

Villa Cetus

Region: Heraklion Sleeps: 6

Overview

You'll get a bird's eye sea view when you vacation in Villa Cetus, on the north coast of the Greek island of Crete, in the heart of the Aegean Sea. This luxury villa can be found in a small complex of five superb properties, nestled into the cliff called Eagle's Nest by the locals, and commands panoramic Cretan countryside and Aegean Sea views. The villa is set in its own three hundred and ninety square metres of grounds, surrounded by stone walls and a sea view, glass-fronted terrace. The property comes with private parking, complimentary air-conditioning and Wi-Fi throughout.

The three ensuite double bedrooms can comfortably accommodate up to six guests, ideal for a family or group of friends sharing. Villa Cetus is built over two storeys out of local stone, and classic Mediterranean white-washed walls. The one hundred and forty square metre interior is exquisitely appointed, complementing the exterior, it has internal stone walls, and double doors that flood the villa with natural light and cooling sea breezes. The furnishings are stylishly modern, the lighting is contemporary copper, and the décor is a calming palette of neutral earth tone and crisp clean white.

Enter the villa at the ground floor level, where you will discover a sophisticated holiday home of light and airy open-plan living. The bright and breezy seating area has a large comfy L-shaped steel grey velvet sofa, a wooden coffee table, a flat-screen television, and access to the terrace. The adjacent wood and white fully equipped kitchen has all the built-in appliances you will need to cater for your holiday, including a family-size fridge freezer, and that must-have morning coffee maker. Most importantly, the kitchen has a dedicated wine fridge, from which you can help yourself, but there will be a charge. The smart wooden dining table with six upholstered chairs is ideal for some impressive indoor entertaining. The ground floor is home to a beautifully-appointed bedroom with a huge double bed, bedside tables, a flat-screen television, and access to the sea-view pool terrace. The ensuite modern bathroom has a walk-in shower and full-size complimentary Zealots toiletries. Take the stairs to the first floor, where there are two further spacious double ensuite bedrooms, both with furnished glass-fronted sea-view balconies. One of the bedrooms has a very useful workstation and printer.

The tiled terrace has a glass-fronted surround for uninterrupted azure sea views. A step-entry saltwater swimming pool takes centre stage, surrounded by the most inviting deep cushioned wooden sun loungers, and a couple of



swing chairs. By request, the pool can be heated in the cooler months. After a refreshing cooling dip, play a game of whiff-whaff on the outside ping pong table. Relax at the wicker set soft seating spot, perfectly positioned to maximise those stunning sea views and the ideal place for a sun downer at sunset. An outside six-seater dining set is sited under the shady veranda, ready for hosting an alfresco feast of local Greek delicacies,

Facilities

Villa/House • Instagrammable • Modern • Self-Catered • Private Pool • Heated 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 • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • Heating • Cot(s) • Seaview • Watersports • Sailing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

2 storey stone built villa with 3 ensuite bedrooms, sea views and a private saltwater swimming pool

Ground Floor:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area
- Open plan living area
- Double bedroom with ensuite

First Floor:

- 2x Double bedrooms with ensuites
- workstation with printer

Outdoor:

- Tiled sea view terrace
- Saltwater swimming pool
- Dining area

Additional Facilities

- Complimentary Zealots toiletries
- Workstation with printer
- Baby crib can be provided
- Garage parking
- Ping pong table
- Sun loungers



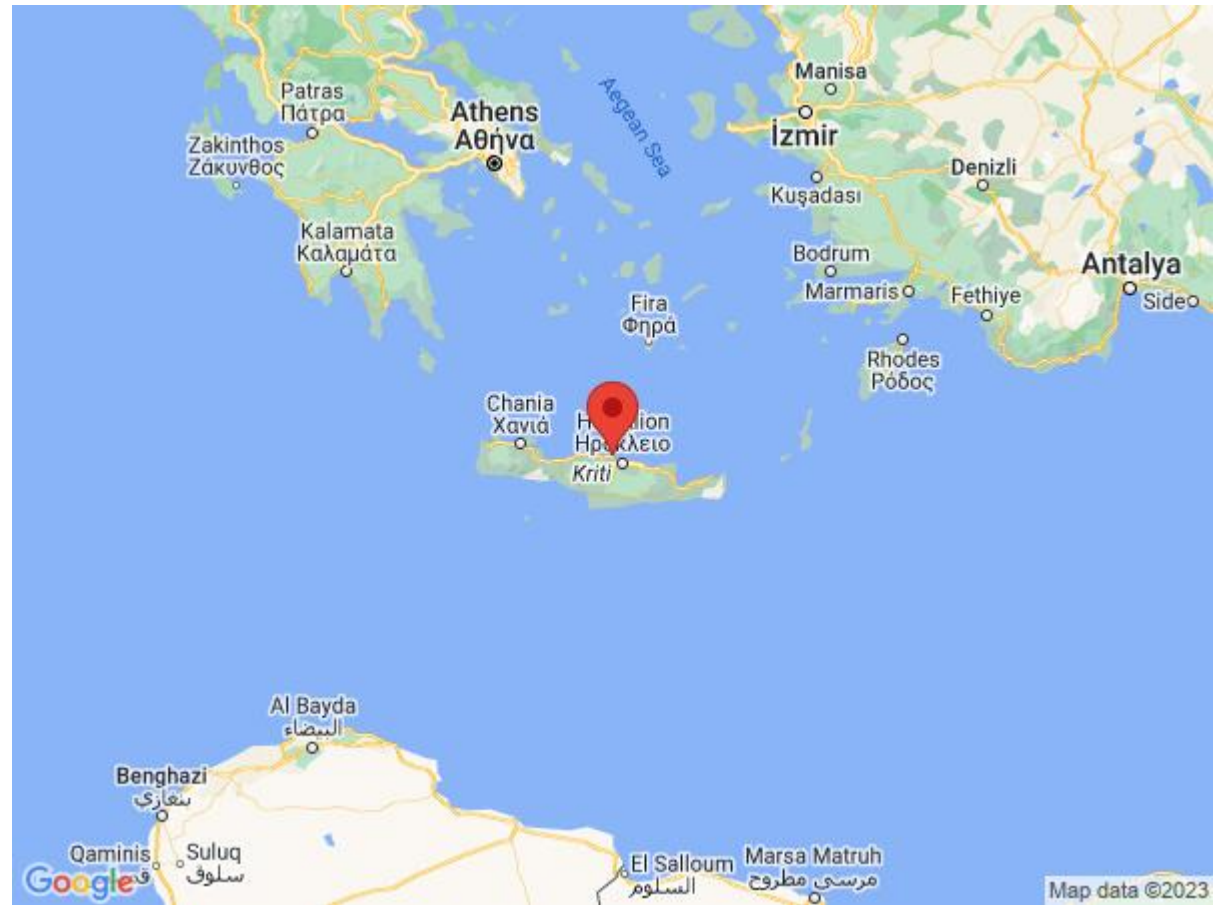
Location & Local Information

Villa Cetus can be found nestled into the hewn cliffside of a small five-luxury property complex on the north coast of Crete, a Greek island in the Aegean Sea. The villa is a thirty-minute drive from Heraklion International Airport, a half-hour scenic coastal route drive to your holiday home from home. The island of Crete is equidistant from east to west, so you'll have no difficulty getting to any attraction of your choice.

Whether you are looking for a relaxing time sunbathing on sandy beaches, yearning for some culture and visiting archaeological sites in the cradle of civilisation, or trekking the trails through the local flora and fauna, before dancing the night away, there's something for everyone with a holiday on the island of Crete. The villa is within a few minutes' drive to the tiny village of Mades, with its beautiful horseshoe bay sandy beach, and crystal clear waters, it is populated with sun loungers and shady parasols, and some sail and fishing caiques too. Other notable beaches within the vicinity can be found at the quiet Agia Pelagia, Liguria with its beach bars, scuba diving and water sports, and the splendid Gulf of Heraklion.

In the village of Liguria, you will find provisions to cater for your holiday, family-run tavernas serving traditional Cretan food, and lots of cosy bars for a glass of local wine and people-watching. For those who love walking, explore the three hundred caves the island hides, hike over hillsides, streams, and rocky ravines to discover watermills and ruins, and stop along the way at a local winery and taste the fruits of the many vineyards. The area is soaked in history, particularly Minoan and Dorian, Crete was conquered by the Venetians in the fifteenth century, who built fortresses to keep the Ottoman pirates at bay, then finally gaining independence in the nineteenth century and becoming part of Greece.

If you prefer the sea to 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. The town and port of Heraklion are a short drive from the villa, don't miss a tour around the ancient Palace of Knossos, a visit to the Archaeological Museum, a walk along the Venetian walls, and a stroll through the old quarter, where you can shop for souvenirs, before enjoying a souvlaki and ouzo like a local. Go further afield to Vai, Crete's easternmost tip, where you will find lush forests and a unique date palm. Explore Psychro Cave, reputedly the birthplace of Zeus, and rock climb Mount Ida to find the Iteon Cave. Sitia Geopark is three hundred and fifty square kilometres of the island's diverse ecosystem, where you can trek through gorges, bathe on beaches, walk the wetlands, become a bird-watcher, and be at one with nature. Get active and hike the Richtis Gorge, and stroll through streams to reach the twenty-metre waterfall, where you can cool off in the inviting pool.



Find peace and solitude in the fifteenth-century Toplou Monastery, where you can see beautiful Byzantine icons. Take a boat tour to visit the intriguing island of Spinalonga, a former leper colony until as recently as the 1950s, home to a Venetian fortress, and now an open-air museum. No visit to Crete is complete without a trip to Agios Nikolaos, a harbour town that uniquely houses a lake in its centre, is home to the archaeological museum of Minoan treasures, and is full of tavernas, shops, bars, and restaurants, in which to sit and watch the local life go by.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Heraklion Airport (25km)
Nearest Restaurant	Taverna Anatoah (6m)
Nearest Beach	Lygaria Beach (16m)
Nearest Supermarket	Super Market Apostolis 1 (200m)

What we love

- What's not to love about a full wine fridge, we think every villa should have one!
- The sea views are simply stunning, and the glass surrounding terrace and balcony allow uninterrupted vistas of the Cretan countryside and crystal clear waters
- Villa Cetus is seriously smart, yet the ambience is warm, welcoming, and a real holiday home from home
- It's so easy to get to the beach from the villa, a short drive to the village of Mates, and you are dipping your toes in the water in no time
- The villa is so near so many gorgeous Greek villages, including nearby Liguria for all the provisions you will need for your holiday

What you should know...

- There is a wine fridge in the kitchen, the contents can be enjoyed at an extra charge
- The saltwater swimming pool can be heated in the cooler months, this is subject to prior arrangement and at an extra charge
- We recommend hiring a car to make the most of your Cretan holiday

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid via credit card or bank transfer to the owner before arrival.
- Arrival time: 15:00
- Departure time: 12:00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Other 2: Social gatherings 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.