



Kreta/Crete
Villa in Kalives
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This Villa has been carefully designed to be a peaceful sanctuary, set a quiet hillside only a short distance from the tavernas, shops and superb sandy beaches in Kalives, this villa has wonderful views across the silver green olive groves across to The White Mountains, and Cape Drapanos.

With just one neighbour (Villa Dimitris is on the far side of the plot but screened by trees) and surrounded by acres of lush olive groves for peace and privacy, this Villa is a perfect retreat for you to unwind and recharge your batteries. Externally, the villa is painted in warm cream with a feature light stone wall at the lower front section of the house. The pool area is surrounded by a large lawn and gardens planted with banana trees, fig trees, brightly coloured flowers. You can pick your own tomatoes, herbs, peppers and courgettes (according to season) from the vegetable garden. Terraces surrounding the house have traditional pots and a good choice of outdoor furniture to enjoy sun or shade during the day.

Inside the spacious villa, the cream floor tiles, couches and curtains, the warm wood furniture made to match the built in wardrobes, kitchen, interior doors and staircase continue to reflect the restful ambience. Finished to an extremely high standard, with wrought iron double beds and staircase railings, air-conditioning units in the bedrooms and living area and a fireplace (for the cooler evenings early and late in the season), and includes modern comforts such as a TV, a DVD player, a large fridge/freezer, a microwave oven, a washing machine, a BBQ, and air conditioning units in the bedrooms and living area. There is solar powered hot water or a back-up immersion heater. The bathrooms have been beautifully tiled and there is a wonderful corner bath in the full bathroom which is big enough for two.

This Villa are excellent value for money and are ideal for either romantic couples or families who value their privacy, and yet would like to be only a few minutes away by car from the beach and amenities.

Accommodation.

Ground floor: A large open plan L-shaped living room, dining area and kitchen, 1 twin bedroom, 1 shower room, 2 large covered terraces (1 facing south and 1 facing west) 10 steps up from the parking area, 3 steps up from the rear terrace, 3 steps up from the pool.

The pergola covered front porch has a table and chairs and faces south to The White Mountains. The pool area is set just to the right of this terrace. A front door opens into the living room and dining area. The living room has 2 large sofas, a brick fireplace with a glass door, a coffee table, a TV/DVD unit, and a dining table and chairs. There are 2 windows which look out onto olive trees and the front porch, and a staircase to first floor. A large stone archway leads through to the kitchen and doors to the shower room and twin bedroom. The large modern, fully equipped kitchen has an electric cooker, a large fridge/ freezer, a microwave oven, a toaster, a kettle, a coffeemaker, and a closet which contains a washing machine. The window looks out to the pool and olive trees, and a back door leads out onto a pergola covered terrace which is next to pool and has a table/bench which seats 6. The shower room is tiled with beige and tan tiles, and it has a shower, a toilet, a washbasin with a glass shelf, a mirror, and a frosted window. The twin bedroom has 2 single beds, 1 bedside table with a reading lamp, built-in wardrobes, a locking cupboard for suitcases and valuables, and a window which looks out to olive groves.

First floor (17 steps up from the ground floor): 2 double bedrooms, 1 bathroom and a large mountain facing terrace. One double bedroom has a window that looks west over the pool, a double bed, 2 bedside tables with reading lamps, and built-in floor to ceiling wardrobes. There are double doors which lead out onto a huge terrace which has panoramic views over the entire area to The White Mountains to the south. This terrace has a table and chairs and can easily accommodate sun-beds. The second double bedroom has a single door to the roof terrace, an east facing window, a double bed, 1 bedside table, a reading lamp, and built-in wardrobes. The main bathroom has floor to ceiling blue and white tiles, a bath with shower attachment, a toilet, a washbasin, a mirror with a glass shelf, and a frosted window.

The village of Kalives has long been a popular destination for holiday makers seeking a typically Greek seaside resort that has many amenities but is far removed from brash tourism. Kalives stretches along 4 kilometres of sandy beaches, and the narrow main street is lined with old white washed houses. Two rivers run join the sea at Kalives, and there is a traditional fishing boat harbour at the eastern end of the village. There is an abundance of excellent tavernas and cafes lining the seafront, and there are shops of every description including 3 large supermarkets, bookshops, many gift shops, clothes shops, organic fruit and vegetable shops, chemists, bakeries, butchers and a laundry. The village is also the home of a number of talented artists, and the only traditional barrel maker who is left in the area (a great place to go for a wine tasting visit). Three kilometres away in Almyrida, there is a water sports centre which rents out kayaks, windsurfers and catamarans. A few minutes by car from the villa, there are a huge variety of archaeological sites and traditional villages with wonderful tavernas. There is also an interesting selection of small craft centres and museums, including glass blowing in Kokkino Horio, lace makers in Gavalohori, and silk makers in Kalamitsi. For those of you looking for even more activity, the historic town of Chania is only 25 minutes away by car.

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VILLA	
VIEWS	Gorgeous views across acres of olive trees to The White Mountains and Maheri Gorge.
VILLA IS PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR	FAMILIES/COUPLES
NUMBER OF BEDROOMS	3 - 2 Doubles, 1 Twin.
NUMBER OF BATHROOMS	2 - 1 shower room downstairs, 1 bathroom upstairs.
BATH/SHOWER	Both
WASHING MACHINE	Yes
MICROWAVE OVEN	Yes
FRIDGE/FREEZER	Yes/Yes
SATELLITE TV/LOCAL TV	No/Yes

AIR CONDITIONED BEDROOMS	Yes
AIR CONDITIONED LOUNGE	Yes
DVD PLAYER/CD PLAYER	Yes/The DVD Player plays CD's
TELEPHONE	No
BBQ	Yes
FIREPLACE	Yes
IRON AND IRONING BOARD	Yes
WELCOME BASKET	Yes
POOL DEPTH	1.20m, 1.50m
POOL SIZE	7m x 3m
TYPE OF SHADE BY POOL	Umbrellas and Olive Trees.
MAID SERVICE.	2 times a week
WHEEL CHAIR ACCESS/MANY STEPS	10 steps from the parking to the front terrace and door, 3 steps from the kitchen to the side covered terrace, 3 steps to the pool, 17 steps from ground floor to top floor.
PRIVATE/QUIET LOCATION	Very private. The villa is completely surrounded by olive trees, only the upstairs terrace can be partially seen by the very occasional passing car or Villa Dominica.

LOCAL FACILITIES

	DISTANCE	BY FOOT	BY CAR
DISTANCE TO TAVERNA	600m	10 mins	2 mins
DISTANCE TO BEACH	1.5km	28 mins	3 mins
DISTANCE TO SUPERMARKET	1.4km	25 mins	3 mins
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BANK	1.5km	30 mins	4 mins
DISTANCE TO AIRPORT Chania			25 mins
DISTANCE TO NEAREST LARGE TOWN			25 mins

RESERVATION / BOOKING

1. **Register at Doodle** <http://www.doodle.com/shw6c78fbryhnkpb>
2. Make your reservation definite: **transfer your deposit** upon invoice, 100 € per adult/person
3. **Final payment upon invoice:** until mid of April 2009
4. **Booking deadline:** **March 31st, 2009**

Cancellation:

- a. Before March 31st, 2009: final payment is refunded upon written announcement, except registration deposit.
- b. After March 31st, 2009: final payment is not refunded unless a substitute registration is offered.

FLIGHTS / TRAVELING

Airports in Crete:

- Chania - Kalives, 16 km (25 € taxi price)
- Heraklion – Kalives, 85 km (220 € taxi price)

Included in the price: **Pick-up service from & to the airport**

Affordable flights – some suggestions:

- Flights from Germany to Chania www.aegeanair.com
- Flights from Switzerland to Athens www.swiss.com
- Flights from Europe to Iraklion/Heraklion www.cheaptickets.ch
- Ferries from Athens to Crete www.crete-island.com
- Flights from Switzerland to Crete www.edelweissair.ch
- National & international ferries, www.ferries.gr
- Flights from Germany to Iraklion /Heraklion www.germanwings.com
- Flights from Germany / Austria to Chania www.berlinair.com
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