

# Villa Zander

Region: Elounda Sleeps: 14

## Overview

Villa Zander is tailor made for those seeking a holiday of quiet seclusion and privacy, ideally located on the south east coast of Crete in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, with a back to nature vibe. This simply stunning beachfront villa can be found on a high bluff, with sweeping panoramic turquoise sea views, near the quaint village of Goudouras, in the exclusive holiday region of Lassithi. Villa Zander has six ensuite bedrooms, and can accommodate up to fourteen guests in some comfort and a lot of style, perfect for a large family gathering or friend's get together. This has-to-be-seen-to-be-believed, four hundred square metre, two storey property, is built on extensive private land, surrounded by a stone wall, enclosing a paved terrace with private swimming pool with four splash pools, and lawned gardens. Villa Zander comes with its own private parking spaces, and for your comfort and entertainment, complimentary air conditioning and Wi-Fi throughout, as well as satellite televisions in all the rooms. This architect designed villa is built out of classic Mediterranean white washed walls, with stone walls and tiled paving, whilst floor to ceiling sliding doors let in lots of natural light and cool sea breezes. The interiors have been furnished in a formal fashion, using lots of natural wood pieces and parquet flooring, and decorated with a palette of crisp whites, shades of browns, and hints of blues.

Enter the villa at ground floor level where you will be welcomed to a holiday home of light and airy open plan living. There is a seating area with floor to ceiling windows that give access onto the garden, furnished with two brown leather sofas and matching armchair, glass coffee tables, and facing a flat screen smart television. There is a separate smart dining area with a classic table and six chairs, with a matching sideboard, ideal for some impressive indoor entertaining. The all white modern kitchen is fully equipped with all the appliances you will need to cater for your holiday, and a six seater dining set on which to serve it. On this level there are two well-appointed double bedrooms, with satellite televisions, ensuite bathrooms, and access to the gardens. A separate studio with its own private entrance has a small living area with a lounge and kitchenette, a double bed, and an ensuite bathroom. This room can be transformed into a baby room or fitness studio on request. A laundry room with washing, drying, and ironing facilities completes the ground floor. Take the stairs to the first floor, where you will find a hall that gives access to the outdoor furnished sea view terraces, and is home to a handy guest cloakroom. The first floor also has an open plan living space, with a panoramic sea view sitting room with an open fireplace, a spacious dining



area, and a superb fully fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, including that must-have morning coffee maker. There is a smart office, which can be converted into a bedroom space on request, and a separate guest loo. On this floor there are three beautifully-appointed ensuite double bedrooms, all with bateau lit style beds, picture windows, furnished balconies, and sea views.

Access the outdoor space via the floor to ceiling sliding doors of the living space, to find a fabulous alfresco entertainment area that could be a film set. The tiered terrace has sweeping vistas as far as the eye can see, with lawned gardens, and steps leading down to a centrepiece private swimming pool. The pool is huge, ideal for a few lengths to start the day, and has four splash pools where you can play. The pool is surrounded by sixteen white cushioned sun loungers, strategically positioned for maximum sea views. Amuse yourselves with a game of ping pong or table football, shoot a few hoops through the basketball net, and keep fit on the running machine and stationary bike. After all that, relax with a morning coffee at the shaded soft seating area. Meet for cocktails on the terrace and admire the sun sets, before dining at the alfresco seating set, with local delicacies served freshly grilled on the built-in barbeque.

## Facilities

Instagrammable • Modern • Self-Catered • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Parties • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Table Tennis • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Beachfront • Seaview • Watersports • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Zander is a unique 400m<sup>2</sup> 2 storey, six ensuite bedrommed, beachfront luxury sea view villa with private pool and gardens:

### *Ground Floor:*

- Fully equipped kitchen, dining, living area
- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom
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- Laundry room with washing machine, dryer, ironing

### *Self contained studio with own entrance:*

- Double bed, ensuite bathroom
- Sitting area
- Kitchenette

### *First Floor:*

- Access to first floor terrace
- WC
- Dining room
- Stylish living room with fireplace
- Fully equipped kitchen
- 3 x double bedrooms, ensuite bathrooms
- Office
- WC

### *Outside:*

- Private parking
- Private swimming pool
- 4 splash pools
- Gardens
- Sunloungers
- Outdoor seating
- Table tennis table
- Football table
- Outdoor dining set
- BBQ

### *Other*

- Air conditioning
- Wi-Fi
- Pool towels
- Children's games
- Microwave
- Fireplace



- Dishwasher
- Hairdryers
- Safe
- Music sound system
- Gym equipment



# Location & Local Information

Villa Zander is located in a secluded spot, high on a bluff overlooking the azure blue seas of the Mediterranean, situated on the south east coast of the Greek island of Crete. The villa is near to the quiet and quaint coastal village of Goudouras, in the hot spot tourist area of Lassithi. The nearest international airport is at Heraklion, one hundred and thirty kilometers away, you can fly in to Sitia from Athens, or island hop and take a ferry. The villa is within walking distance of the village, where you can find local shops for your holiday provisions, family run cafes, bars and restaurants for some refreshments, and sandy beaches for sunbathing. The immediate area is renowned for its ancient olive groves, and lush soils for growing fruit and veg. The nearest beach is just one hundred and forty metres from the villa, an easy stroll to a little place of paradise. To the west is Votsalaki beach, set in a beautiful bay, with small pebbles, crystal clear water, which takes on hues of blues, greens, and reds from the soil, and where you may even meet a naturist or two. Nearby is Vai beach, set in a horseshoe bay, surrounded by a backdrop of Europe's largest protected pine forest, and offering golden sands and calm seas. For the beach babies this area of Crete is pure paradise, take a romantic walk on the long sandy beach of Voulisma or Golden Beach, get active in the wind-sheltered Ammoudara Beach, famous for its water sports, or sit in a taverna sipping retsina on the thick sand of Pacheia Ammos, a protected bay with a small harbour.

The area is soaked in history, particularly Minoan and Dorian, in the fifteenth century the island was conquered by the Venetians, who built fortresses to keep the Ottoman pirates at bay, then finally gained independence in the nineteenth century and became part of Greece. Get active and explore the three hundred caves the island hides, hike over hillsides, streams, and rocky ravines to discover watermills and ruins, and stop off along the way at a local winery and taste the fruits of the many vineyards. Explore Psychro Cave, reputedly the birthplace of Zeus, and rock climb Mount Ida to find the Ideon Cave. Sitia Geopark is three hundred and fifty square kilometres of the island's diverse eco-system, where you can trek through gorges, bathe on beaches, walk the wetlands, become a bird-watcher, and be at one with nature. Keep fit with a hike across the Richtis Gorge, stroll through streams to reach the twenty-metre waterfall, where you can cool off in the inviting pool. If you prefer sea to dry land, all aboard a boat trip where you can scuba or snorkel underwater ruins, and strap on your jet skis or paraglide with one of the many water sports clubs. Take a scenic drive through the Cretan countryside to find peace and solitude in the fifteenth century Toplou Monastery, with its beautiful Byzantine icons.

Go north to exclusive Elounda, shop in luxury designer boutiques and dine on local delicacies. Then take a boat across the sea to the intriguing island of Spinalonga, a former leper colony until as recently as the 1950's, once home



to a Venetian fortress, and now an open-air museum. No visit to Crete is complete without a trip to Agios Nikolaos, seventy three kilometres north of Villa Zander. Agios Nikolaos is a harbour town that uniquely houses a lake in its centre, it is home to the Archaeological Museum full of Minoan treasures, and full of tavernas, shops, bars, and restaurants in which to sit and sip an ouzo and watch the local life go by.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Heraklion International Airport</b> <b>(128 km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Sitia Port</b> <b>(41.2 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Sitia</b> <b>(41.1 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Gourouras</b> <b>(3.6 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Kalami Beach</b> <b>(0.14 km)</b>

## What we love

- Villa Zander is a stunning huge villa with 6 beautifully bedrooms, but what we especially love about it, is that it is a villa of two halves, each floor is complete in itself, great for two families.
- We loved the flexibility of some of the rooms, the studio can become a baby room or fitness studio, the office can become a bedroom, there's always room for manoeuvre at Villa Zander
- The sea view tiered terrace has to be seen to be believed, it is epic, but what we really loved was the steps down to the super-size swimming pool, with its four splash pools, great fun for all the family
- Villa Zander is secluded & private, yet a great place to host a party or wedding reception, it really does tick all the boxes
- We absolutely love all the added extras you can have when you book a stay at Villa Zander, from your own private chef, and sommelier wine selection, to an aerial photo tour trip and a guide for the sky at night – you'll be spoilt for choice

## What you should know...

- Pets and parties allowed, bring your dogs and cats and have some fun!
- The office can be transformed into an extra bedroom on request
- The property can be used to host a wedding reception for up to one hundred guests
- Baby cot and high chair on request
- Due to the seclusion of the property we highly recommend hiring a car to get the most out of your holiday and see all the sights you wish to see

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 15.00
- 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. Changed every 3/4 days.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 4/5 nights in low season. 7 nights in high season.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and 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.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that on occasions, in Turkey, extremes in weather can cause water and/ or electric supply to be cut or reduced. Services are normally restored as soon as possible.