Villa Plaka Gina

Region: Elounda **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Villa Plaka Gina is every bit as stunning as the phenomenal seascape it sits in front of. This sensational, newly built villa occupies a prestigious spot in Plaka enjoying breathtaking, uninterrupted views across the glistening Elounda Gulf to the island of Spinalonga. With fabulous amenities, six spectacular bedroom suites and superb, contemporary entertaining spaces, this villa is perfect for up to twelve guests wanting to enjoy extraordinary scenery, luxurious, modern living and wonderful peace and serenity. Villa Plaka Gina is beautifully finished throughout with extraordinary attention to detail and sumptuous, contemporary furnishings. Its warm stone exterior blends harmoniously against the hilly backdrop. The villa's three storeys are set gently into the hilly slope making full use of the outstanding panorama. Villa Plaka Gina sits with two of our other villas, Villa Plaka Danae and Villa Plaka Dimitra, each enjoying total privacy and seclusion. This villa's stylish interior is by far the most contemporary and trendy of the three.









The pretty village of Plaka is located in the Mirabello Bay, opposite Spinalonga and 16km north of Agios Nikolaos. Plaka was originally a quaint fishing village which offered access to Spinalonga Island when it was a colony for lepers. Now it is a sophisticated, peaceful resort with natural beauty and spectacular views. Hikers enjoy the numerous caves around the mountains. Plaka offers a good selection of seaside bars and restaurants and is in close proximity to the cosmopolitan, buzzy town of Elounda. Elounda and Plaka host two of the most important archaeological sites in Crete, the sunken city of Olous and the Venetian Fortress of Spinalonga Island.

Villa Plaka Gina boasts a very spacious, ground floor, open plan living space. It most definitely has the wow factor with its sumptuous, contemporary furnishings that all blend so

well together. The enormous Aegean blue corner sofa sits below a stunning bird in flight light and another striking artwork. The sofa is adorned with scatter cushions, all with stunning shell designs, matching the seaside theme throughout the villa. It is clear to see that every piece of furniture and artwork has been handpicked to create a very striking look. The huge dining table boasts gorgeous wooden chairs with the same Aegean blue upholstery which also matches the chef's dream of a kitchen. With a very generous range of blue cabinetry topped with quality, glossy worktops, a huge wine fridge to keep your week's supply of delicious wine chilled, top-of-the-range appliances and a very sociable island with stools, this kitchen delights the most discerning of chefs.

The villa boasts six heavenly bedroom suites that will keep your soul, body and mind relaxed and content. They are contemporary wonders with gorgeous, huge beds adorned with luxury linens, sumptuous soft furnishings and accessories and luxurious, Italian marble en-suite bathrooms. Each of the bathrooms offer a fabulous spa experience where you will feel totally pampered. They offer the very best of fittings including jacuzzi baths alongside brilliant design. Four of the bedroom suites open out onto a garden oasis and the remaining two swap garden views for private balconies with breathtaking, panoramic sea vistas.

The meticulous design of the interiors is matched by what you will discover outside. The shaded outdoor kitchen and bar area is superb. It is open-sided to offer the astounding views delivered from almost every angle in the villa. It is a brilliant place to pop a cork and drink a toast to the holiday highlife. The outdoor kitchen boasts some incredible appliances where you can cook up a storm to eat alfresco on the terrace. The gorgeous infinity swimming pool is surrounded by luxury loungers and other chic furnishings. On the lower ground level, guests enjoy a delightful internal garden which leads to an excellent children's play area. The designers of Villa Plaka Gina have thought of everything to ensure that you enjoy a dream holiday.

It is just a short stroll into the charming little village of Plaka. Its warm hospitality and quintessential Greek vibe

will ensure that your holiday memories last for a very long time.

Facilities

Air-Con • Recommended • Villa • Wellness • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Walk to Village • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Wow Factor • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Beach • Beach Nearby • Instagrammable • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Dishwasher • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Plaka Gina is a luxurious 6-bedroom villa sleeping 12 guests, located on the outskirts of the village of Plaka and within easy reaching distance of Elounda and Agios Nikolaos.

Lower Ground Floor
- Bedroom with king-size bed and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with king-size bed and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with king-size bed
- Bedroom with king-size bed
- Two family shower rooms

Ground Floor
- Open-plan living & dining area with terrace access
- Fully-equipped kitchen

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

Exterior Grounds
- Private infinity pool
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Sun loungers
- Barbecue
- Children's play equipment

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







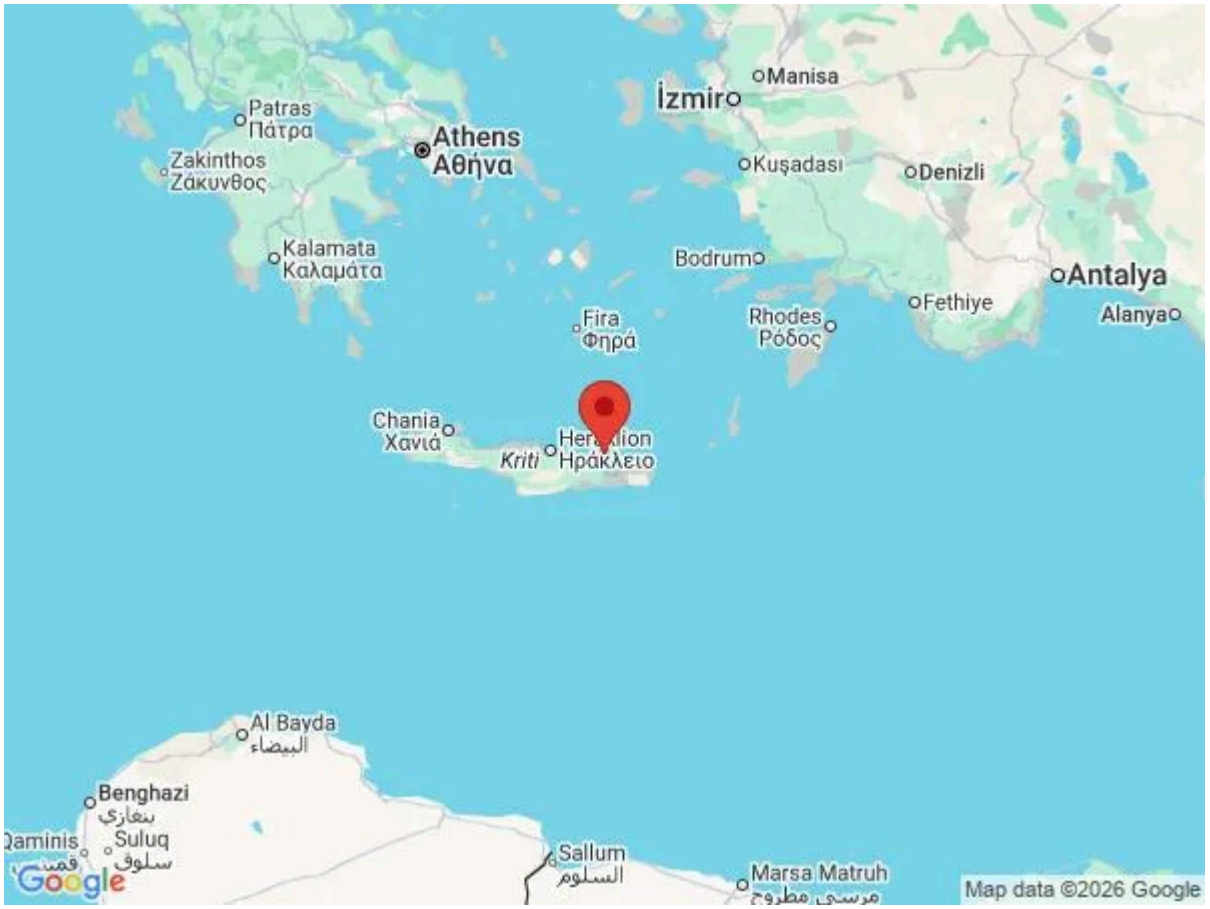


Location & Local Information

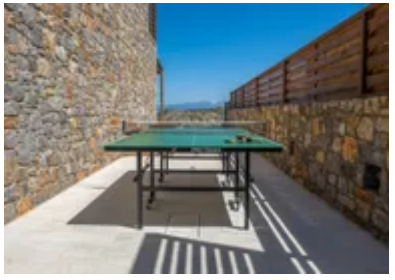
Villa Plaka Gina is located in a very prestigious spot in Plaka. Nestled at the base of the hills, the villa is waterfront with astounding panoramic views across the Elounda Gulf to the island of Spinalonga. Plaka is picturesque, very traditional and very friendly. You will receive such a warm welcome at the tavernas and restaurants. Plaka is located in the Apokoronas region of of Crete, 2km from Almirida, a resort it overlooks. There are some fabulous walks around the village, through olive groves or to the next villages of Kampia and Kokkino Chorio. The pebbly beach is delightful with a promenade and backed by tamarisk trees.

The island of Spinalonga has a fascinating, if sad, history. The name of Spinalonga was given by the Venetians. Spina means 'thorn' and longa means 'long'. In the 20th century (1903 -1957) Spinalonga was used as a leper colony. The lepers used a tunnel known as 'Dante's Gate' in order to enter the island. Once on the island, the patients received food, water and medical attention. For half a century, this barren rocky island was a home to life's outcasts who lived in extreme pain. As science progressed and a cure for leprosy was discovered, the lepers were cured and the hospital shut down in 1957. Nowadays, the island is uninhabited. It is a recognised archaeological site with one of the few examples of Venetian fortress building in Eastern Mediterranean. It is a popular tourist attraction with boats leaving from Plaka, Elounda and Agios Nikolaos.

Elounda is an upmarket little resort on the island's emerald-swept coast. Elounda is very popular with the rich and famous for its seaside luxury resorts. Greece's ex Prime Minister spent his summers in Elounda and it is frequently visited by the royal family of Saudi Arabia. Elounda was used for the filming of the BBC television series 'Who Pays the Ferryman?' and is featured in Victoria Hislop's 'The Island'. This superb seaside town revolves around its colourful harbour and the main square. You will discover plenty of authentic Greek tavernas and friendly bars as well as a wonderful, Blue Flag sandy beach. The quieter Driros Beach is a 15 minute walk south along the









coastal path. If you are walking south you will also come to the remains of the submerged ancient city of Olous. Five huge stone windmills were excavated and today they stand next to the bridge and are open to the public. If you take a 30 minute drive, you can wander freely amongst the ruins of the Minoan Palace of Malia dating back to 1450 BC.

Crete is mountainous with a high range crossing from west to east. The island also boasts numerous gorges which are amazing to visit such as the Samaria Gorge, the Imbros Gorge and the Kourtaliotiko Gorge. The island is Greek's fifth largest island so you will not be able to see everything in one holiday! There are some sublime beaches, some of which are on the other side of the island. There are a number of islands, islets and rocks that hug the coast. The big cities are Heraklion, Chania, Rethymno, Lerapetra, Agios Nikolaos and Sitia. The island's archaeological sites include the Minoan sites of Knossos, Malia and Phaistos. The island offers a fabulous range of activities and adventures. There are unique beaches, canyons, falls, trekking, kayaking and many watersports. Crete is a very friendly island and the food is absolutely delicious. You will have a ball

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Heraklion Airport (62.5km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Agios Nikolaos (15.9km)**
Nearest Town	**Elounda (5.6km)**
Nearest Village	**Plaka (600m)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Taverna Spinalonga (600m)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Plaka Supermarket (700m)**
Nearest Beach	**Plaka Beach (500m)**

What we love

- The sensational, uninterrupted, panoramic views of the Elounda Gulf and the island of Spinalonga from almost every room and space in this magical villa are totally awesome
- It is clear to see that every piece of furniture and artwork has been handpicked to create a phenomenal, luxurious villa offering the wow factor in bucket loads!
- Matching the stylish, striking interiors in quality and design, the villa's outdoor spaces are absolutely incredible with a fantastic outdoor kitchen and bar, an infinity pool and exceptional alfresco dining, not to mention the lovely playground to entertain the young ones!
- If Villa Plaka Gina isn't available for your dates check out Villa Plaka Danae (https://www.oliverstravels.com/greece/crete/elounda/villa-plaka-danae/) or Villa Plaka Dimitra (https://www.oliverstravels.com/greece/crete/elounda/villa-plaka-dimitra/)

What you should know...

- Guests will receive welcome drinks on arrival
- A villa concierge service is available 24/7. They are incredibly helpful and can arrange private chefs and masseuse if desired
- Plaka is a fabulous resort, a quaint fishing village offering a welcoming Greek vibe and outstanding scenery

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **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

- **Changeover day:** Saturday

- **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 7-night minimum stay, this may be increased across peak dates

- **Pool heating charge?:** For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €100 a day (to be paid locally on arrival). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

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

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