

Villa Knossos

Region: Heraklion Sleeps: 12

Overview

You can almost feel the sand between your toes, when you vacation in the beachfront Villa Knossos, on the Kokkini seafront of northern Crete, in the Greek Aegean Sea. This seriously impressive detached luxury villa has six ensuite double bedrooms and can accommodate up to twelve adults, plus two children, in some styles. The villa would be ideal for a fabulous family fun-filled holiday, or a group of friends' get-together celebration.

This recently restored, four-storey, property is set in its own grounds, with high fenced walls for privacy and security, and a garden of traditional potted plants and shrubs in season. The villa is constructed from classic Mediterranean whitewashed walls, with floor-to-ceiling glass windows, that flood the place with lots of natural light, and let in cooling sea breezes. Villa Knossos comes with its own private garage, complimentary air conditioning, and Wi-Fi throughout, an internal elevator, an infinity swimming pool, and a gym and spa suite. No attention to detail has been spared on the exquisite interiors. The villa is stylishly furnished with comfortable contemporary classic pieces, and decorated in a palette of nautical hues of blues and crisp clean white. The vibe is one of laid-back holiday luxury.

Enter the villa at the ground floor level, where you will discover a light and airy holiday home of open-plan living. The seating area has picture window doors that open onto the pool terrace. There is a wrap-around, deep-cushioned dark blue sofa, which can be converted to a bed, two formal armchairs, a wooden coffee and side tables, all facing a sixty-five inch satellite television, preloaded with network channels, and an enclosed fireplace, for those cooler months and evenings. The adjacent elegant wood dining table with turquoise upholstered chairs would be perfect for some impressive indoor entertaining. The fully-equipped kitchen has all the latest built-in appliances that you will need to cater for your holiday, a four-seater informal dining set, and that must-have morning coffee maker. The first of the six-bedroom suites can be found on this floor, with a king-size bed, a forty-five-inch TV, and an ensuite shower room. A handy guest cloakroom completes this floor.

Take the stairs or elevator to the first floor, where there are three beautifully-appointed bedrooms. The stunning sea view master bedroom has a king-size bed, an ensuite bathroom, and a furnished balcony, that is home to a Jacuzzi with a vista. There are two more double bedrooms, with TVs, ensuite bathrooms, and furnished sea-view balconies. A guest bathroom completes



the first floor. The second floor has two double bedrooms with king-size beds, TVs, workstations, ensuite bathrooms with Jacuzzi baths, and private, sea view, furnished balconies. On the lower ground floor you will find a fully-equipped gym with machines and free weights, and a football table. The cave-style spa suite is superb, with a relaxing hammam and sauna, and a marble bathroom.

The sea view terrace has a centrepiece fifty-metre square, salt water, and an infinity swimming pool that struts out to sea and is surrounded by a glass-fronted terrace. Strategically positioned, sea blue sun loungers, with shady parasols surround the pool. A striped marine blue and white cushioned soft seating set are ideal for meeting for sunset cocktails on the terrace. Play a game of outdoor pool, or sit and watch from the traditional blue bench. Relax in the swing chair and catch up with this year's best seller. Feast alfresco at the outdoor dining set, with dishes freshly grilled on the barbeque in the preparation kitchen. Then as the sun dips over the horizon, raise a glass or two, to the most memorable of happy holidays.

Facilities

Villa/House • Wow Factor • Instagrammable • Modern • Self-Catered • Private Pool • Saltwater Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hot Tub • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • TV • Pool/Snooker • Heating • Seaview • Watersports • Sailing • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

450sqm detached beachfront luxury 6 bed sea view villa, with pool, gym, spas and garden, sleeps up to 12 adult + 2 children

Ground floor:

- Open plan living area: 2 sofa beds, armchairs, 65" HD flat screen smart TV, enclosed fireplace
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Indoor dining set x 8
- 1x double bedroom with king size bed, 45" TV, ensuite bathroom,
- Guest WC

First floor:

- 3x double bedrooms with king size beds, TVs, and ensuite bathrooms
- Master bedroom with a Jacuzzi, all with furnished balconies
- Separate WC

Second floor:

- 2x double bedrooms with king size beds, TVs, workstations ensuite bathrooms with Jacuzzi baths, and private balconies

Lower ground floor:

- Gym with equipment and free weights
- Football table
- Hammam: sauna and steam room
- Bathroom

Exterior:

- Sea view terrace
- Beachfront
- 50m2 private salt water swimming pool
- Pool table
- Sea view Jacuzzi
- Soft seating
- Outdoor dining
- Barbeque
- Preparation kitchen

Additional facilities

- Internal elevator
- Soundproof windows
- Parking
- Airport transfers by arrangement



- Daily maid service
- Sun loungers
- Parasols
- 40sqm Private beach in front of Villa

Location & Local Information

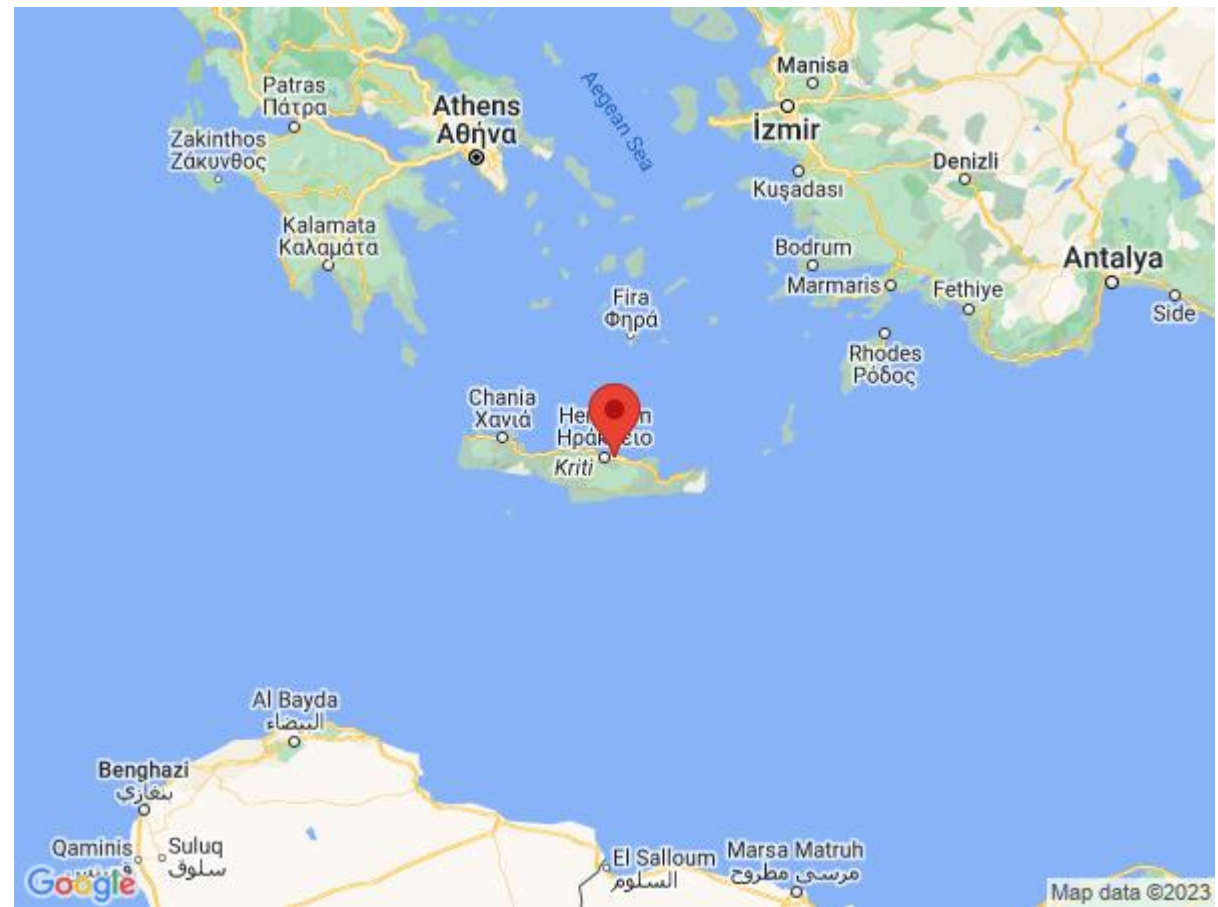
Villa Knossos is situated on the beachfront of Kokkini Khanion, on the northeast coast of the Greek island of Crete, in the heart of the Aegean Sea. The villa is only seven kilometres from Heraklion International Airport, a short ten-minute drive to your holiday home from home. Whether you are looking for a relaxing time sunbathing on sandy beaches, yearning for some culture and visiting archaeological sites in the cradle of civilisation, or trek 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 nearest beach of Kokkini Hani is just six metres from the villa, you can almost touch it with your toes.

Nearby the family-friendly beaches of Themis, Thalassa Konaki, Kokkini Chani, and Vathianos Kampos, are all within walking distance, under a kilometre away. These soft sandy beaches have easy shallow entry into the calm Aegean Sea, organised sunbeds with shady brollies, some with water sports activities, and promenades lined with cafes and tavernas. 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.

All aboard a boat trip where you can scuba or snorkel underwater ruins, and jet ski or paraglide from one of the many water sports clubs. The town and port of Heraklion is just nine kilometres north of the villa, take a tour around the ancient Palace of Knossos, visit the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, walk along the Venetian walls, and 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, an hour and a half drive away, where you will find lush forests and a unique date palm. Visit 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 ecosystem, where you can trek through gorges, bathe on beaches, walk the wetlands, and bird-watch. Hike the Richtis Gorge, and stroll through streams to reach the twenty-metre waterfall, where you can cool off in the inviting pool. Find solace in the fifteenth-century Toplou Monastery, an hour-and-a-half drive through the Cretan countryside to see beautiful Byzantine icons.

Take a boat tour to visit the intriguing island of Spinalonga, once a leper



colony with a Venetian fortress, and now an open-air museum. Take a trip to Agios Nikolaos, a harbour town that uniquely houses a lake in its centre, with an Archaeological Museum of Minoan treasures, and tavernas, shops, bars, and restaurants in which to sit and watch the local life go by. End your day dancing the night away in the holiday hot spot of Malia, a twenty-five-minute drive from the villa!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Heraklion Airport (9.7 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Heraklion Port (13 km)
Nearest Town/City	Heraklion (12.6 km)
Nearest Beach	(26 m)

What we love

- The exterior living space at Villa Knossos is exquisite, most especially the soft-seating sea spots with stunning sea views are superb for sitting back and watching the yachts sail by
- There are six beautifully-appointed bedrooms at Villa Knossos, each with a huge double bed, their own TVs, workstations, and incredible ensuite modern bathrooms
- Villa Knossos is almost on the beach, you can feel the sand between your toes in seconds, and access the azure Aegean Sea for a swim before breakfast

What you should know...

- The internal elevator is great for those with mobility issues, and the bathrooms are user-friendly with large accessible showers
- This villa is available to rent in low season, until Dec 30thThe villa has six bedrooms, all with double beds, and can sleep up to 12 adults, and up to two children on the sitting area sofa bed
- A children's crib and high chair is available on request

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: 16.00
- Departure time: 12.00
- Energy 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.
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 6 nights
- 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.