Villa Zeki

Region: Turkey **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

Villa Zeki has the most perfect rural location, peacefully positioned in the village of Islamlar at the foothills of the Taurus Mountain range. This comfortable and relaxed two-bedroom property sleeps up to four guests. Larger parties can combine with its sister villa, Villa Zeynep (https://www.oliverstravels.com/turkey/islamlar/villa-zeynep/), next door. Islamlar is a small, dispersed village and agriculture is deeply rooted in the heart of this community. Perched slightly inland, it is still only fifteen minutes from the upmarket waterside town of Kalkan yet the ambience and atmosphere couldn't be more contrasting. Kalkan offers elegant alfresco dining opportunities in abundance, both waterside and on roof terraces, there are also a myriad of artisan boutique shops, a pretty public beach and selection of chichi beach clubs. Villa Zeki is the perfect compromise for a family seeking time to chill by the pool, but with a host of opportunities for exploration only a short drive away.

Modern architecture combines with warm and delicate tones to create a reassuringly homey vibe. The property is built over two floors with the downstairs open plan living space being the focal hub and place to gather. A contemporary and understated theme runs through the villa, with the light and airy large living space designed to bring the outside in. Floor to ceiling glass windows open onto the pristine courtyard swimming pool and garden, featuring a pleasant alfresco dining and seating area together with a built in barbecue where you can absolutely make the most of the warm evenings. The outside space is enveloped by a pleasant stone wall so the children can't stray far while you kick back with a good book.

The downstairs master bedroom is extremely spacious and even has a free standing Jacuzzi bath looking out across the gardens. Large glass doors open onto the









garden and swimming pool, well suited to those who enjoy an early morning dip.

Upstairs, there is no bedroom envy as the second master bedroom is equally well- proportioned and complete with en-suite bathroom. This bedroom opens onto a gorgeous furnished balcony with stunning views of the rolling countryside and swimming pool below.

Villa Zeki is the perfect choice for a family who enjoys a more independent style of holiday. Encircled by towering trees, orchards of pomegranates and lush greenery- enjoy the simple pleasures of a life and land that time forgot.

Facilities

Villa • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Recommended • Air-Con • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Has Offer • Special Offer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Dishwasher • Satellite TV • Transfers Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

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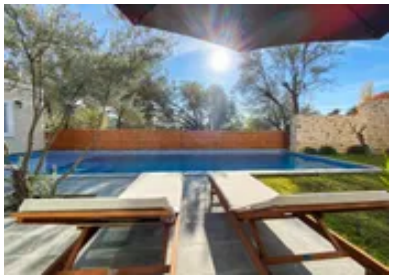
Ground Floor
- Open-plan living & dining room
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Bedroom with king-size bed, in-room Jacuzzi bath tub and en-suite shower room

First Floor
- Bedroom with king-size bed and en-suite shower room

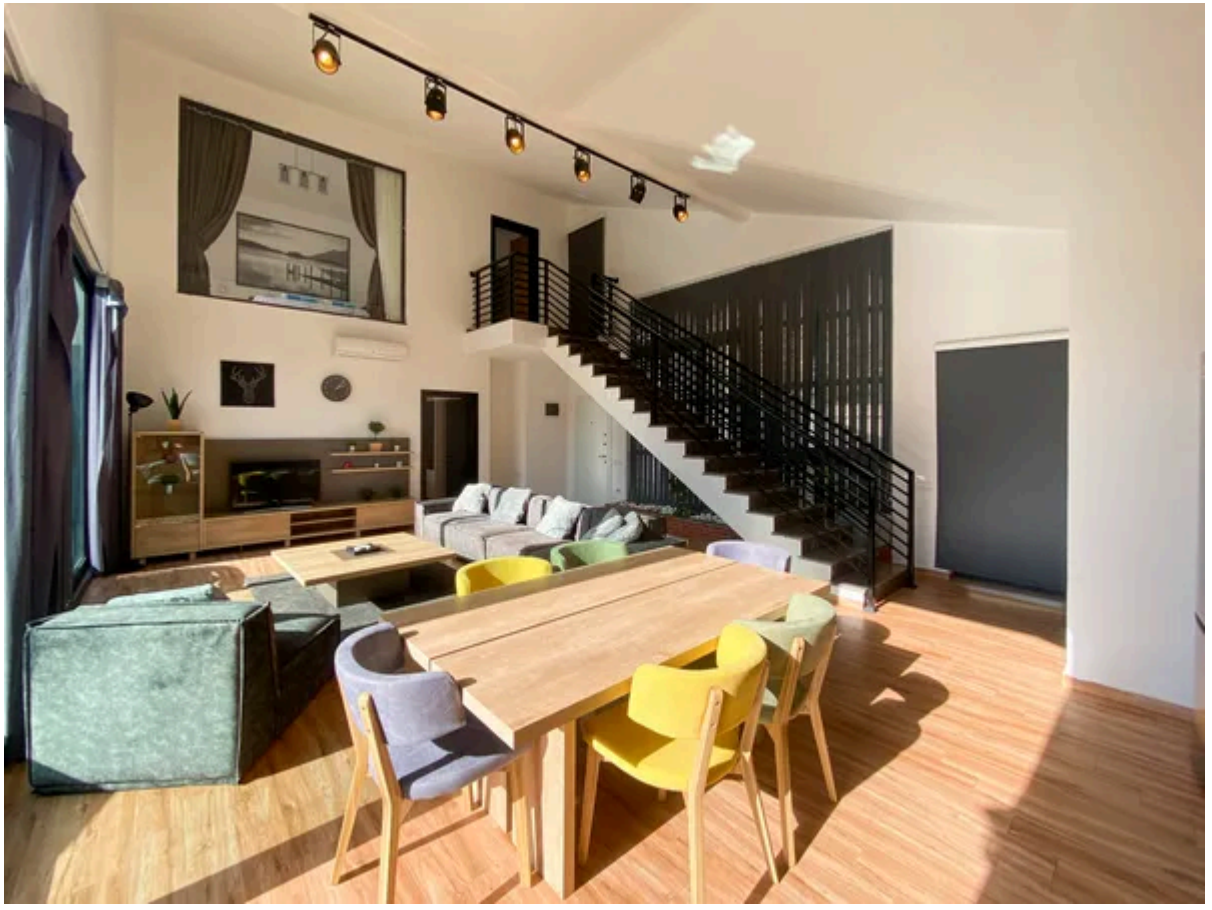
Exterior Grounds
- Private swimming pool *(9m x 3.8m, 1.45m depth)*
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Sun loungers
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Travel cot & highchair available on request
- Parking









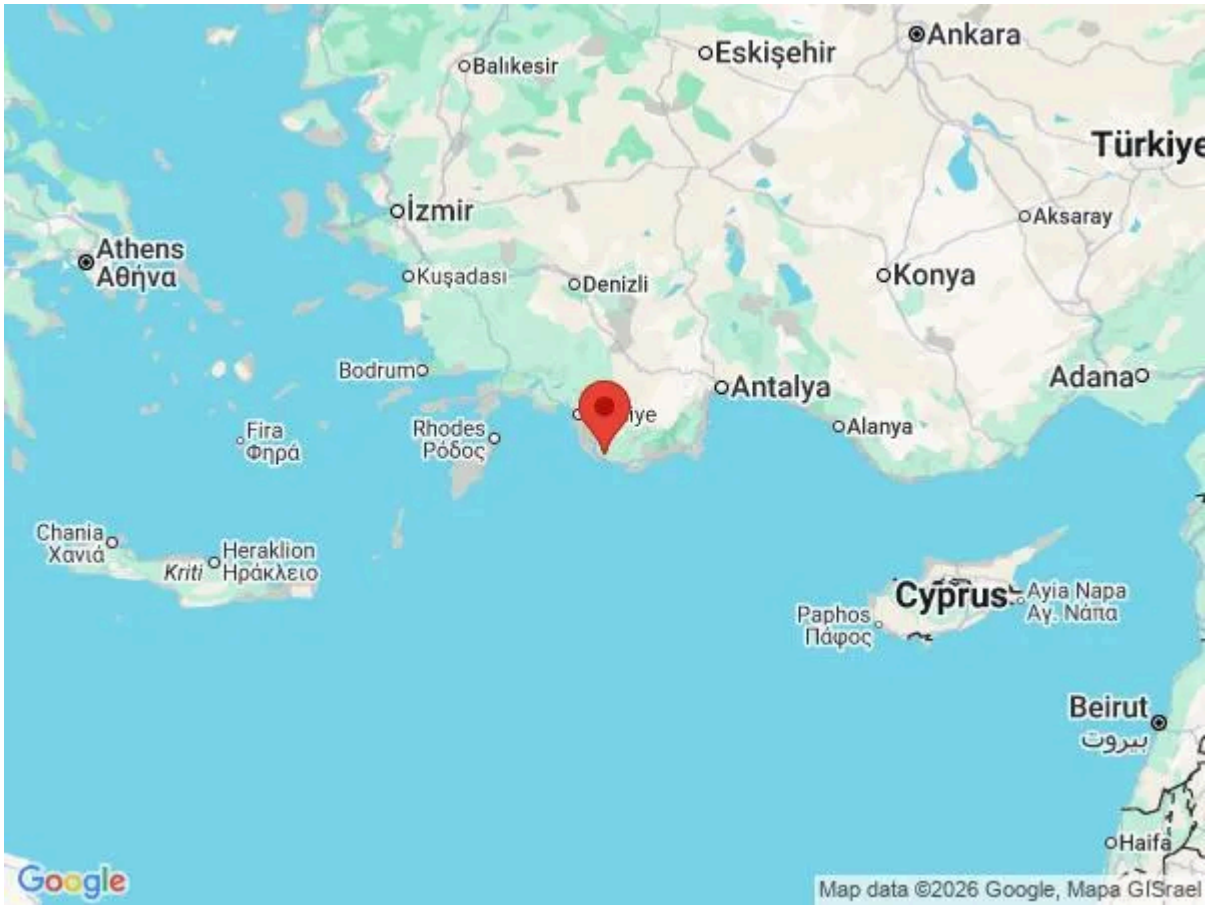
Location & Local Information

With the vast horseshoe bay of Kalkan behind, a single inauspicious road turns in land. Passing through the bountiful valley plains, the fields are alive and bursting with all manner of voluptuous fruit and vegetables ready to be picked. Simple stone dwellings are eye catching as vines crawl luxuriously from every nook and cranny. The road soon begins to climb, spiralling between pine trees and dense foliage. It is not long before the air begins to cool and the flow of spring water running off the mountain's beckons. The air is thick with the heavy, fragrant, scent of pine and the gentle murmur from insects.

The village of Islamlar is a serene paradise that remains very much undisturbed by tourism. You may hear the growls of wild boar which roam the land, although you will probably rarely see them before night fall. The narrow criss-cross road is just as busy with all sorts of four legged friends as it is motor vehicles. Expect to be greeted by a trip of goats who insist on having the right of way, in contrast to some smaller and unwieldy tortoises who sometimes lose their way.

Nowadays, Islamlar is largely inhabited by local agriculturalists and interspersed with a sprinkling of holiday homes. The village also attracts some visitors from the nearby harbour towns of Kas and Kalkan who are keen to experience the local cuisine and slow pace of life. There are several humble restaurants serving the renowned freshwater trout, bred in this region along with other local delicacies and the brightest daily selection of meze. Guest diners visit as much for the awe-inspiring scenery as they do the culinary delights. The sensational views across lush and tumbling terrain towards the golden sands of Patara really set this region apart.

The village is rather sleepy, in the winter, when the main hive of activity is the tea garden in the heart of the village where local men can be spotted playing back gammon while slurping bottomless cups of cay. There is a flour mill in the centre that was in use until recently turning grain into flour. The village has several simple restaurants









scattered around, most selling Turkish Breakfasts, or suppers of trout, kofte with tasty rocket salads and fried local cheese.

Islamlar is beautifully situated for exploring the many attractions on the Lycian Coast. Take a short saunter back to Kalkan and enjoy an afternoon pootling on a paddle board from cove to cove. There are many Lycian sites within a short drive. Maybe head up the road to the ancient Lycian site of Tlos, followed by an afternoon in the surf at Patara Beach. Slightly further afield, but well worth the effort, is the sunken city of Kekova. Explore the coastline by gulet or kayak and sail over the silhouettes of buildings from a foregone era.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Dalaman Airport (119km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Kalkan (6.2km)**
Nearest Village	**Islamar (1km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Bodamya Tepe Restaurant (600m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Cinar Market (1.8km)**
Nearest Beach	**Kalkan Public Beach (6.8km)**

What we love

- Islamlar offers a snapshot of rural life which has remained much the same for centuries
- The convenience and proximity to Kalkan, just 15 minutes by car! Or if you prefer not to drive taxis can be booked
- The pretty walled garden means the children can play without straying
- Dark inky skies and dancing stars mean you can while away the hours spotting shooting stars
- The village has a cute little shop selling local pottery, crafts and homemade preserves, definitely worth a visit
- Islamlar has a host of restaurants, the traditional Turkish breakfast is a real feast.

What you should know...

- The village centre is well serviced with a sprinkling of mini markets but a greater selection of larger supermarkets and independent grocers can be found in Kalkan
- For those travelling in larger groups, choose to rent neighbouring Villa Zeynep (https://www.oliverstravels.com/turkey/islamlar/villa-zeynep/) to sleep up to 8!
- Islamlar enjoys cooler air to Kalkan, a welcome relief in summer but can be much colder in Spring and Autumn evenings.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £250 is to be paid on arrival and to be refunded in full subject to a damage inspection on departure

- **Arrival time:** 4pm

- **Departure time:** 10am

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

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

- **Pets welcome?:** No pets

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that on occasions, in Turkey, 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:** Extra £50 for stays under 5 nights. 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

- **Other 2:** In Turkey the plumbing system is not designed to have paper and sanitary items flushed down the lavatory. In these cases, a bathroom bin is provided.

- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 7-night minimum stay

- **Internet access?:** Yes, Wi-Fi is included in the rental price

Travelling to Turkey

All British (and most other nationalities) citizens require a full 10-year passport with at least 6 months validity to enter Turkey. UK passport holders are exempt from visa for tourist visits of up to 90 days within 180 days starting from the first entry date. For all other passports please visit the Turkish Government Website (https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/) or the *Turkish Consulate* for details of whether you require a visa or not.