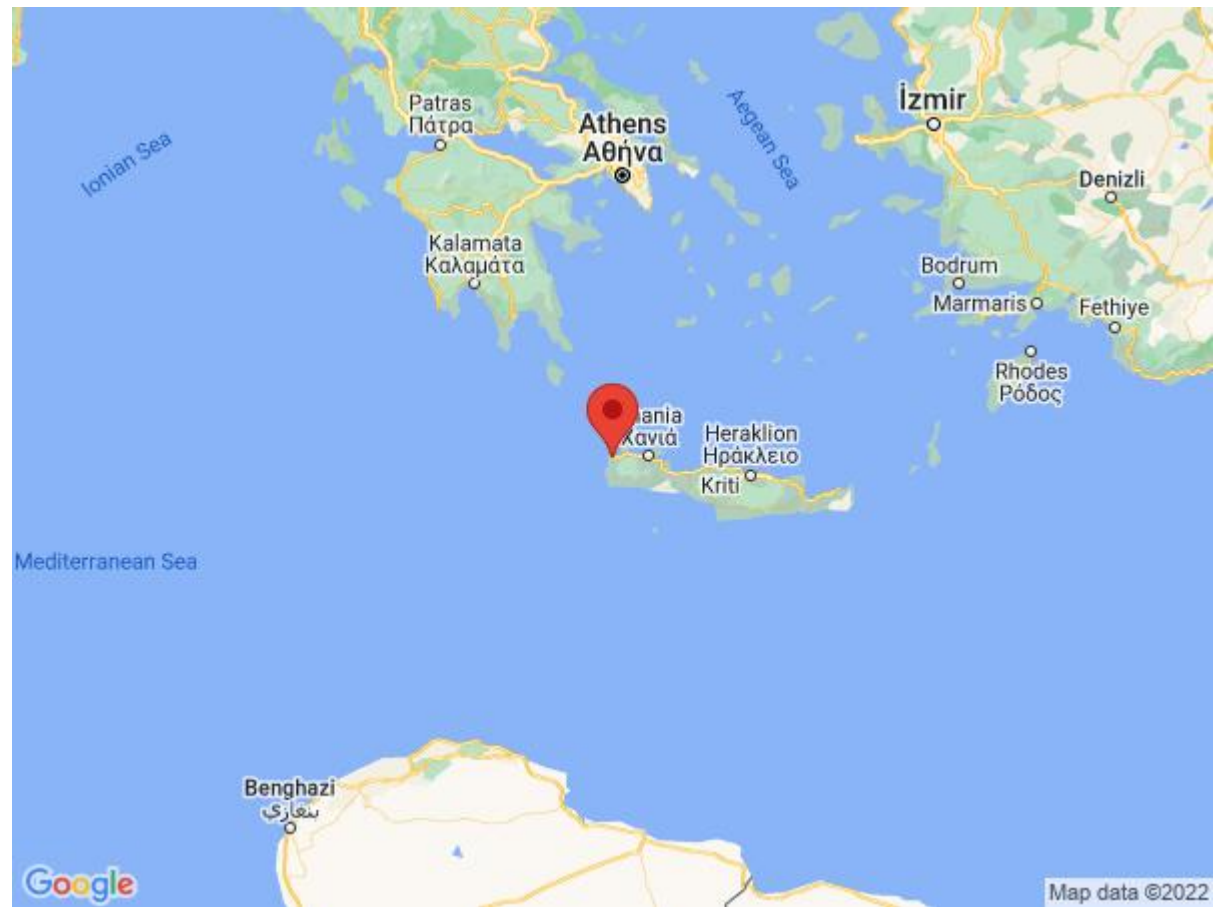
The mountains soar above the curves of rugged shoreline - there are many natural beaches that have a relaxed atmosphere and remote feel. From the Gramvousa Peninsula, you can see the ancient town of Agnion across the swirling blue and green waters, as jagged rocks rise up from the Mediterranean Sea. The most famous beach in the area is heavenly Balos, with powdery white sand and glittering turquoise water, reached by a short ferry from Kissamos town or a hike from Kaliviani.

Edgy Kissamos town boasts Roman ruins to explore, including an aqueduct, ancient baths, graves and old mansions with mosaic floors. The town is also known as Kastelli, because it has crumbling ruins of a formerly glorious 16th century Venetian castle. Once guarded by fortification walls, the castle was attacked during World War II, but what remains is still fascinating to explore. Kissamos is also a great jumping-off point to visit the islands of Antikythera and Kythera.

The 13th-century fort of Rastelli was built by a Genoese pirate called Henry Pescatore, in the shape of an asymmetrical pentagon.

Chania city is picturesque and vibrant, with its harbour that dates back to the Venetian era of Crete. Here, there is a charming 16th-century lighthouse that has Turkish, Egyptian and Ottoman influences - it was originally built to protect the harbour, but it has also served as a minaret. There is a famous Nautical Museum with plenty of naval artefacts and model ships, but it also covers a history of Crete.

Medieval, winding streets make up the centre, while riverfront restaurants are perfect for soaking up the views and enjoy a bite of local cuisine. Crete is famous for its distinguished food that differs from mainland Greece, particularly fragrant olive oil and local goat and sheep cheese. A tasty dish to try is Dakos, similar to meze or a bruschetta, consisting of barley rusks topped



with diced tomatoes and mizithra cheese. Kaltsounia - cheese pies made in the shape of cups and drizzled with local honey - are also wildly popular. The best winery on Crete is considered to be Mandusakis, where you can visit and sample local wines.

Another famous hike in the area is the Samaria, the longest gorge in Europe. A staggering 16km long, the trail passes through the White Mountains, an abandoned village and seaside hamlets. Reward yourself with a swim in the refreshing sea at the end!

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Chania Airport (55 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Kissamos (5 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Kaliviani (2 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Erofilii (2 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Minimarket (600 m)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Viglia Beach (2 km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- The grand, Roman-inspired swimming pool is a spot you might struggle to tear yourself away from!
- The Mediterranean white interiors are a design lover's dream, with splashes of colour and quirky furniture
- The location of this villa is just perfect - hidden away on a hillside with amazing views, but not too far from nearby towns full of action and beautiful architecture

## What you should know...

- Guests staying at this property might find having their own transport advantageous to get around the island. There are two parking spaces at the villa
- Families with little ones should be careful near the edge of the pool
- Airport transfers and private boat trips can be organised by the Villa Manager

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €300 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in July & August, 3 nights otherwise
- Pets welcome?: No pets
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking
- Pool heating charge?: For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €420/week (to be paid locally on arrival, requested at least 3 days in advance). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures, a maximum of 28 degrees can be achieved.
- Tax: From 1st January 2018, you'll need to pay an Overnight Stay Tax which has been introduced by the Greek Ministry of Tourism. The Tax is €0.50 per person, per night. This will be required to be paid upon arrival.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings and any accidental damage caused during their stay.