

# Villa Plaka

Region: Crete Sleeps: 7

## Overview

Villa Plaka may well be the answer to your holiday dreams. This sensational, contemporary Cretan gem comes with superb entertainment spaces and three gorgeous bedroom suites sleeping up to seven guests. Its design features are phenomenal. You will be living a life of luxury, enjoying magnificent panoramic views, lazing on the terrace, taking a dip in the pool, enjoying the gardens, sleeping like kings and relaxing in true style.

Villa Plaka's location near the picturesque village of Plaka offers fabulous views, not only of the crystal clear Cretan Sea but also of the dramatic White Mountains. It sits peacefully in the Apokoronas area, roughly 25km from Chania. Close by are the charming seaside villages of Almyrida and Kalyves and the mountain villages of Kokkino Chorio, Vamos and Gavalochori. Plaka is nestled on the slopes of Mountain Drapanokefalas surrounded by lush greenery. It enjoys traditional character and charm with cafes and tavernas lining its beautiful main square. The local residents are busy with their farms and the production of olive oil, wine and raki. The nearest beach to the villa is only one kilometre away in Almyrida where you will enjoy the most spectacular sunsets. Plaka hosts a wonderful Cretan music festival called Plakiana at the end of July. In Plaka you enjoy spectacular scenery, amazing sea views and a vibrant holiday life. A visit into Chania Old Town is a must! It is one of the most alluring, captivating towns of Crete boasting picturesque, narrow alleys draped with colourful bouganvillea, a fabulous dining scene, atmospheric bars, the most amazing sunsets and gorgeous little boutiques lining its cobbled streets.

In choosing Villa Plaka, you will enjoy a fabulous blend of contemporary finishes, luxury and swanky design features. You will be offered exceptional services from the villa's Concierge Team who can arrange transfers, excursions, boat trips, spa treatments, private chefs, villa pre-stocking and much more. This exquisitely presented villa is incredibly spacious and features stunning open plan living and exceptional outside space. It also comes with sensational sea views from almost every angle of the villa and its grounds. The ground floor living space is brilliantly designed with a central staircase that separates the living and dining spaces. The staircase is very contemporary with glass side panels so that room still feels pretty cavernous. Exquisite furnishings sit on one side with a contemporary feature energy fireplace and a giant television. There are also a couple of beautiful accent chairs and coffee tables where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and trendy floor cushions. On the other side of the staircase is your sleek, stylish kitchen and a super cool,



wooden dining table and grey upholstered chairs. The glossy white contemporary kitchen boasts the very best of appliances and a sociable breakfast bar with stools. Throughout the whole living space you will enjoy plenty of classy wood, lots of dazzling white and a sprinkling of grey and black. It is stunning. Two sets of glass floor-to-ceiling sliding doors and a giant kitchen door open to the gardens, terrace and swimming pool.

The stylish staircase takes you up to three dreamy bedroom suites, all with access to a furnished balcony overlooking the garden and terrace and over to the sea. You will discover lavishly adorned beds, beautiful soft furnishings and immaculate ensuite bathrooms. Just like the ground floor living space, these luxurious havens are designed to make your stay unforgettable. With minimalist design, smooth surfaces, straight lines and quality materials they characterize this stylish villa and ensure that you are supremely happy with your choice of villa. One of the bedrooms offers a day bed which you can use for an extra guest.

Outdoors you will enjoy a gorgeous swimming pool surrounded by luxury loungers, a swing seat and uninterrupted sea views due to the the glass panelling. Under a contemporary sail canopy there is a great alfresco dining area, again with chic, trendy furniture. Your barbecue masters can cook a delicious feast on the villa barbecue and the outdoor preparation area is very handy. The upper terrace enjoys a gorgeous alfresco lounge area with a table football game for fun. Villa Plaka also boasts generous landscaped gardens. In total the villa plot is 4,290 square metres so you can be assured of privacy and seclusion. You will feel totally away from all the hustle and bustle of everyday life here. With Villa Plaka's enhanced facilities, gorgeous setting and customised concierge services, you will return home with magical holiday memories.

## Facilities

Instagrammable • Modern • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Plaka is a contemporary 3-bedroom villa sleeping up to 7-guests, located in the village of Plaka, less than a 40-minute drive from popular Chania.

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living area
- Fully-equipped kitchen with dining facilities
- Cloakroom

### First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, additional single sofa bed, balcony access and en-suite shower room
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### Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (4.5m x 11m, heated on request for an additional charge)
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Barbecue

### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Smart TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Iron & board
- Safe box
- Travel cot & highchair available on request
- Parking

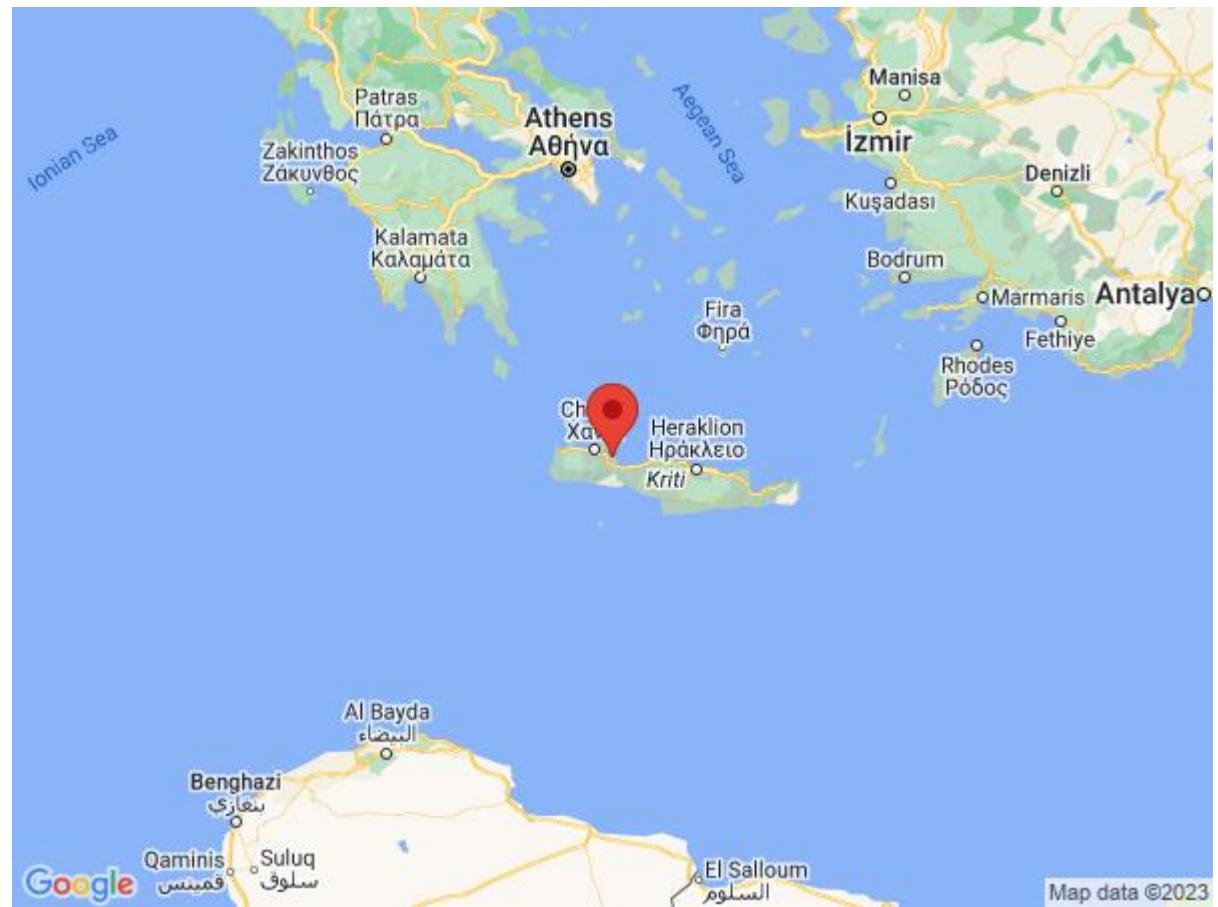


## Location & Local Information

Plaka is a pretty traditional village which sits just 25km from Chania. Along with its neighbouring villages Almyrida and Kalyves, it belongs to the Vamos Municipality. Plaka sits on a small hill surrounded by greenery on the slope of the Drapanokefalas Mountain. The village enjoys a main square which is sprinkled with cafes and tavernas. The sunset views from this elevated village are incredible. The village is one of the few places that enjoys both mountain and sea views. Almyrida Beach is only 1km from the villa plus there are plenty of other beautiful beaches nearby including Kalyves and Georgiopolis. Kiani Akti or the Blue Beach sits just 1km after Kalyves, a long peaceful beach connected to the River Kiliaris which sends cool water from the top of the White Mountains. Kera is a delightful sandy beach between Kalyves and Almyrida. A little further away on the Akrotiri peninsula, Tersana Beach enjoys two tavernas, loungers, parasols and lovely fine sand. At the top of the hill, you will find the village of Chorafakia with its shops, bars, restaurants and cafes. Next door, is the beautiful beach of Kalathas, another Cretan wonder sprinkled with palm trees, loungers and parasols. There are several tavernas serving delicious traditional Cretan specialities and lots of seafood. A wonderful array of watersports are available. Opposite Kalathas is a small island which you can easily reach by swimming. Marathi boasts two beaches, separated by a small pier. They are well protected from the winds and boast impressive views to Drapanos Cape and the White Mountains. Again there is a small island which can be reached by swimming with a small pine wood. The western coast of it is popular with scuba divers. Seitan Limania Beach, on the east coast of the Akrotiri peninsula, is one of Crete's most gorgeous hidden secrets. It is nestled in a canyon leading out to sea with cliffs either side and the finest white sand reaching out to turquoise waters that turn to the deepest blue as it joins the sea. It is stunning!

Chania Old Town is absolutely beautiful. It boasts charming narrow lanes lined with unique shops, a brilliant dining scene, trendy bars serving delicious cocktails and its famous harbour. The old Venetian harbour offers a phenomenal location for romantic strolls and dinner. It was originally built by the Venetians between 1320 and 1356 and is now a vibrant, cosmopolitan spot. The Egyptian lighthouse is much photographed, especially at sunset. You can take a slow meander to the lighthouse to take in the stunning views of the harbour, Old Town with the majestic White Mountains in the background. On the waterfront, the Giali Tzamisi is the oldest Muslim building in Crete. The Turkish name is translated to 'The Seaside Mosque'. It plays host to various cultural events and exhibitions. Be sure to book beforehand if you want a dinner table at the most prestigious restaurants.

You may also like to explore the mountain villages of Kokkino, Chorio, Vamos and Gavalochori with its 18th century vaulted mill and unique folklore museum. If you are heading to Vamos, you can take the road to Xerosterni village and Litsarda village to visit the beautiful cave 'Daphne' which is of great



archaeological interest. The Elephant Cave is also close by.

The famous beaches of Balos, Elafonisi, Falasarna and Preveli are all worth the trip. Preveli Beach lies on the south coast of the island. Its name stands for a unique beach and a wild canyon. There are hundreds of palm trees lining the shore of this tumulous mountain brook.

After the Minoan Palace of Knossos, the second most visited tourist attraction in Crete is the dramatic Samaria Gorge. It is the longest gorge in Europe and definitely worth the drive. Within the White Mountain's National Park, it rises to an altitude of 1,230m, is 150m at its widest point and 3m at its narrowest and continues down to Agia Roumeli on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The park and gorge offer protection to over four hundred and fifty species of plant and animal, of which seventy are endemic to Crete.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Chania International Airport (33.6km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Chania (25km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Plaka (800m)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Takis Restaurant, Plaka (850m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Plateia Mini Market, Plaka (850m)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Almyrida Beach (2.1km)</b>

## What we love

- Villa Plaka has been designed to offer a luxurious escape that will please the most discerning of guests. It is beautifully presented with lavish, contemporary furnishings and brilliant styling
- The villa enjoys large landscaped gardens, a wonderful swimming pool and gorgeous sea views from almost every position in the villa
- Villa Plaka sits in a charming elevated village close to the sea and within very easy reach of Chania's beautiful Venetian Old Town and harbour with its fantastic dining scene and exquisite buildings

## What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms offers a day bed which can be used for an extra guest, possibly a child
- The villa's pool can be heated for an extra charge
- Please do get in touch if you want to take advantage of any of the extra services available

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: There is no security deposit, but should there be any damage or loss caused by you or your guests during your stay you will be liable for the cost.
- Arrival time: 3pm
- Departure time: 10am
- 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.
- 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.
- Pool heating charge?: For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €70 per day (to be paid on arrival). Please request at the time of booking. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Minimum stay: Please note that there is a 4-night minimum stay, this may be increased across peak dates
- Pets welcome?: No pets
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking
- 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.