

Villa Muriel

Region: Peloponnese **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Enjoy a vacation in the cool, calm, contemporary Villa Muriel, located on the west coast of Mani, on the mainland Peloponnese peninsula of Southern Greece. This semi-detached, two-storey villa has three bedrooms, and can comfortably accommodate up to six guests, ideal for a family or group of friends sharing. The villa is built into the hillside of an ancient olive grove, constructed out of locally hewn stone, surrounded by a securely fenced wall, with a paved terrace, a private infinity swimming pool, and stunning Aegean Sea views. There is on-road parking, and the property comes with complimentary Wi-Fi and air conditioning throughout. The interiors have been furnished to the very highest standards with lots of natural wood, the décor is a neutral palette of shades of grey and creamy beiges, and a scattering of modern art and artefacts completes the look. Floor-to-ceiling shuttered doors and windows allow in lots of natural light and cooling sea breezes, and reward the guest with panoramic sea views.

Enter the villa at the ground floor level, where you will find a welcoming holiday home of open-plan living. The seating area has a smart L-shaped dove grey sofa, a smoked glass coffee table, facing a flat-screen television and cabinet, and an enclosed fireplace. The adjacent dining area has a wooden six-seater table, ideal for some impressive indoor entertaining. The fully equipped wood and stainless steel kitchen has everything you will need to cater for a happy holiday, including a family-size fridge freezer, built-in oven, hob, and dishwasher, and that must-have morning coffee maker. The ground floor is home to two light and airy, beautifully appointed double bedrooms, with natural wood furniture, flat-screen televisions, enclosed fireplaces, and French-style shuttered windows. A shared small bathroom completes this floor. Take the stairs to the first floor, where there is a fully furnished double bedroom under the



eaves, and a shared spacious bathroom with a large walk-in shower, hand basin, and WC.

Access the lower terrace from the living space, where there is your own private step-entry infinity swimming pool, surrounded by curved sun loungers and coffee tables, ideal for relaxing in the Aegean sun. Under the veranda-style terrace is a six-seater dining set, just right for eating in the shade, and a soft seating area where you can relax and catch up with this year's best seller. The upper terrace has a soft grey L-shaped sofa and coffee table, a dining set for six, and comfortable sun loungers, and as far as the eye can sweeping sea views to the horizon and beyond. It's the perfect place for cocktails as the sun sets, before dining alfresco under a Grecian sky.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Sailing • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • TV • Villa • Historical Sites • Coffee Machine • Seaview • Watersports • Chef/Cook Available • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Walk to Village • Instagrammable • Modern • Transfers Available • Catering Available • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Dishwasher • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Muriel is a 3 bedroom villa sleeping up to 6 guests over 2 floors, with private pool and seaviews

Ground Floor:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area
- Living area
- 2x Double bedroom
- Shared bathroom

First Floor:

- Double bedroom
- Shared bathroom

Outdoor:

- Private pool
- Dining set
- Seating area

Additional Facilities

- Coffee table
- Outdoor seating x 2
- Sun loungers
- Indoor dining set
- Outdoor dining set x 2
- Fridge freezer
- Oven
- Hob
- Dishwasher
- Coffee maker
- Flat screen televisions in seating area and bedrooms
- Fireplaces
- Bed linen
- Towels

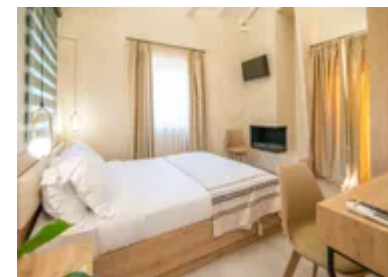
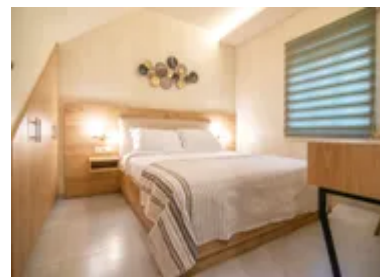
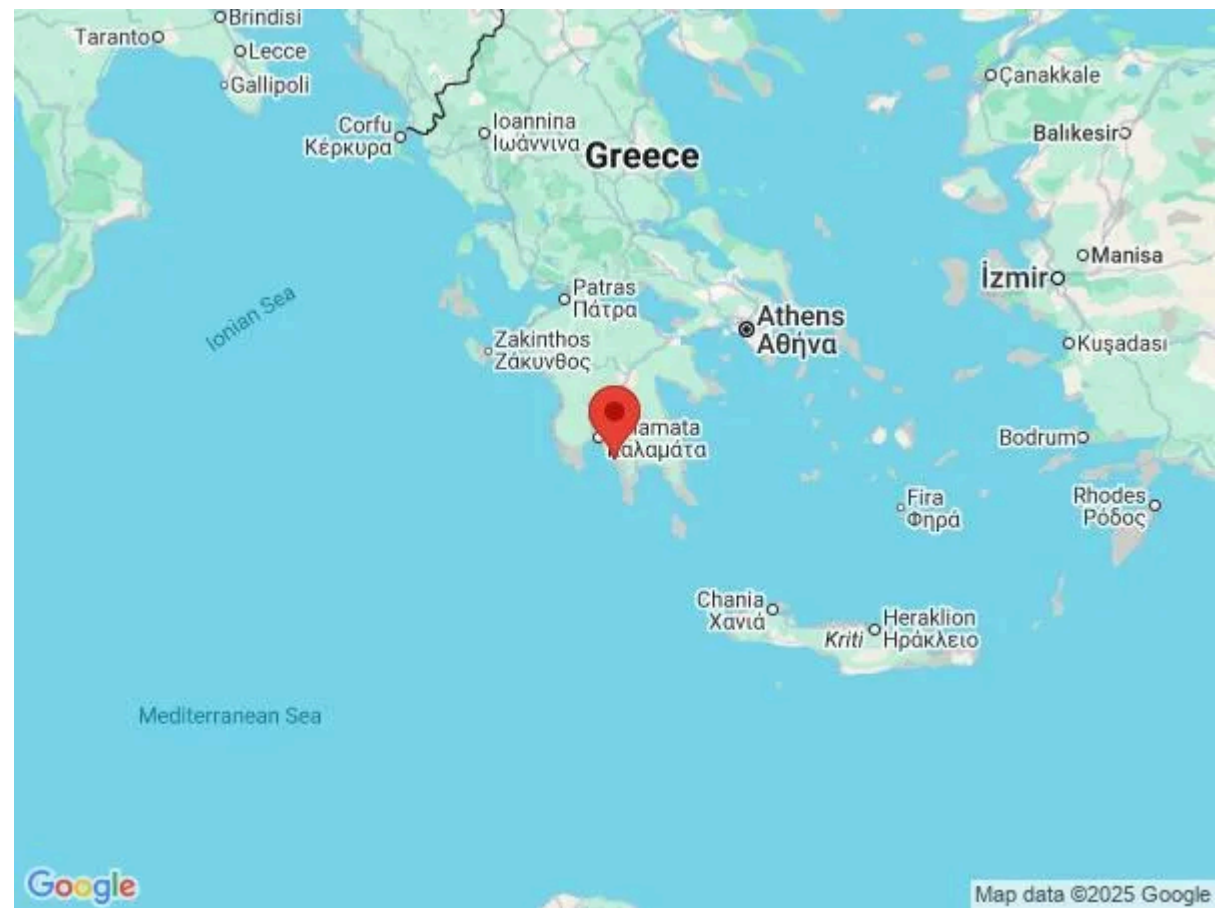


Location & Local Information

Villa Muriel is located on the hillside of the small village of Lefktro, in West Mani, on the Western Mani Peloponnese Peninsula, in Southern Greece. There is a new road that connects the international airport to Kalamata and is approximately fifty-five kilometres, a one and a half hour's scenic drive through the Greek countryside. The village itself is a 15 minute walk away or a five minute drive, where you will find plenty of local provisions for your stay, including welcoming cafes and bars, lots of family-run restaurants, and a Greek orthodox church or two.

There are two great beaches within the area, the nearest is Stoupa, fed by the freshwater morning streams from the mountains. And just over the hill is Kalogoria with its inviting turquoise water and rich marine life, made famous by Nikos Kazantzakis and the film *Zorba, the Greek*. Other notable beaches in the vicinity include the crystal clear waters of Ritsa, the official beach of Kardamyli, and similarly at the Paralia of Delfinia, Kalamitsi, and Foneas. The Taygetos mountains form a fabulous backdrop to the villa and provide some great trails for those who like to hike and see the area's natural flora and fauna. The fishing village of Agios Nikolaos is a walkable three kilometres from the villa, where you can delight in the charms of traditional Greek life. The village of Limeni is also well worth a visit, a thirty-five kilometre drive from the villa. Renowned for its wild beauty and emerald waters, Limeni is a historic harbour town, where you can explore the recently restored 1762 Castle of Movromichalis. At Limeni you can access the sea via steps or platforms from the rocks, then enjoy its unique ambience in one of the many cafes and restaurants.

The flourishing financial and cultural centre of the town of Aegialeia is a twenty-five minute drive away. Famed for its tower houses built out of local stone, it has a new and old town, and an open-air market every Saturday. Reputed to be the starting point of the revolution against the Ottoman Empire, discover its history in the Pyrgos Pikoulaki, the museum of Mani. Meet in Plata Athanaton, the central square, where you will find the Taxiarches Cathedral, a



museum of religious artefacts, and the Byzantine Chapel of St John. Stroll down the picturesque streets, shop for souvenirs, sip ouzo in a local café and watch the world go by. And if it's nightlife you are after Aeropolis is the place to be. The Mani Peninsula is famed for its food, most notably the local delicacy of glina or syglina, a smoked pork sausage, the wild herbs of thyme, oregano, and mint, and homemade honey naturally scented with pine or orange blossom from the indigenous flora. Kalamata claims to be the best olive oil in the world, and you can test this for yourself with a walking tour and tasting with a dedicated olive oil sommelier. The Maniots claim to be descendants of Mycean, Dorian, Spartan, Byzantine, Franks, Saracens, Italian, Venetian, and Ottoman cultures, all play a part in their local history.

Take the car and discover the numerous castles and fortresses, churches and chapels, monasteries and ruins scattered throughout the coast and peninsula. For those who fancy a more relaxing holiday, the area is blessed with many beautiful bays and beaches, such as Neo Otilo or Itylo, where you can sunbathe on loungers with parasols. Whilst the more active can practice water sports at Vathy or Mavrovouni beach and jet ski in its deeper waters. Follow in the steps of the author Patrick Leigh-Fermor to Kardamyli, where you can visit the home which inspired many of his books. And for film fans, it is also the setting for the romantic comedy Before Midnight. Further afield make a cultural odyssey to the ancient towns of Argolis, Sparta, Mystras, Monemvasia, Diros, Olympia, Delphi, Meteora, and the Corinth Canal, where you will discover the world of Homer and the ancient Greeks.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Kalamata International airport (56.8 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Kalamata port (46 km)
Nearest Village	Neochori (1 km)
Nearest Beach	Pantazi Beach (4.3 km)

What we love

- Villa Muriel has some super sea views, the two terraces offer sweeping vistas over the Aegean Sea, from sunrise to sun set, you'll be mesmerised
- The interior décor at Villa Muriel is cool, calm, and collected, the colours compliment the natural beauty that surrounds the property, and the modern art that adorns it is eclectic
- There is something for everyone when you stay at Villa Muriel, spend lazy days by the pool, sunbathe on beautiful beaches, have fun with the water sports, seek solace in churches, discover the ancient history of the area in the many museums and sites, hike mountain trails, discover bays and coves, caves and grottos, and traditional villages, and eat like a local on homemade meze and ouzo

What you should know...

- Villa Muriel has three double bedrooms, all of which have double beds, there aren't any twin or single beds, ideal for a small family or a group of friends sharing
- The villa has one large shared bathroom with a walk-in shower on one floor, and a smaller shared bathroom on the other floor.
- We recommend car hire to see all the sights on the Mani peninsula, of which there are many well worth a visit

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 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:** 14.00
- **Departure time:** 10.00
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that on occasions, in Greece, 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 available?:** Yes. 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?:** Not permitted
- **Minimum stay:** 4 nights
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in rental price.
- **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