

Villa Epidote

Region: Kissamos **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

A capsule of contemporary cool, Villa Epidote is one of three newly built villas that enjoy a fantastic, prestigious spot overlooking the sensational Falasarna Beach. With three dreamy bedrooms, fantastic open plan living and an astonishing terrace with alfresco dining and lounging and a gorgeous swimming pool, Villa Epidote is hard to beat! If three bedrooms doesn't give enough space and you are taking a holiday with friends or family, you could also book our Villas Scepter and Pyrite. Villa Scepter also has three bedrooms and Villa Pyrite may be the perfect pick for the grandparents with one bedroom.

There is no doubt that you will return home with hundreds of Instagram-worthy beach photos when staying in this magical location. The baby beach of Falasarna is just 750m from Villa Epidote and the long sandy beach 2km away. Set on a small hill, the sunset views are absolutely incredible from this exclusive location. Falasarna is part of the Natura 2000 network due to its outstanding natural beauty and its endless varieties of flora and fauna. It offers white powdery sand, crystal clear water and mind-blowing sunsets that will remain in your memory for a very long time. Within easy reach are the equally stunning Elafonisi Beach, voted as one of the best five secret beaches by the BBC, and the idyllic Balos Beach with its pink sand and shallow waters. Balos is one of the main reasons visitors arrive in Crete and it is often compared to Caribbean beaches. The lively resort of Kissamos is less than 12km away and you shouldn't miss a trip into the Venetian harbour of Chania, just less than 60km away.

Enjoying its private, serene and privileged location, Villa Epidote promises a memorable holiday in every way. Its open-plan living area is a total delight with a high vaulted ceiling and exposed stone wall that adds character and charm to this inviting space. With an elegant mix of wood



and white cabinetry, excellent appliances including a Nespresso coffee machine and filter coffee machine and a central contemporary dining table and chairs, the kitchen and dining area is very sociable and beautifully designed. The living space is tasteful and exquisitely furnished with a low-level sofa and matching accent chairs, all in a natural colour palette. You will enjoy a giant Smart television, a contemporary fire for chilly evenings and stunning views out to the terrace and beyond to the Cretan Sea. Large glass doors slide open to give you access to the terrace and drown this gorgeous space in natural light.

Each of the three gorgeous bedrooms enjoys a sea view as well as lavish Coco-mat mattresses on the beds, luxury linens, Smart televisions and air-conditioning. Two are doubles and one a twin room. They all offer direct access to either a balcony or the pool terrace. The two bedrooms on the upper floor boast pristine ensuite bathrooms while guests staying in the downstairs bedroom enjoy the use of a smart family shower room. The fully tiled bathrooms are beautiful with top-of-the-range fittings.

The outdoor space of Villa Epidote has been designed to take full advantage of the views. It offers a fantastic swimming pool, perfect for cooling off, luxury loungers, umbrellas, a trendy fireplace and a shaded alfresco barbecue corner with a large dining table. There are many alfresco lounge areas, some of which are built-in and sprinkled with gorgeous scatter cushions. You will have to change your pre-dinner, sunset-watching spot every evening! A portable sound system is provided so you can even listen to your favourite tracks outside.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Sailing • Historical Sites • Air-Con • Watersports • Walk to Village • Romantic • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Beach • Heated Pool • Instagrammable • Beach Nearby • Modern • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Seaview • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Table Tennis • Smart TV • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Stair gates • Baby bath • Potty • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Epidote is a 3 bedroom villa sleeping up to 7 guests with private pool and sea view

Ground Floor:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Living room
- Dining area
- Shared bathroom

Second Floor:

- 2x Double bedrooms with en suites
- Double bedroom

Outdoor:

- Swimming pool
- Sunbeds
- Umbrellas
- Fireplace
- BBQ
- Dining area
- Pool & garden maintenance
- 24/7 Support service
- Playstation 5
- Ping pong table



Location & Local Information

Villa Epidote enjoys a wonderful position just above the fabulous Falasarna Beach on the west coast of Crete. It is a fantastic location where you will totally relax. You can easily explore Crete's other amazing beaches and head to Kissamos or Chania for entertainment and fabulous dining opportunities.

With its fabulous array of flora and fauna varieties, the enchanting Falasarna is a wonderful paradise beach with glistening white sand and crystal clear water. There are several companies offering watersports including Falasarna Activities which offers wakeboard and jet ski tuition. At the northern end of the beach, there are ruins of the ancient Greco-Roman city of Falasarna. Falasarna actually consists of five beaches with the main beach called Pachia Ammos. Livadi is another of the long beaches, a good choice for snorkelling. Livadi is surrounded by important wetlands with ponds and many birds.

Like Falasarna, Elafonisi has also been named one of the world's top beaches. It is connected by a sand bar to an island nature reserve with pink sands, wildflowers and unusual rock formations. There is no shade on the island but there are delightful little coves and pockets of sandy beach as well as being home to more than one hundred rare plants including summer sea daffodils and winter-flowering *Androcymbium rechingeri*. You may even see rare loggerhead sea turtles and you will definitely enjoy picture-perfect sunsets. Elafonisi is often featured on postcards, combining its turquoise waters with its pink sand and lagoon.

On the Gramvousa peninsula, in the protected 'NATURA' area of Balos Bay, Balos' glistening white sand, rare species of flora and fauna and turquoise sea are incredible. It is a brilliant beach for families with idyllic scenery and shallow water that will meet every expectation to the fullest. Beyond the rocks at the boundaries of the lagoon, the water is deeper and ideal for snorkelling. Eleonora falcons, shags and cormorants nest



in the caves and the area is a shelter for protected monk seal and loggerhead sea turtles. You will think you are in the Maldives or somewhere as it is so beautiful. Balos can be reached by car or you can take a boat trip to the beach from Kissamos. North of Balos, in Cape Korykon, there are remains of the small Roman town of Agnio with the temple of Apollo and the picturesque chapel of Agios Sostis.

The buzzy tourist resort of Kissamos, on the edge of the Gramvousa peninsula is within easy reach. Kissamos is also known as Kastelli Kissamou in reference to the former Venetian fortress that used to dominate the town.

Kissamos enjoys many tavernas, beaches and plenty of shops. Surrounding the town are fertile olive groves and vineyards. The main beach is Mavros Molos which is sprinkled with trees, sunbeds and parasols. The Archaeological Museum of Kissamos is located on the main square, Stratigou Tzanakaki, boasting an impressive collection of local discoveries from a wide range of historical eras. A little further north of the main port of Kissamos is the quaint, colourful Old Port of Kastelli Kissamou which is brimming with brightly coloured fishing boats, a photographer's dream.

Further along the coast from Kissamos is the lively resort of Platanias. Platanias is a large tourist resort which boasts electric bars and nightclubs so if you are looking for a buzzy night out you can head there. Next comes the lively Agia Marina where you will find a gorgeous beach, glorious sunsets and excellent feasts at its many restaurants.

Almost 60km from the villa is the charming and picturesque Old Town of Chania. Though further away it is worth the trip. Its atmospheric 14th century Venetian harbour, old port, narrow, cobbled shopping streets, colourful bougainvillea and waterfront restaurants make this a top-notch evening out. The views are breathtaking, especially at sunset with the Venetian lighthouse in the background. You can walk along the harbour wall to the lighthouse.

Samaria Gorge is the longest gorge in Europe at 16km which would take roughly six hours to pass along the whole gorge. Otherwise, you 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 and takes approximately two hours. You can combine this walk with swimming in Fragokastelo Beach.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Chania Airport (70.3 km)
Nearest Beach	Falasarna Beach (800 meters)
Nearest Ferry Port	Chania Port (53.7 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Golden Sunset Tavern (750 meters)
Nearest Supermarket	Giannenis Supermarket (6.5 km)
Nearest Town/City	Chania (52.4 km)
Nearest Village	Phalasarna (700 meters)

What we love

- Villa Epidote is beautifully presented with contemporary furnishings, a fabulous open-plan living space, a wonderful swimming pool and a gorgeous terrace
- The villa's location is wonderful, a tranquil spot with exceptional Falasarna Beach views
- If Falasarna Beach isn't enough, you can easily visit Crete's other jewels, Elafonisi and Balos from this villa. You will remember them forever!

What you should know...

- The swimming pool has the option to be heated from March until the end of May and from mid-September until the end of November on request
- The villa sits with Villa Scepter and Villa Pyrite so if you need some extra space, you can book one or both of them. You are also welcome to have one guest sleeping in the living area
- Though the interiors of Villa Epidote are divine, you are likely to spend most of your time on the terrace at this wonderful villa, captivated by the views and sunsets

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?:** For reservations of 5 to 7 days, we provide one cleaning service with a change of linens and towels, and for stays longer than 7 days, we offer one cleaning service and a change of linens and towels every 4 days.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed
- **Changeover day:** Flexible
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay cleaning also included. However, 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?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights - low season, 4/5 nights - mid season, 7 nights - high season
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Pool heating charge?:** The swimming pool can be heated free of charge upon request by a Pool Heat Pump at about 26-27°C depending on weather conditions. We request 3-4 days' advance notice for this facility. Available from March till the end of May & from 15th September - 30th November
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes

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