

Villa Ramsar

Region: Elounda Sleeps: 7

Overview

How lovely to be able to walk down the paths of your landscaped, terraced garden to arrive on the breathtaking Almyros Beach feeling like it is your own personal paradise! Villa Ramsar enjoys a fabulous, prestigious position right next to the glistening, crystal clear sea with phenomenal views over the waters to the bustling city of Agios Nikolaos. It is a superb spot, incredibly peaceful and totally secluded. The villa comes with three beautifully presented bedrooms in the main villa plus an independent studio apartment for two extra guests. The property is immaculate and offers much charm. As soon as you arrive you know you will be in for a treat as you are met with very attractive architecture designed with rock, marble and dazzling white render. It offers a cool vibe and looks wonderful against its stunning landscaped gardens.

Almyros is a suburb of the cosmopolitan city of Agios Nikolaos. This amazing resort enjoys an enviable location on hilly terrain overlooking the sensational curving Bay of Mirabello. A narrow channel separates the small harbour from the circular Voulismeni Lake whose shore is brimming with trendy bars, cafes and restaurants. Visitors enjoy beautiful beaches by day, some of which are sandy wonders and others bathing platforms, boutique shopping in the early evening along the pedestrianised lane above the lake and a vibrant nightlife which can go into the small hours. Agios Nikolaos has it all, a lake, river, wetlands, wildlife, mountains, a harbour, waterside dining, shopping, archaeological wonders and a fabulous dining scene.

Villa Ramsar is a very short distance away enjoying the best of both worlds. It offers a luxury seaside experience for up to seven guests in modern, light and airy accommodation with both sea and mountain views. This beachfront villa sits next to the unique wetland of Almyros which is protected under the international treaty of Ramsar. The area is home to some amazing wildlife. Guests can enjoy the river and the beach of Almyros as well as the villa's beautiful terraces, pool and gardens. You will arrive to a welcome basket of traditional Greek goodies and very quickly unwind and relax.

The main house is built on two levels with one bedroom and the open plan living space on the ground floor. The living area is drowned in natural light that streams through two huge sets of floor-to-ceiling glass doors. When open, you will enjoy the soft breeze coming off the sea and uninterrupted views out to the deep blue waters. Two comfy sofas sit opposite each other, a perfect spot for family games and a feature fireplace adds charm. Guests can dine inside or



on the terrace along to the sweet sounds of birdsong. The kitchen is beautiful with excellent appliances and a sociable breakfast bar where the other guests can keep the chef in your group company. The downstairs double bedroom is a heavenly nest with direct access to a charming patio. The bed is beautifully dressed in luxury linens and has use of a bathroom with a bath.

Upstairs, you will discover a further two bedrooms and an immaculate bathroom with a shower. One of the bedrooms is a single with access to a balcony where you can enjoy wonderful views of the mountains. The other is another double room with views of the pool, Almyros Beach and right over to Agios Nikolaos. It is so beautiful. The separate studio apartment sleeps two guests and enjoys its own shower room, kitchen and living room. This is ideal for some that may enjoy a little independence.

Although the interiors are beautifully presented, the best part about Villa Ramsar is its outdoor spaces. A fabulous swimming pool is surrounded by quality loungers where you will be captivated by the astonishing views. The pool is on a lower level surrounded by gorgeous planting and towering trees. A stone path then takes you down to the beach and river past beautiful terraced planting. The gardens and terraces are full of bright flowers including birds of paradise.

Facilities

Modern • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • DVD • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Beachfront • Seaview • Watersports • Tennis Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

4 bedroomed Villa Ramsar enjoys a fabulous, prestigious position close to Almyros Beach & the bustling city of Agios Nikolaos. The fourth bedroom is in its own independent apartment.

Main House

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living & dining room
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Bedroom with double bed and terrace access
- Family bathroom

First Floor

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and terrace access
- Bedroom with single bed and terrace access
- Family shower room

Independent Studio Apartment

- Open plan studio-style living & bedroom area with twin single beds
- Kitchenette
- Family shower room

Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Sun loungers
- Stone path leading to river and beach

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Parking for two cars
- Toiletries
- Bathrobes
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Welcome basket



Location & Local Information

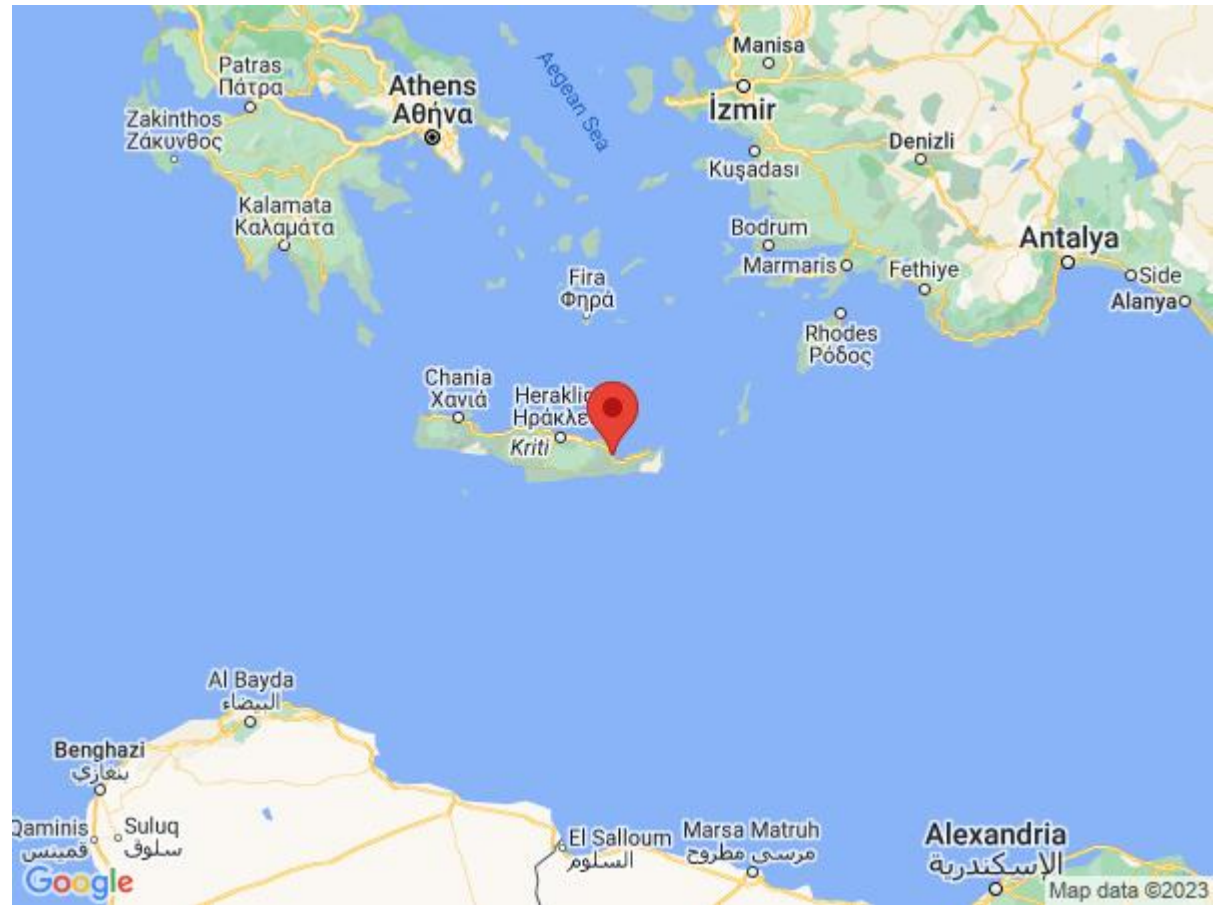
Villa Ramsar enjoys a gorgeous beachfront location. It is built on the hillside above Almyros Beach with a delightful path leading down to the beach and river. Almyros River empties onto the south part of the beach. Next to the beach, the protected wetlands are home to rare birds, towering eucalyptus trees, reeds and palms. The beach is beautiful with some organised watersports and loungers. Almyros is one of the favourite beaches of Agios Nikolaos which is 2.5km north. You can walk to Agios Nikolaos via Gargadoros Beach which is five minutes south of the town's marina.

In addition to Almyros Beach, Agios Nikolaos boasts Ammos Beach which is within the city centre and offers swimming and watersports, Kitroplatia Beach which is surrounded by tavernas and restaurants in the heart of the city, Akti Themistokleous Beach which is next to the port, overlooking the island of Aghion Pandon, Gargadoros which is next to Ammos Beach and Havanania Beach which is further along the coast.

Agios Nikolaos is a fabulous resort with plenty of entertainment. Its spot on Mirabello Bay is amazing with water on three sides. It centres around the beautiful Lake Voulismeni which is lined with boutiques, cafes, bars and restaurants. Visitors enjoy strolling along the waterfront, stopping for delicious cocktails and exquisite fine dining or some traditional food at one of the tavernas. Some legends suggest that the lake is bottomless and that the the goddesses Athena and Artemis used to bathe in the lake under the moonlight. Another myth is that the lake is connected to the volcano of Santorini through an underground passage. It is connected to the sea through a narrow channel and its red cliffs and numerous towering trees make it an enchanting spot. The harbour is very pretty with expensive yachts moored up alongside colourful fishing boats.

The upmarket resort of Elounda is north of the villa and Agios Nikolaos. You will find authentic Greek tavernas, trendy fine dining restaurants and gorgeous bars sitting around its lively harbour. It comes with a sandy beach that looks out to the intriguing Spinalonga Island. Elounda's main beach is just north of the harbour, a beautiful stretch of golden sand. The quieter Driros Beach is a fifteen minute walk south along the coastal path. The pebble beach of Plaka is backed by tamarisk trees. If you go to the causeway which connects Elounda to the Spinalonga peninsula, you will see the only remains of the submerged city of Olous with its five huge stone windmills which were excavated and stand next to the bridge.

Some visitors staying at the villa visit the island of Spinalonga. It is known as the Island of the Lepers. Until 1957, all lepers from Crete and the rest of the country were quarantined on the island. Now, the old buildings have been



restored. Another popular visit is to ancient Lato, one of the most important, well-preserved cities of the classical Hellenistic period. It is built between two hills and it is rumoured that its name come from Leto who was the mother of Apollo and Artemis. The city was destroyed around 200 BC.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Heraklion (70.3km) |
| Nearest Shop | Mini Market (300m) |
| Nearest Beach | Almyros (800m) |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | Vibes Beach Bar (900m) |
| Nearest Restaurant | O Diktamos Taverna (260m) |

What we love

- The views from Villa Ramsar down to the beach, river and over the deep blue sea to Agios Nikolaos are amazing and so beautiful as the sun goes down
- The villa offers a stunning swimming pool and a beautifully landscaped garden with a stone path that goes right down to the sea
- The villa is beautifully presented throughout with comfy modern furnishings

What you should know...

- The villa is comprised of a main house with three bedrooms and an independent studio apartment that can sleep a further two and enjoys its own kitchen, bathroom and living space
- Please keep an eye on small children wandering off down the path to the river and the sea
- There are quite a lot of steps at this villa so it is not ideal for those with mobility issues

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 (or equivalent in £'s) paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 16:00
- Departure time: 11:00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the price, changed twice midweek
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and two mid-stay cleaning also included. 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: No
- 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.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Minimum stay: 5 days between 01.10.2022 - 31.05.2023, 01.10.2023 onwards 7 days for the rest of the year, except 20/7-20/8 when minimum stay is 10 nights
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Pets welcome?: No