

Villa Aithan

Region: Naxos Sleeps: 4

Overview

The gorgeous Villa Aithan is a romantic, idyllic nest for four guests in the Kastraki area of Naxos. It has recently been completely renovated and boasts a wonderful blend of beautiful whitewashed Cycladic style and modern amenities. It is really cute and cosy, perfect for two couples or a small family or perhaps you might just want to take it for yourselves and enjoy the space. The villa boasts a totally amazing spot with stunning sunrise and sunset sea views. Villa Aithan is part of a small complex of three villas, all enjoying this wonderful location. It is a short drive from the famous sandy beaches of Mikri Vigla, Kastraki and Parthena and only 17 kilometres from Naxos Town.

The island of Naxos is blessed with endless stunning sandy beaches, lush valleys, medieval towers, abandoned monasteries, atmospheric mountain villages, market gardens and delicious local produce. If you can bring yourselves to leave your very own piece of Naxos paradise, you will discover amazing landscapes, fields full of sheep and goats, beautiful wild flowers, amazing restaurants, historic buildings, wineries, villages untouched by time and friendly locals. With its giant Portara and colossal sculptures, Naxos is like an open-air museum with a very rich history. You will enjoy delicious cuisine including prized cheeses, zamboni, a cured pork, zovla which is braised goats meat with macaroni, the island's famous walnut cake Melachrino and Kitron, a wonderful liqueur that is taken with pudding and cheese. The fertile Tragea Valley, in the heart of Naxos, is home to twelve delightful villages and more than thirty of the most important Byzantine churches in the Aegean. Mount Zas, the highest in the Cyclades, is named after the ruler of Olympus and offers fabulous views and wonderful hiking trails.

Villa Aithan sits in the middle of the terrace of these three Cycladic gems. Even though it is terraced, you will enjoy total privacy due to the clever design. Next door to Villa Aithan is our five bedroom Villa Darius so you could if you are taking a holiday with a large group but fancy a little privacy, this could be a good bet. All in white, Villa Aithan is a real beauty with a delightful open plan living space, two heavenly bedrooms and two bathrooms. The lower terrace is beautifully presented with shaded alfresco dining and an outdoor kitchenette area. The table has built-in sofa seating and other chairs. It is a lovely place to relax with your holiday books, enjoying the wonderful sea views. Though there isn't a pool at Villa Aithan, the sea is very close by. Above this terrace, the master bedroom enjoys access to a large balcony with a table and chairs, perfect for your morning cup of coffee and watching the sun change through



its fabulous range of colours over the turquoise waters. Inside and out, Villa Aithan boasts beautiful built-in furniture with the usual Cycladic curves. It is so charming with built-in sofa arrangements, open wardrobes and walk-in showers. Accentuating these charming features are gorgeous soft furnishings and delightful colour pops.

The ground floor living space offers an excellent contemporary kitchen with white units, grey marbled work surfaces and stainless steel appliances that will definitely please the chef in your group. Leading from this is a lovely wooden dining table and trendy Eames styled chairs followed by the living area. Here you will find a delightful built-in corner sofa arrangement with sumptuous cushions and lovely colour pop scatter cushions as well as your television, an attractive shelf system and a chic coffee table. Double doors open directly to your terrace and outdoor space. One of the villa's two bathrooms is located on the ground floor, doubling up as a laundry room.

Upstairs, you will discover the stylish master bedroom with its built-in double bed and wardrobe space. The bed will be made up with luxurious crisp cottons and wonderful soft furnishings. Doors open to your wonderful furnished terrace. This is a brilliant spot for a pre-dinner drink and watching the sunsets. The second bedroom, also lovely, boasts twin beds that sit next to each other forming one enormous bed. Another gorgeous, immaculate bathroom sits on this floor.

Facilities

Instagrammable • Modern • Self-Catered • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • TV • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Seaview • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Aithan is a 2 bedroom villa sleeping up to 4 guests over 2 levels, with sea and garden views.

Main Level:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Living area
- Dining area
- Bathroom
- Laundry room

Top Level:

- Master bedroom
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom

Outdoor:

- Kitchenette
- Dining area
- BBQ

Additional facilities

- Pergola
- Tv
- tea/coffee maker
- Veranda
- Dishwasher
- Washing machine
- Landmark view
- Wardrobe and hangers
- Ironing board/iron
- Sofa bed
- Refrigerator



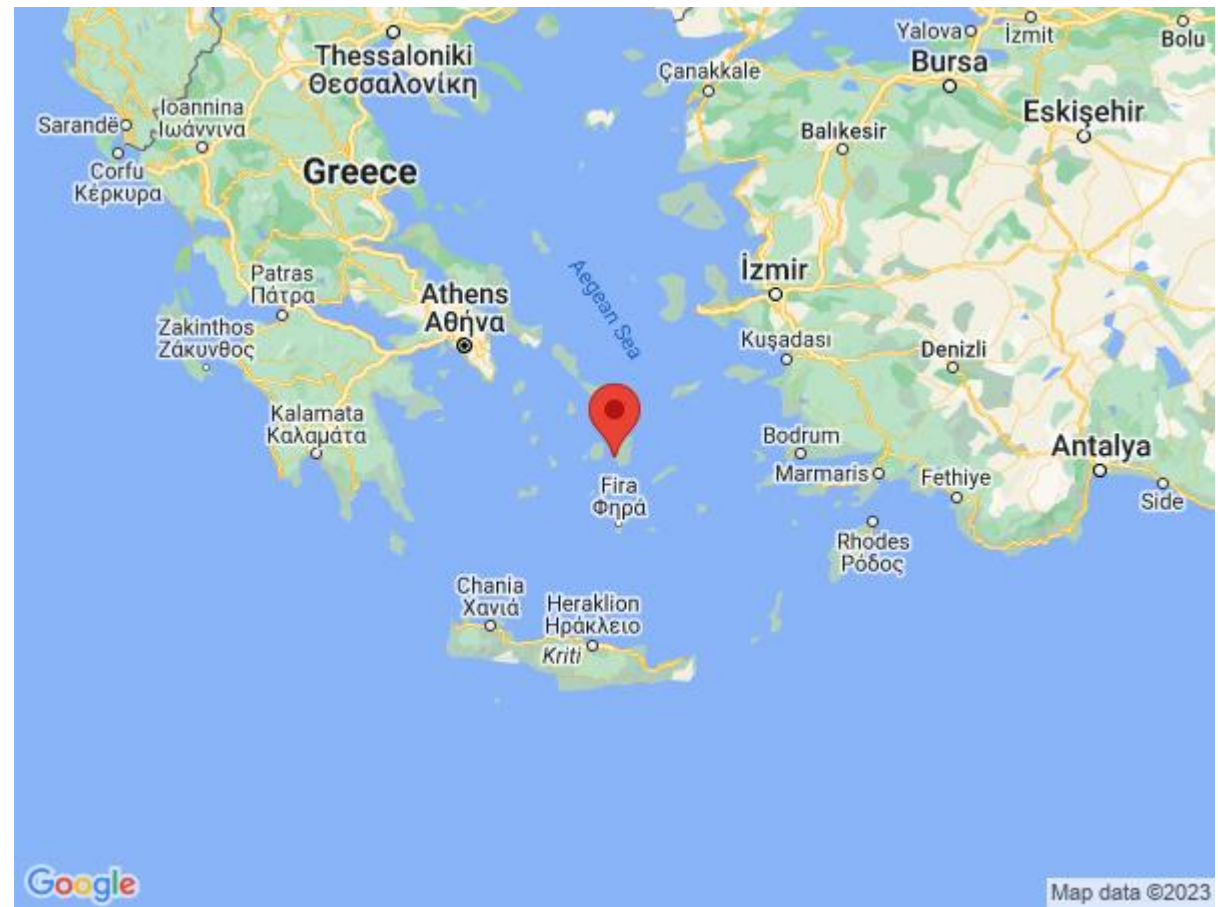
Location & Local Information

Villa Aithan enjoys a wonderful spot looking out to sea in the Kastraki area of Naxos, just south of Mikri Vigla. Within easy reach are the beaches of Kastraki, Parthena, Mikri Vigla, Plaka and Orkos. Kastraki Beach is absolutely fabulous with fine white glimmering sand, crystal clear water and a good array of tavernas with wonderful waterfront settings. It is quite secluded and fairly quiet. Mikri Vigla was named after the observatory at the top of the cape that was used to watch out between Naxos and Paros to protect the island and for following ships on the ancient trading route from Crete to Athens.

According to myth, the southern bay was a hideout for legendary pirates. The beach is a gift for watersports enthusiasts with its superb kite surfing school and perfect wind conditions. Plaka Beach is also another paradise beach for watersports fans. Aliko is a beautiful beach, backed by a cedar forest which has been declared a protected natural area. Further north, Agios Prokopios is delightful with watersports, refreshments and gorgeous sands. The tiny chapel dedicated to Saint Prokopios stands on the western side of the beach. Close by, you will find Agios Anna, a quieter version of Agios Prokopios and pink coloured salt lakes with many birds and other wildlife. Agios St George is on the edge of Naxos Town with its warm shallow water. On the east of the island, the small quaint harbour of Moutsouna is a great place to eat fresh fish and the coastal ride leads to Panermos Bay, a pristine, tranquil spot. There are lots of hidden beaches and the Rina sea cave.

The island of Naxos enjoys glorious, panoramic scenery, stunning views, endless sandy beaches, a lively main town, gorgeous mountain villages, a rich history and a superb dining scene where you will be served delicious local produce. It is said that Naxos is where Dionysus (the God of Wine) met and married Ariadne. The first Dionysus Festival was held on the island which later became famous for its exquisite marbles. Naxos's beautiful marble, emery mines, fertile land, its geographic location in the Aegean Sea, its pottery and its cuisine are some of the reasons for its stature in the Cycladic islands and its popularity.

Naxos Town is within easy reach of the villa. It is guarded by its Venetian castle and enjoys narrow, winding, cobbled streets, gleaming white architecture, ancient churches, antique shops, buzzy bars and wonderful restaurants. Marko Sanoudo II, the Venetian emperor invaded and conquered Naxos in 1207 and built the castle. It was the seat of power for the Cyclades islands for three hundred years. During the summer months, music festivals are held in the setting of the Kastro and painters and sculptors also hold exhibitions in the castle. Naxos' Archaeological Museum is housed in the old Jesuit School of Commerce with a wonderful collection of old Cycladic art, white marble monuments and local ceramics. The great writer Nikos



Kazantzakis attended the school and it is where he wrote 'Zorba the Greek'. The car free old town is known as Kastro, located within the castle's old Venetian walls and enjoying steep narrow lanes decorated with tumbling colourful bougainvillea, numerous churches and elegant Venetian mansions. The lanes from Kastro lead downhill to Bourgos which is where the Greeks lived during the years of Venetian occupation. The new town is situated next to the main port and with many of the town's restaurants, bars and cafes. As soon as you enter the port of Naxos, you notice the ancient monument of Portara which means 'Big door' in Greek. The Portara is a centuries-old marble doorway built in 522BC as the entrance gateway to the unfinished Roman Temple dedicated to Apollo. It stands on a small islet and is an incredible Instagram worthy spot at sunset when the sky turns to orange and gold.

Naxos enjoys a fabulous reputation for its delicious cuisine. You will fall in love with the island's local delicacies. The island is very fertile and almost self-sufficient. You will enjoy delicious vegetables, cheeses, meats, fish and alcoholic drinks. Must try dishes include pig rosto, pork stuffed with garlic and braised in wine, pork fricasses flavoured with the leaves of sea lavender and tasty cheeses including Graviera of Naxos, Arseniko and Xynotyro. The local dishes can be divided into three groups, the fish and seafood dishes of the coastal areas, the vegetable and beef dishes popular on the plains and usually made with homemade butter and the goat and lamb delicacies of the mountains, always cooked with plenty of local olive oil. There are excellent vineyards in the north of the island. The island's special drink, Kitron, is wonderful, made from the fruit and leaves of the citron tree. Visitors can enjoy cooking workshops as Vioma and visit and tour wineries such as the Saint Anna winery in the small village of Kato Potamia.

You mustn't forget to explore the mountains and valleys of this lush island and the charming villages sprinkled around including Tripodes, Filoti, Halki and Apeiranthos. The picturesque village of Halki is utterly charming with neoclassical architecture, tiny alleys, bougainvillea, jasmine trees and charming shops. The marble village of Apiranthos should not be missed too. It is brilliantly well-preserved and is the highest village of the Cyclades. It is famous for its tavernas that serve the delicious local meat dishes. Not to be forgotten are the island's major sites of the Demeter Temple, Kouros of Melanes, Kouros of Apollonas, Panagia Drossiani Church, the Monastery of Fotodotis and Kalamitsia Monastery. The oldest of the island's churches is Panayia Vlacherniotissa which boasts a beautiful carved alter screen. Panayia Myrtidiotissa stands on a tiny islet in the port of Naxos and Theologaki is a tiny chapel in a cave.

Visitors to Naxos also enjoy taking trips on luxurious catamarans to find the island's secluded and hidden beaches or sail to some of the small Cyclades. The boat trip to the island of Koufonisia takes just under two hours, a lovely

experience with wonderful fresh fish lunches in the tavernas and secluded naturist beaches if that is your thing.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Naxos Airport (14.2km)
Nearest Restaurant	Akti Kastraki Beach Complex (450m)
Nearest Beach	Paralia Glifada (1.7km)
Nearest Supermarket	Campos Market (1.8km)
Sightseeing	Marbre Museum (8.5km)

What we love

- The villa is beautifully furnished, using built-in traditional Cycladic elements, sumptuous cushions and gorgeous trendy wooden pieces
- The location is just fantastic with uninterrupted sea views
- The lower and upper terraces are perfect spots for watching the mesmerising sunrises and deep red sunsets, relaxing with your holiday books and dining alfresco
- Villa Aithan sits next to our Villa Darius. You could always get friends to book Villa Darius, enjoy some private time and share their pool!

What you should know...

- There is not a pool at Villa Aithan though the sea is very close by!
- Though the villa sits in the middle of a small terrace of three villas, you will enjoy total privacy
- There is an electric barbecue for dining alfresco

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €700 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 15:00
- Departure time: 11:00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €300, which includes a clean and linen change every 2nd day. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights.
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access is included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on the local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- 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.