Villa Ballos

Region: Chania **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

The magnificent Villa Ballos is located in the very popular village of Platanias, within walking distance of the fabulous sandy beach. The bustling resorts of Platanias and Agios Marina merge into one with its huge stretch of golden sand being the ideal spot for sun bathing, watersports, sunset watching and pre-dinner cocktails. Villa Ballos is 10km from the magical Chania Old Town, one of the most alluring, captivating places to visit in Crete. This fabulous, contemporary villa boasts three gorgeous bedroom suites, sleeping six guests in modern luxury.

Villa Ballos offers flexible sleeping arrangements with two of the bedrooms enjoying beds that can be arranged as singles or as a kingsize bed. The villa is ideal for a family or a group of friends. With excellent social spaces and stylish decor, Villa Ballos is extremely comfortable and a wonderful place to wake up in. The generous outside spaces are delightful.

The ground floor living space is drenched in sunlight through the many doors and windows. With contemporary furnishings and its neutral, calm colour scheme enjoying colour pops of vivid green, it is a delightful space which opens directly to the garden and pool terrace. The modern kitchen boasts gorgeous wooden worksurfaces and a striking green splashback. The splashback matches stylish sofa cushions and vivid green artwork. The interior design is very impressive. Also on the ground floor is a lovely double bedroom with a smart contemporary bathroom. Floor-to-ceiling sliding doors open to the terrace so you can easily pop outside for an early morning swim or a late night one.

The first floor is home to the remaining two bedroom suites and a sensational terrace. One of the bedrooms offers a double bed and the other enjoys singles which









can be set up as a kingsize bed. With exquisite furnishings, high quality linens and superb ensuite bathrooms, these bedrooms are gorgeous. Both enjoy access to the large terrace which is beautifully furnished, the perfect spot for your morning cup of coffee or a pre-dinner drink watching the sky change to vivid shades of pinks and oranges. All of the bathrooms in Villa Ballos are very tasteful with excellent, contemporary fixtures and fittings and stylish tiling.

Villa Ballos enjoys a large plot sprinkled with olive trees and offering an outstanding 32 sqm swimming pool, loungers, wonderful alfresco dining with the villa barbecue and trendy lounge furnishings where you can rest by the pool or on the grassed areas. This wonderful contemporary villa will not fail to impress!

Facilities

Villa • Watersports • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • Recommended • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Chef/Cook Available • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Beach • Maid Service Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Beach Nearby • Instagrammable • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Dishwasher • Microwave • Safety Deposit Box • Smart TV • Satellite TV • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Bathroom Toiletries • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Ballos is a 3 bedroomed villa in Platanias, Crete, a few minutes walk from the village and beach and a short drive from Chania.

Ground Floor
- Open-plan living & dining area with sofa bed and terrace access
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom *(can be set up with a double bed on request)*

First Floor
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom *(can be set up with a double bed on request)*

Exterior Grounds
- Private swimming pool
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Iron & board
- Parking







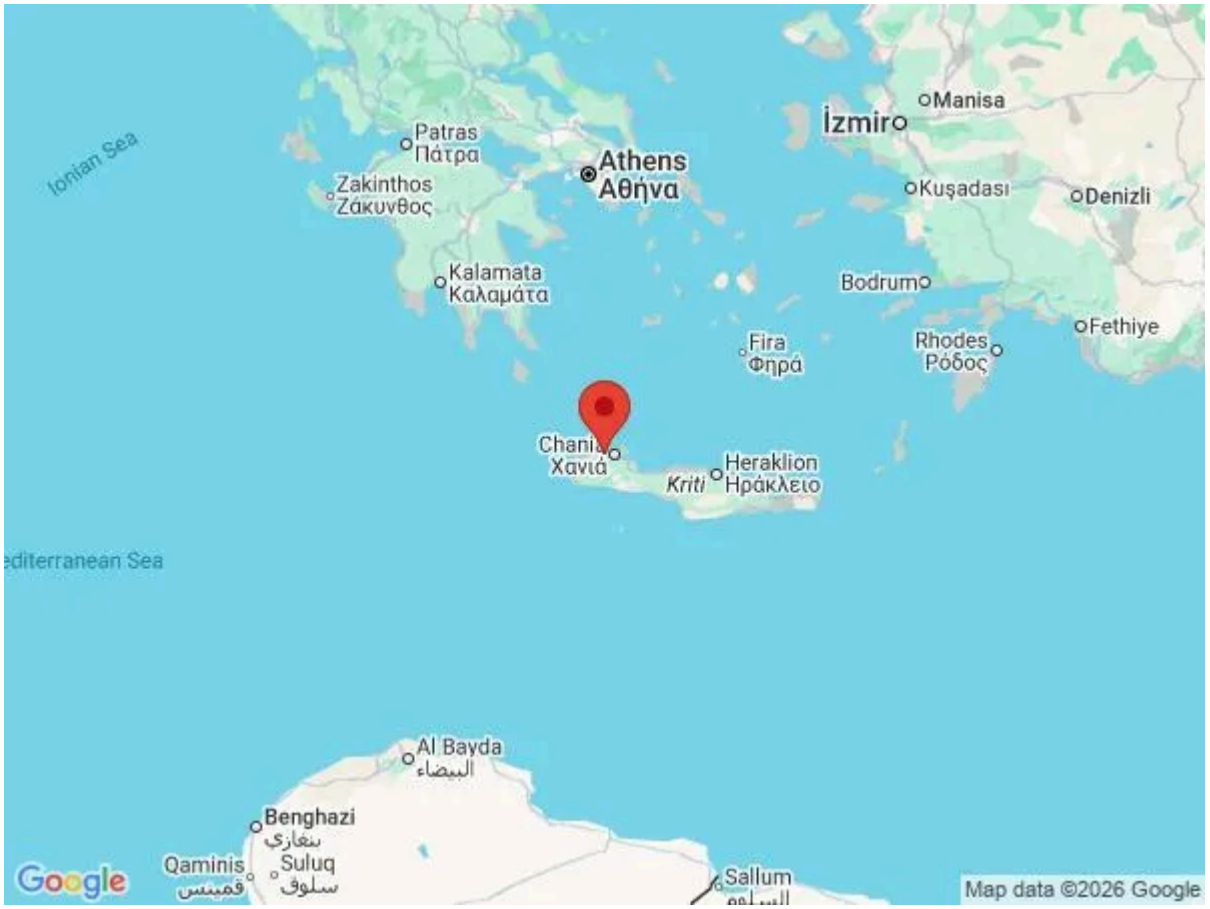


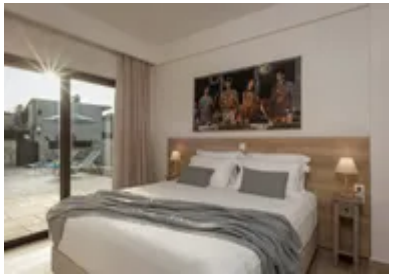
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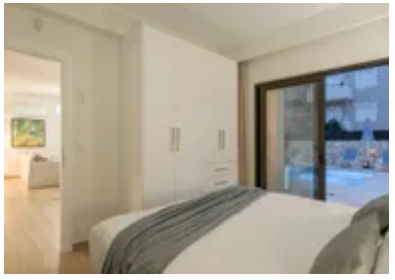
The bustling resort of Platanias is located in West Crete, 10km from Chania. Platanias and the adjoining Agia Marina boast a lively strip with many excellent restaurants and tourist shops as well as trendy waterside bars and a stunning Blue Flag beach. The golden sand stretches for miles, dotted with umbrellas, sun loungers and beach bars. There is a good choice of watersports. The Karavitakis Winery of Platanias is open for tours and tastings of delicious local wines. Though you may want to spend many days on the beach or at Villa Ballos, there are many interesting day trips from Platanias.

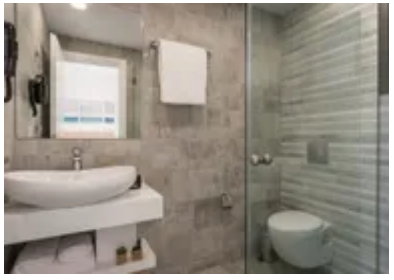
The ancient ruins of Aptera are roughly half an hour away. You can tour the huge roofed cistern and walk 10 minutes to the hilltop Byzantine castle that overlooks the turquoise ocean. The tour to Theriso is also roughly the same distance. The drive through the Theriso Gorge and the luscious green wilderness is delightful.The tree-lined river is surrounded by the greenery of chestnuts and oaks. The gorge is very popular with rock climbers and hikers. The village enjoys many traditional tavernas serving delicious Cretan lamb and meat dishes. The incredible Samaria Gorge is the longest gorge in Europe at 16km. Visitors 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. You can combine this walk with swimming in Fragokastelo beach.

Chania Old Town's Venetian architecture and buzzing harbour is a must visit! With picturesque, narrow alleys draped in colourful bougainvillea, a sensational gourmet scene, atmospheric waterside bars and its old Venetian harbour, Chania is a phenomenal location for romantic strolls and dinner. It was originally built by the Venetians between 1320 and 1356 and is now a vibrant, cosmopolitan spot. The Instagram worthy Egyptian lighthouse looks amazing at sunset. Visitors enjoy a slow meander to the lighthouse to take in the stunning views of the harbour with the majestic White Mountains in the background. On the waterfront, the Giali Tzamisi is the oldest Muslim building in Crete. The Turkish name is









translated to 'The Seaside Mosque'. Giali Tzamisi plays host to various cultural events and exhibitions throughout the year. Live musicians play throughout the evenings making Chania Old Town a memorable evening spot. You must book in advance to bag a table at one of the roof top restaurants.

The famous beaches of Crete include Falasarna, Balos and Elafonisi. They are definitely worth the trip! Falasarna Bay actually consists of five consecutive dazzling, silver-sanded beaches and dazzling turquoise sea. At the northern end of the beach there are ruins of the ancient Grecoroman city of Falasarna. The stunning Balos Lagoon Beach is one of the most photographed beaches in Greece. The lagoon of Balos has silvery white sand and exotic, white, vivid blue and turquoise waters. Beyond the rocks at the boundaries of the lagoon, the water is deeper and ideal for snorkeling. The lagoon and wider area boasts rare species of flora and fauna which are protected under the Natura 2000 programme. Eleonora falcons, shags and cormorants nest in the caves and the area is a shelter for protected monk seal and loggerhead sea turtle. Balos can be reached by car though the ride is a bit bumpy or you can take a boat trip to the beach. The magical Elafonisi consists of a small islet with white and pink sandy beaches. Visitors can wade out to the island to enter another world. The island is an internationally classified nature reserve and home to more than 100 rare plants including summer flowering sea daffodils that look like white cups. To the left of the sandbank, windsurfers enjoy the prevailing winds.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Chania International Airport (29.5km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Chania (10km)**
Nearest Village	**Plataniás (200m)**
Nearest Restaurant	**The Olive Tree Restaurant (450m)**

Nearest Supermarket	**Synka Supermarket (850m)**
Nearest Beach	**Agia Marina Beach (650m)**

What we love

- Villa Ballos is beautifully appointed. The interior design is lovely with stylish bedrooms, bathrooms and social spaces
- The outside spaces are wonderful. Villa Ballos boasts an olive garden, a fabulous pool and terrace, a lawn, alfresco dining and an outstanding first floor terrace
- The location of this fantastic holiday villa is brilliant. The buzzy Platanias enjoys many restaurants and waterside bars plus it is very easy to travel to Chania Old Town and many other Cretan attractions
- Close to supermarkets, a fabulous bakery, restaurants and beaches.

What you should know...

- There is a very good bus service that takes you from Platanias into Chania Old Town if you want to enjoy cocktails on the harbour front and gourmet dining without having to drive
- The beds in two of the bedrooms can be set up as twins or a very large king bed. Please let us know if you have particular requirements

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:** 11.00

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price

- **Pets welcome?:** No pets

- **Changeover day:** Flexible

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking

- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 3-night minimum stay, this may be increased across peak dates

- **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.

The Greek government requires owners to collect a Tourist Climate Tax, your property manager will collect this in cash:

March-October €15 per night per unit

November-February €4 per night per unit