

# Villa Alabaster

Region: Crete Sleeps: 6

## Overview

Villa Alabaster is a brand new, contemporary villa opening in April 2023 to offer guests the most luxurious, most comfortable and most memorable stay in the Falasarna area of Crete. The villa enjoys three gorgeous bedrooms, divine open-plan living spaces and sensational outside space with glorious, soul-soothing, uninterrupted sea views that mean you will never miss a moment of coastal bliss. What more could you possibly want from your self-catering stay near one of the very best beaches in all of Greece? Villa Alabaster enjoys a calm, inviting ambience and sublime interior design that invites relaxation and rejuvenation. It is the perfect pick for a spot of switch-off.

There is no doubt that when staying in this stunning location you will return home with hundreds of Instagram-worthy beach photos. Falasarna is part of the Natura 2000 network due to its outstanding natural beauty and its endless varieties of flora and fauna. It offers white powdery sand, crystal clear water and mind-blowing vivid sunsets that will remain in your memory for a very long time. Within easy reach is the equally stunning Elafonisi Beach, voted as one of the best five secret beaches by the BBC, and the idyllic Balos Beach with its pink sand and shallow waters. Balos is often compared to Caribbean beaches. The lively resort of Kissamos is less than twelve kilometres away and you shouldn't miss a trip into the Venetian harbour of the Old Town of Chania, just less than sixty kilometres away.

Villa Alabaster is a capsule of contemporary cool that is perfect for families or friends. Its light-flooded, laid-back minimalist interiors are perfect for holidays. It comes with a cool vibe that encourages you to embrace the calm. This and the other three lovely villas in this exclusive spot blend harmoniously with the natural landscape. The ground floor is home to your open plan living space and one of your bedrooms, a gorgeous double with a comfy kingsize bed and use of a family bathroom.

The remaining two bedrooms are found on the first floor, dreamy nests with contemporary open wardrobes, exquisite linens and immaculate ensuite bathrooms. Guests enjoy luxury toiletries, fluffy towels, bathrobes and slippers in the bathrooms, along with trendy tiling and the best of fittings.

The open-plan living space enjoys a brilliantly well-equipped kitchen that the chef in your group will appreciate. Filter and espresso coffee machines are provided for your early morning cup of coffee. The living area enjoys comfy



contemporary sofas and a giant smart television should you want to cosy up with Netflix. The calm, natural colour palette throughout ensures that Villa Alabaster enjoys a serene ambience.

Though the interiors are beautiful, the real magic at Villa Alabaster happens on the terrace. With spectacular sea views that will entice your gaze and lift your heart, you cannot help but relax on the quality outdoor furnishings. The swimming pool boasts a unique design and next to it is a sunken lounge area with a fireplace, the perfect spot to enjoy pre-dinner drinks while mesmerised by the sunsets. There is a fabulous alfresco dining area under a pergola and a barbecue where your barbecue masters can cook up a storm. The glorious blue scenery will tranquillize your soul and fill you with a passion to explore this wonderful island.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Modern • Self-Catered • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Restaurant • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Smart TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Seaview • Watersports • Sailing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Alabaster is a 3 bedroom villa sleeping up to 6 guests, with private pool

### *Ground level:*

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area
- Living area
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower
- Laundry room

### *Upper level:*

- 2x Twin bedroom/or double with ensuite

### *Outdoor:*

- Heated swimming pool
- BBQ
- Dining area
- Sun loungers

### **Additional facilities**

- A/C in all rooms
- Iron/ Ironing board
- Washing machine
- Drying machine
- Safe box
- Dishwasher
- First aid kit
- Outdoor lighting
- Bath amenities
- Pool & bath towels
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Baby cot
- High chair
- Child cutlery
- Daily maid service

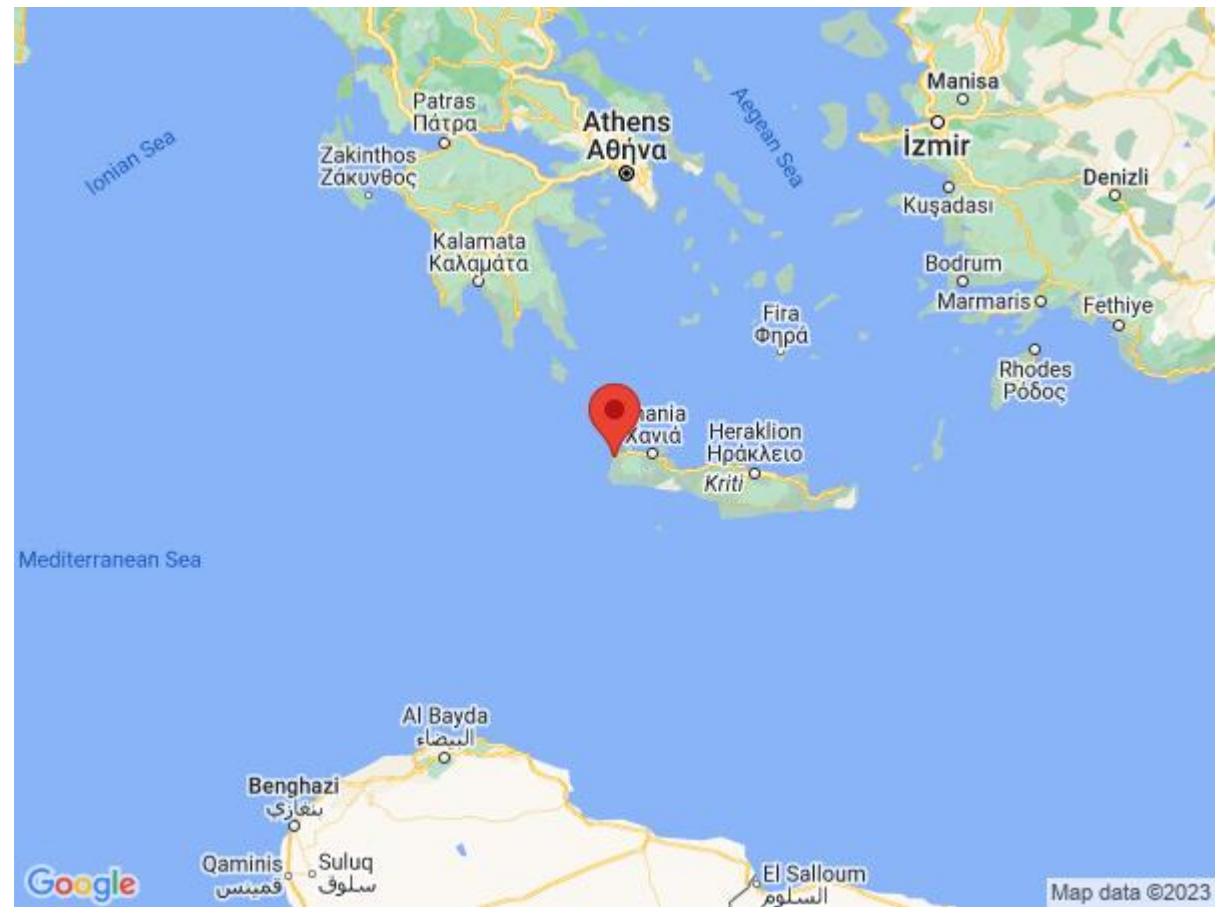


## Location & Local Information

Villa Alabaster enjoys a superb location with uninterrupted sea views in the Falasarna area of Crete. The main attractions of Falasarna are its superb sandy beaches, its turquoise crystal clear sea and its ancient harbour. With its fabulous array of flora and fauna varieties, the enchanting Falasarna promises wonderful paradise beaches with glistening white sand and crystal clear water. There are several companies offering watersports including Falasarna Activities which offers wakeboard and jet ski tuition. At the northern end of the beach, there are ruins of the ancient Greco-Roman city of Falasarna. Falasarna actually consists of five beaches with the main beach called Pachia Ammos. Livadi is another of the long beaches, a good choice for snorkelling. Livadi is surrounded by important wetlands with ponds and a wonderful array of bird life.

Like Falasarna, Elafonisi and Balos enjoy being on the list of the world's top beaches. They are definitely must-visits. Elafonisi is connected by a sand bar to an island nature reserve with pink sands, wildflowers and unusual rock formations. There is no shade on the island but there are delightful little coves and pockets of sandy beach. It is home to more than one hundred rare plants including summer sea daffodils and winter-flowering *Androcymbium rechingeri*. You may see rare loggerhead sea turtles and you will definitely enjoy picture-perfect sunsets that will stay in your memory for a very long time. Due to its natural beauty, Elafonisi is often featured on postcards and posters. On the Gramvousa peninsula, in the protected 'NATURA' area of Balos Bay, Balos' glistening white sand, rare species of flora and fauna and turquoise sea are incredible. It is a brilliant beach with idyllic scenery and shallow water that will meet every expectation to the fullest. Beyond the rocks at the boundaries of the lagoon, the water is deeper and ideal for snorkelling. Eleonora falcons, shags and cormorants nest in the caves and the area is a shelter for protected monk seal and loggerhead sea turtles. Balos can be reached by car or you can take a boat trip to the beach from Kissamos. North of Balos, in Cape Korykon, there are remains of the small Roman town of Agnio including the temple of Apollo and the picturesque chapel of Agios Sostis.

The bustling tourist resort of Kissamos sits on the edge of the Gramvousa peninsula and is within easy reach of the villa. Kissamos is also known as Kastelli Kissamou in reference to the former Venetian fortress that used to dominate the town. Kissamos boasts many traditional tavernas, bars and shops as well as stunning beaches. Surrounding the town are fertile olive groves and vineyards. The main beach is Mavros Molos which is sprinkled liberally 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 from 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.

Platanias sits a little further along the coast, a large tourist resort which boasts electric bars and nightclubs. If you are looking for a late night out, it is probably the best place to head. Platanias is followed by the lively Agia Marina where you will find a gorgeous beach, glorious sunsets and excellent feasts at its many restaurants.

Roughly sixty kilometres from the villa and not to be missed is the charming and picturesque Old Town of Chania. Its atmospheric 14th-century Venetian harbour, old port, narrow, cobbled shopping streets, colourful bougainvillea and waterfront and rooftop restaurants make this a top-notch evening out. The views from the harbour are breathtaking, especially at sunset with the Venetian lighthouse in the background.

Samaria Gorge is the longest gorge in Europe at sixteen kilometres which takes roughly six hours. For a shorter hike, 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 (67 km )</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Kissamos Port (9 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Falasarna (2.8 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Taverna Spilios (0.3 km )</b>

## What we love

- Villa Alabaster is brand new and beautifully presented with contemporary furnishings, a fabulous open plan living space, dreamy bedrooms, a wonderful unique swimming pool and a superb terrace
- The villa's location is wonderful, a tranquil spot in the Falasarna area with spectacular sea views. It is very easy to visit Crete's other sensational gems, Elafonisi and Balos from here!
- It is always so lovely to stay in a brand-new villa. Everything is so shiny and beautiful! The design of this wonderful villa makes the best use of its out-of-this-world sea views!

## What you should know...

- The swimming pool has the option to be heated by a pool heat pump to approximately 26-27 degrees depending on weather conditions for an extra fee. Three to four days' notice is required for this
- We also feature Villa Porcelain in the same location should you want to invite friends along to share your holiday
- Though the interiors of Villa Alabaster are divine, you are likely to spend most of your time on the terrace at this wonderful villa, captivated by the blue sea and sky collage and sunsets
- One of the bedrooms is located on the ground floor, ideal for anyone with mobility issues

# 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: 17.00
- Departure time: 11.00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in rental price. Changed every 3 days
- 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?: The swimming pool can be heated at an extra cost by a Pool Heat Pump at about 26-27°C depending on weather conditions. We request 3-4 days' advance notice for this facility, at an extra cost of 50€ per day paid in cash.
- Minimum stay: 4/5 nights 7 nights - high season
- Changeover day: Flexible
- 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.