

# Villa Orvia

Region: Chania Sleeps: 4

## Overview

Villa Orvia offers a stylish, modern space with charm for up to four guests. It boasts wonderful sea views and a gorgeous swimming pool and is ideally positioned to enjoy the delights of Maleme and the famous, spectacular beaches of Crete. It comes with one romantic bedroom, a characterful living space with exposed stonework and a sofa bed and wonderful terraces. It even has a historic well which is now used as an outdoor bar. It sits alongside its sister villa, Villa Xannia so this is a great option to be next door to friends or family.

Villa Orvia is perched on the gentle hillside not far from Maleme, Platanias and the lovely village of Kontomari. The delightful resort of Maleme sits between the villages of Tavronitis and Gerani with a three kilometre beach. The gorgeous Venetian harbour and Old Town of Chania is only twenty five minutes away with its waterfront bars and restaurants, its dreamy ancient buildings and its charming, bougainvillea draped cobbled alleyways. Three of the island's most spectacular beaches, Balos, Elafonisi and Falasarna, are within easy reach of the villa. For an alternative day out, you can head to the phenomenal Samaria Gorge.

The living space of this family-friendly villa is on the ground floor with a modern kitchen with all that you need for a self-catering stay cleverly tucked in under the stairs. With exposed stonework, the living space is very characterful and enjoys a warm, welcoming ambience. A quality sofa bed, perfect for two extra guests, sits against the wall where you can watch television or curl up with your holiday book. The small dining table is ideal if you want to eat inside, otherwise, you might want to head out to the terrace for a spot of alfresco dining.

Stairs lead up to your delightful, romantic double bedroom with its beamed ceiling and floaty voile curtains. The double bed comes with Coco-mat pillows for a blissful night's sleep. There is a modern family shower room with a large walk-in shower. Here you will find a handy washing machine. The main terrace is wonderful with a heavenly pool for a cooling dip, loungers, an alfresco lounge area and alfresco dining. This villa enjoys a fabulous location where you will relax, appreciate the help given by the very friendly managers of this property and enjoy the spectacular sea views. It is only roughly fifteen minutes to walk to the beach, restaurants and shops.



## Facilities

Self-Catered • Shared Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for  
Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village •  
Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • TV •  
Parking Space • Seaview • Watersports • Outstanding Landscapes •  
Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites •  
Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Orvia is a 1 bedroom villa sleeping 4 guests, with shared pool.

### *Interior:*

- Double bedroom
- Sofa bed
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Living area

### *Outside:*

- Shared pool
- Seating area
- Parking





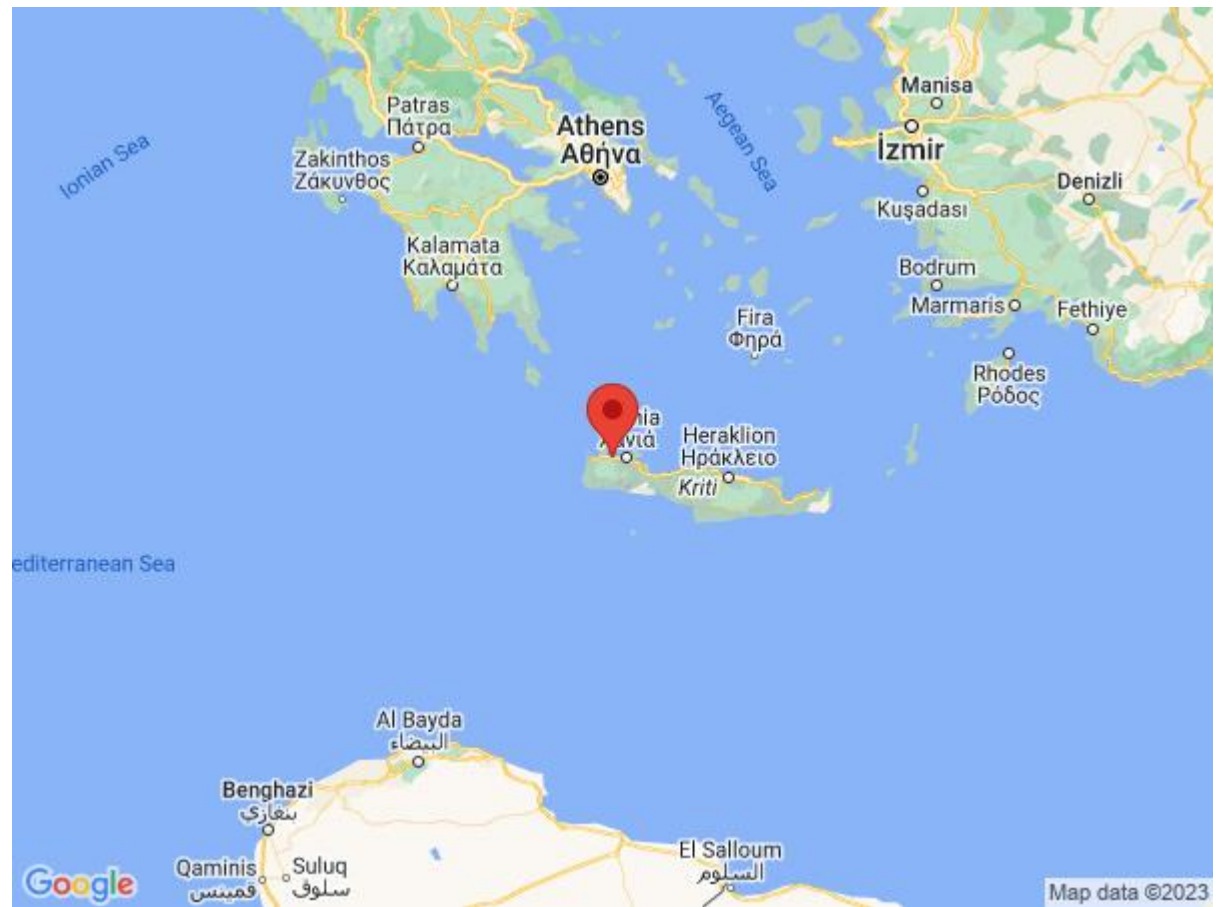
## Location & Local Information

Villa Orvia enjoys a lovely hillside position very close to the pretty, lively resort of Maleme. It is also within easy reach of the buzzy resort of Platanias and the Rodopos peninsula. Chania, Kissamos, Balos Beach, Falasarna Beach and Elafonisi Beach should all be on the 'must-do' list. Snorkelling, fishing and horse riding are available locally and there are some mini-markets and tempting tavernas in the local villages. The foothills behind Maleme are excellent for fresh country walks perfumed by the wild thyme and oregano. An hour's ramble out of Maleme takes you to the charming hilltop village of Deres with its whitewashed church and inviting taverna. Maleme is famous for being the place where German paratroopers attacked Crete in 1941. Maleme is a peaceful haven but if you are looking for some livelier entertainment, you can head to its neighbour Platanias just along the road.

The buzzy tourist resort of Kissamos sits on the edge of the Gramvousa peninsula. Kissamos is also known as Kastelli Kissamou in reference to the former Venetian fortress that used to dominate the town. Kissamos enjoys many tavernas, beaches and plenty of shops. Surrounding the town are fertile olive groves and vineyards. The main beach is Mavros Molos which is sprinkled with trees, sunbeds and parasols. The Archaeological Museum of Kissamos is located on the main square, Stratigou Tzanakaki, boasting an impressive collection of local discoveries from a wide range of historical eras. A little further north of the main port of Kissamos is the quaint, colourful Old Port of Kastelli Kissamou which is brimming with brightly coloured fishing boats, a photographer's dream.

On the Gramvousa peninsula, Balos Lagoon Beach is absolutely stunning and one of the most photographed beaches in Greece. The lagoon of Balos has silvery white sand and exotic, white, vivid blue and turquoise waters. The sea is very shallow and warm. Beyond the rocks at the boundaries of the lagoon, the water is deeper and ideal for snorkelling. The lagoon and wider area with rare species of flora and fauna are protected under the Natura 2000 programme. Eleonora falcons, shags and cormorants nest in the caves and the area is a shelter for protected monk seal and loggerhead sea turtles. You will think you are in the Maldives or somewhere as it is so beautiful. Balos can be reached by car, though be prepared for a bumpy ride or you can take a boat trip to the beach. North of Balos, in Cape Korykon, there are remains of the small Roman town of Agnio with the temple of Apollo and the picturesque chapel of Agios Sostis.

At the western base of the stunning Cape Gramvousa, 17km west of Kissamos, you will discover Falasarna Beach, another fabulous Cretan gem. The beach has been voted as one of the ten best beaches in Europe in the past. Falasarna Bay actually consists of five consecutive dazzling, silver-sanded beaches. It is huge as well as gorgeous and has such a dazzling,



clear, turquoise-blue sea. At the northern end of the beach, there are ruins of the ancient GrecoRoman city of Falasarna. There are several companies offering watersports including Falasarna Activities which offers wakeboard and jet ski tuition.

Elafonisi is also a magical place that consists of a small islet with white and pink sandy beaches. Visitors can wade out to the island to enter another world. The island is an internationally classified nature reserve and home to more than one hundred rare plants including summer flowering sea daffodils that look like white cups. The island is a nature lovers' paradise. To the left of the sandbank, windsurfers enjoy the prevailing winds.

The charming and picturesque Old Town of Chania is roughly twenty five minutes away in the car. Its atmospheric 14th century Venetian harbour, old port, narrow, cobbled shopping streets, colourful bougainvillea and waterfront restaurants make this a top-notch evening out. The sunset views are breathtaking with the Venetian lighthouse a focal point. You can walk along the harbour wall to the lighthouse.

Samaria Gorge, the longest gorge in Europe at 16km, takes roughly six hours to pass along the whole gorge. Alternatively, you can drive to Chora Sfakion and take a boat to Agia Roumeli and walk a few kilometres at the end of the gorge. The Imbros Gorge is also very beautiful and takes approximately two hours. You can combine this walk with swimming at Fragokastelo Beach.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Chania International Airport (36.1 km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Chania Port (19.3 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Chania (18.3 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Maleme (1 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Paralia Maleme (1.6 km)</b>

## What we love

- Villa Orvia enjoys a wonderfully peaceful hillside spot surrounding by olive groves and greenery. It is so calming and relaxing
- The views from Villa Orvia are truly captivating, across the hillside to the sea
- The villa enjoys a lovely shared pool and wonderful terraces where you can relax with your holiday books, enjoying a glass of chilled wine
- There are amazing beaches within easy reach of the villa including the famous beaches of Falasarna, Elafonisi and Balos. They are all spectacular and you should definitely visit at least one of them!
- 5 minutes from the property is a spa, treatments include manicure, pedicure, massages, waxing, facials.

## What you should know...

- The villa comes with just one bedroom though you are very welcome to use the sofa bed in the living area for two extra guests
- There are roped fences surrounding the swimming pool. Please take care of small children
- Villa Orvia sits alongside its sister villa, [Villa Xannia](#), they also share a pool
- You must make sure that you have time to visit Chania Old Town. It is captivating and utterly beautiful with a fantastic dining scene. Although there are plenty of walk-in waterside eateries, it is best to book in advance for some of the more popular restaurants such as Tamam and Pallas with its gorgeous rooftop dining space

# 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: 14.00
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, Included in rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, Included in rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, Included in 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights
- 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.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that on occasions, in Greece, extremes in weather can cause water and/ or electric supply to be cut or reduced. Services are normally restored as soon as possible.