Silver Olive

Region: Rethymno **Sleeps:** 7

Overview



Villa Silver Olive is overflowing with rustic charm, nestled in the countryside near the north coast of Crete, one of the largest Greek islands, set in the Aegean Sea. This beautiful property has been lovingly restored by the descendants of the original owners, who have retained many of the unique characteristics that make this villa so special.

Villa Silver Olive is a property of two parts, with two private entrance self-contained apartments, joined by a communal courtyard, with a centrepiece swimming pool. The villa has three spacious double bedrooms, and can comfortably accommodate up to seven guests, ideal for a large family holiday, two small families sharing, or a friends' get-together. The property comes with off-street parking, complimentary Wi-Fi throughout, ceiling fans, and smart televisions in all the rooms. The villa is built out of local stone, with cool stone floor tiling, and floor-to-ceiling doors, that open out onto garden-view terraces and balconies.







The interiors still have the authentic architectural curved ceilings, and the traditional parasia fireplace, which once heated the whole home, and cooked the food, is in-situ from when the house was first built. The décor is decidedly contemporary, the furniture is natural wood, the linen is the finest, the lighting atmospheric, and the colour palette is one of subtle soft whites with elegant earth tones. The ambience is one of a relaxing home-from-home, beach house-style, cosy cottage in the country.

Enter the villa through the main entrance into the communal courtyard, where you will find two separate apartments. On the ground floor of the first apartment is an open plan living space decorated with lots of family-owned artefacts, with a single sofa bed, an open fireplace,

a smart television, a dining set, and a small, yet fully-equipped kitchen. There is a beautifully-appointed bedroom, with a super king-size bed, open wardrobes, an in-built corner seating area, a flat-screen television, a dressing table desk, and an ensuite shower room, with a hand basin, and WC. Take the stairs to the first floor, where there is a second seating spot, with floor-to-ceiling windows, which open onto a furnished garden view balcony, the perfect place to enjoy a morning coffee. There is an exquisitely dressed bedroom with a king-size bed, fitted wardrobes, a TV, a dressing table desk, and a thoroughly modern bathroom, with a walk-in rain shower and hand basin. A separate loo completes this accommodation.

Across the courtyard access the second apartment, which has a ground floor open plan living space, with a sofa, smart TV, dining table, small kitchen, and a shower room with a WC. On the first floor, there is a bedroom with a double bed, open wardrobes, and a flat-screen television. The communal courtyard is captivating, with a step-entry swimming pool, that is surrounded by curved sun loungers, and shady silver olive trees.

There's an outdoor workstation, and a selection of books and games to keep both children and adults amused. A built-in, pergola-covered, soft seating area is ideal for meeting as dusk falls, for sundowner cocktails on the terrace. There is a ten-seater dining set, where you can feast alfresco with dishes freshly cooked on the barbeque and wood oven, as the Cretan stars come out to shine.

Facilities

Villa • Great Value • Air-Con • Recommended • Historical Sites • Private Pool • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Chef/Cook Available • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Instagrammable • Modern • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

156sqm 3 bedroom villa with two separate living areas, and communal terrace with private pool, to sleep up to seven guests

Apartment 1:
Ground floor:
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Dining set
- Living area with sofa bed
- Bedroom with super king size bed, open wardrobes, ensuite

First floor:
- Living room with sofa
- WC
- Bedroom with super king size bed, wardrobes, work station, ensuite shower room, balcony with garden view

Apartment 2: (sleeping 2, choose 5-7 people occupancy bookings)
Ground floor:
- Living area, small sofa (can be converted into a short-length bed for a child)
- Dining table and chairs
- Small kitchen
- Shower room
- WC

First floor:
- Bedroom with double bed

Shared Exterior:
- Swimming pool
- Sun loungers
- Pergola
- Soft seating
- Outdoor
- Dining x 10
- BBQ
- Wood oven
- Gardens
- Top floor terrace with garden view
- Outdoor sink and preparation area
- Outdoor shower

Additional facilities
- Wi-Fi
- Satellite TV
- Off street parking
- Ceiling fans
- Parasia fireplace
- Washing machine
- Microwave
- Drip coffee maker
- Espresso coffee maker
- Fire extinguishers









- Smoke alarms
- First aid kit
- 1x High chair upon request
- 1x Crib upon request

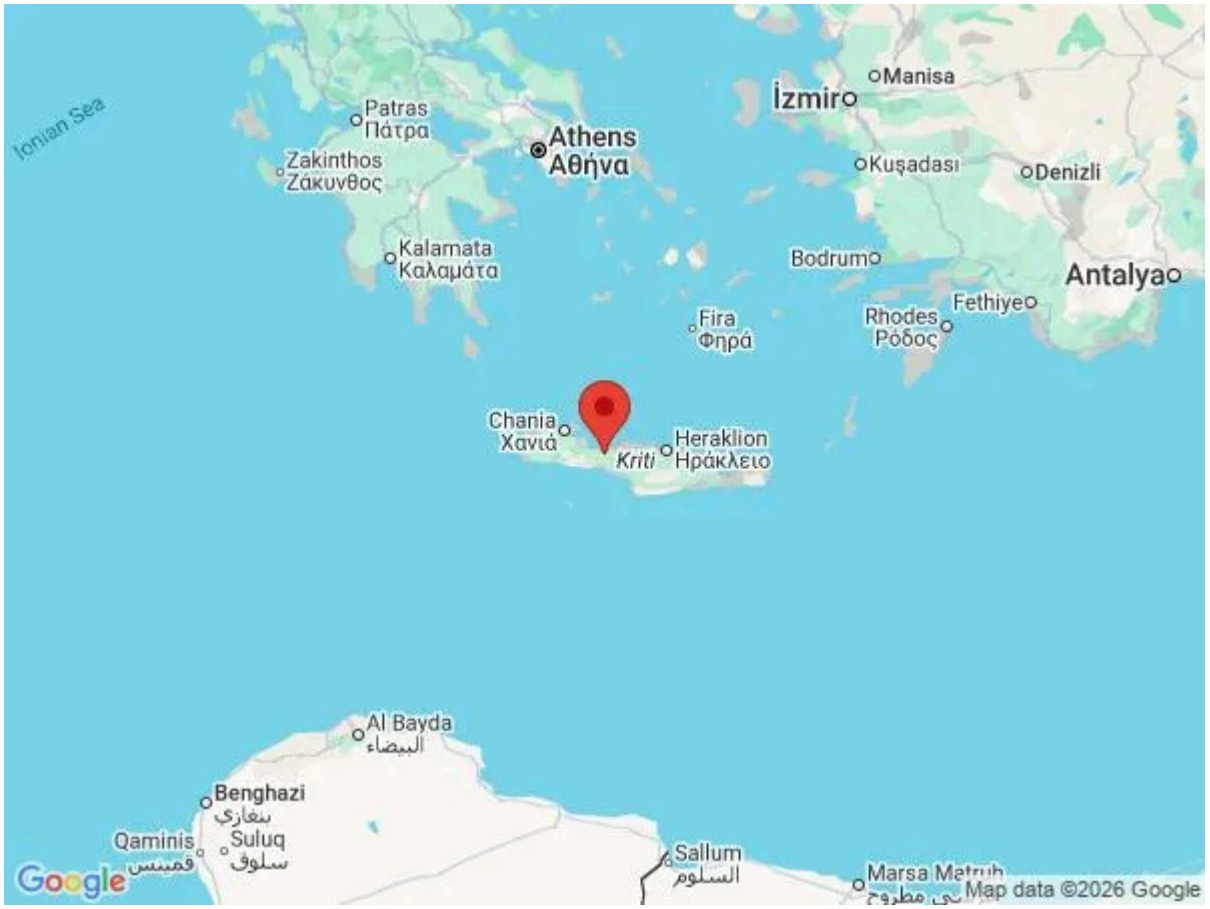
Location & Local Information

Villa Silver Oliver can be found nestled in the Cretan countryside, just eleven kilometres from the north-coast of the Greek island of Crete. The villa is a seventy three-kilometre drive from Chania International Airport, passing avocado, orange, and olive groves, to your holiday home. The villa is near the small village of Armeni, where you will find local shops for provisions to cater for your holiday, family-run bars and tavernas.

A ten-kilometre drive will take you to the old town of Rethymno, with its Venetian harbour, winding streets full of souvenir shops, a sixteenth-century citadel, Archaeological and Folklore Museums, and an 1830s lighthouse. The medieval town of Chania is only a twenty minute drive from the villa. Stroll down to the old port and harbour, visit the Maritime and Archeological Museums, seek solace in the Greek Orthodox Church of Agios Nikolaos, bargain in the local market, and then dine off freshly caught seafood by the seashore. For those who love hiking, there's the famous Samaria Gorge, the most walked trail in Greece. Explore the island's three hundred caves, and hike over hillsides, streams, and rocky ravines to discover watermills and ruins. All aboard a boat trip, where you can snorkel or scuba dive to underwater ruins, or jet skis or paraglide at one of the many water sports clubs.

A drive along the scenic coastal route will take you to the town and port of Heraklion. Take a tour around the ancient Palace of Knossos, visit the Archaeological Museum, and walk along the Venetian walls to the old quarter, where you can shop for souvenirs. Go further afield to Vai, Crete's easternmost tip, where you will find lush forests and a unique date palm. Explore Psychro Cave, reputedly the birthplace of Zeus, and rock climb Mount Ida to find the Ideon Cave. Sitia Geopark is three hundred and fifty square kilometres of the island's diverse ecosystem, where you can trek through gorges, bathe on beaches, walk the wetlands, and bird watching. Hike the Richtis Gorge, and stroll through streams to reach the twenty-metre waterfall, where you can cool off in the inviting pool. Find solace in the fifteenth-century Toplou Monastery, where you can see beautiful Byzantine icons.

Take a boat tour to visit the intriguing island of Spinalonga, once a former leper colony and home to a Venetian fortress, it is now an open-air museum. Visit Agios Nikolaos, a harbour town that uniquely houses a lake in its centre, and is home to an Archaeological Museum, full of Minoan treasures. Stroll its charming streets packed with shops, cafes, bars, and tavernas, in which to sit and watch the local life go by. Unwind with a Cretan herbs & wine-tasting tour, or an Olive oil & honey tasting tour followed by lunch, the options are endless.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Chania/Heraklion Airport (73 km/93 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Rethymnon beach (11 km)**

Nearest Restaurant	**Taverna Alekos (1 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Ariadni (950 m)**
Nearest Town/City	**Rethymno (11 km)**
Nearest Village	**Armeni (1 km)**

What we love

- Villa Silver Olive oozes rustic charm, the original stone house has been lovingly restored and is now a beautiful holiday home
- The communal terrace is a winner, with a private swimming pool and ten-seater dining table for some fabulous al fresco family dining
- The rooftop terraces have splendid panoramic views over the local village and villa gardens, the perfect place to enjoy a sunset cocktail
- Villa Silver Olive is nestled in the countryside, near a traditional village, blue flag beaches, and historic sites, something for everyone when you holiday here
- The villa has two separate apartments each with their own private entrance, and a shared terrace, great if its two small families or friends sharing

What you should know...

- Villa Silver Olive can accommodate up the seven guests, with two double bedrooms in the main apartment then a double and a single sofa bed in the larger apartment. If you require use of the apartment you should chose the 7 person option. Up to 4 people will only be allocated the main apartment.
- Although there are two separate apartments, the property is always booked as a whole. If you require use of the 2nd apartment you should chose the 5-7 person option. Up to 4 people will only be allocated the main apartment, with no access to the 2nd apartment (which will be closed, no other guests will stay there, the accommodation will be exclusively for you).
- It is recommended to hire a smaller car as parking is restricted
- All bedrooms and all other rooms have air-conditioning except the WCs.

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:** 15.00

- **Departure time:** 11.00

- **Energy costs included?:** Extra €2.50/guest/night paid with the balance

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

- **Pets welcome?:** Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate pets.

- **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:** Not end of stay, in fact this property charges €120 for pre-stay cleaning, to ensure you find the house clean and prepared when you arrive. This is added to your total invoice. - Upon your arrival, the house will be thoroughly cleaned and the beds will be made. We do not offer a pre-scheduled interim cleaning service, as we value your privacy and desire for relaxation. However, should you wish to arrange for a cleaning during your stay, please notify us at least ten days prior to your arrival. Payment for this service must be made in cash on-site. Regardless, the house is equipped with essential supplies for basic cleaning tasks.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** SMOKING IS PROHIBITED INSIDE THE HOUSE or the smoke detector will be activated and the ALARM WILL GO OFF. If you want to smoke, please use the balcony or the courtyard.

- **Other 2:** If the reservation is for 4 or fewer guests (not counting guests younger than 2 years old), there will be no access to Apartment 2. No other guest will stay there, the accommodation will be exclusively for you, however, Apartment 2 will be closed. In order to have access to Apartment 2, the reservation must be made for 5 or more guests. (Can sleep up to 7)

- **Other 3:** To oblige with Greek law, guests will need to provide their passport/ID details, a few days before their arrival. Reservations can only be made by persons over 18 years of age. At least one of the guests staying at the property must be over 18 years of age.

- **Minimum stay:** 6 nights

- **Tax:** Climate Resilience Tax of €15 per night will be added to the final balance

- **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.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Parties/events are not allowed.

- **Noise policy :** - Please respect the quiet hours: - April 1 to September 30 (summer season): 3 - 5.30pm & 11pm to 7am - October 1 to March 31 (winter season): 3.30 - 5.30pm & 10pm to 7.30am

The Greek government requires owners to collect a Tourist Climate Tax, this will be collected via bank transfer to owner:

March-October €15 per night per unit

- The use of the pool and jacuzzi must be done with due care, observing the safety rules and taking into account the slipperiness of the floor due to water. It is recommended not to consume food/alcohol 3 hours before swimming.
- The use of the pool and jacuzzi by minors should always be done under the supervision of an adult, who will be responsible for their safety.
- Pool maintenance requires the presence of our specialized partner every about 3 days, who will need to be in the pool area for a maximum of 15-30 minutes.
- During warm weather, wasps may be present in the pool area. They normally go away once someone gets close to them. This is a common occurrence in the countryside, and we cannot control it or take responsibility for it.
- In Crete, it is not uncommon for electricity and water outages (typically lasting from one to several hours) to occur during the summer months as a result of elevated demand. Please be advised that we do not have control over these occurrences, nor can we be held accountable for them.
- We assume no responsibility for any unforeseen failure that may occur to the equipment or facilities within the premises. Nevertheless, we will make every effort to facilitate repairs at the earliest opportunity, provided that such failure is not caused by misuse.

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- Please make sure you have switched off the air-conditioner units and kitchen before you leave the house.

- Please do not use towels for makeup. Products for this purpose will be available in the house.
- Please use the waste bin to dispose of toilet paper.
- Please respect the house as if it were yours.