

Villa Sfakaki

Region: Rethymno **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Villa Sfakaki sits on the top of a small hill in the delightful resort of Sfakaki, just metres from the beach. It boasts three bedrooms, a cosy, modern living room, a sociable kitchen diner, plenty of balconies from where you can enjoy fabulous views across to Rethymno and the sea and a swimming pool. It enjoys a laid-back ambience and is perfect for families or a group of friends who are looking to relax, enjoy the fabulous local beaches, taste delicious traditional food, have easy access to the lively city of Rethymno and perhaps head into the countryside to visit ancient villages, monasteries and famous gorges.

Sfakaki enjoys a fabulous organised beach, charming tavernas, wonderful restaurants, a bakery selling all sorts of delicious treats, supermarkets and bars. It offers a bus service into Rethymno so you can head in for a delicious meal and a wander enjoying cocktails and chilled local wines without worrying about having to drive. In addition to the beautiful Sfakaki Beach which is home to many Caretta Caretta sea turtles, there are plenty of others within walking distance including Pirkos Beach, Eleven Beach, Adelianos Kampos Beach and Skaleta Beach. Holidays to Sfakaki are about relaxation, unwinding and embracing the authentic side of Crete. The village is surrounded by countryside where pine sprinkled hillsides rise as far as you can see. Ancient villages perch along the winding rural roads wrapped in vines and colourful flowers and Mount Ida stands majestically on the horizon. Charmed by the fragrant combination of wild herbs, oregano, oleanders, hollies and eucalyptus trees, you can visit the amazing Monastery Arsaniou. Rethymno is just fifteen minutes away with its sandy beaches, Venetian and Ottoman architecture, Byzantine churches, picturesque port, charming narrow cobbled streets lined with unique boutiques and shops and its wonderful dining scene. The beautiful beach resorts of Bali, Agia Galini and Plakias are all within easy reach of Villa Sfakaki.

Villa Sfakaki is a semi-detached property with its sister villa, Villa Rethymno, also enjoying three bedrooms and similar amenities. Although the villas are attached, guests enjoy total privacy. If you wanted to take a holiday with another family we also feature Villa Rethymno so you could book both villas and be next door to each other! There is a long drive up to the villa which is beautifully kept with colourful planting and terracotta walls. As you climb the steps to enter the villa, you are immediately welcomed with the villa's stunning panoramic views. The villa comes with an upper terrace where you can enjoy cocktails while watching the sun go down over Rethymno and the sea. Alfresco dining is wonderful under the stars and while watching the twinkling lights come on.

The chefs in your group will be delighted with the sociable kitchen diner. It boasts all the appliances you need for a self-catering stay, a dining table and chairs and an additional sofa so the chefs will have company while they prepare a delicious feast. A bright and airy twin bedroom is found on this level with comfy single beds and patio doors that lead to a balcony. There is



also a family bathroom with both a bath and shower.

The top floor is home to two bedrooms, both with beautifully dressed double beds and access to balconies which overlook the magnificent landscape of Rethymno and the sea. Guests sleeping in these rooms share another family bathroom with a bath and a shower.

The delightful swimming pool terrace is surrounded with greenery to ensure privacy. There are loungers where you can relax and enjoy your holiday books and another table and chairs. Villa Sfakaki is peaceful and brilliantly located!

The photos are a mix of this villa and the identical neighbouring villa, Villa Rethymno (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/greece/crete/rethymno/villa-rethymno/>) which can also be booked. (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/greece/crete/rethymno/villa-rethymno/>)

Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Villa • Walking/Hiking Paths • TV • Walk to Beach • Air-Con • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • DVD • Walk to Village • Great Value • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Ground Floor

- Living room
- Fully-equipped kitchen with dining facilities
- Cloakroom
- Bedroom with twin beds

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with double bed
- Family bathroom

Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool
- Terrace
- Dining facilities

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning- note the 3rd bedroom only has a fan
- TV
- Washing machine
- Parking



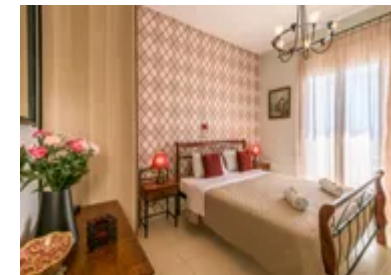
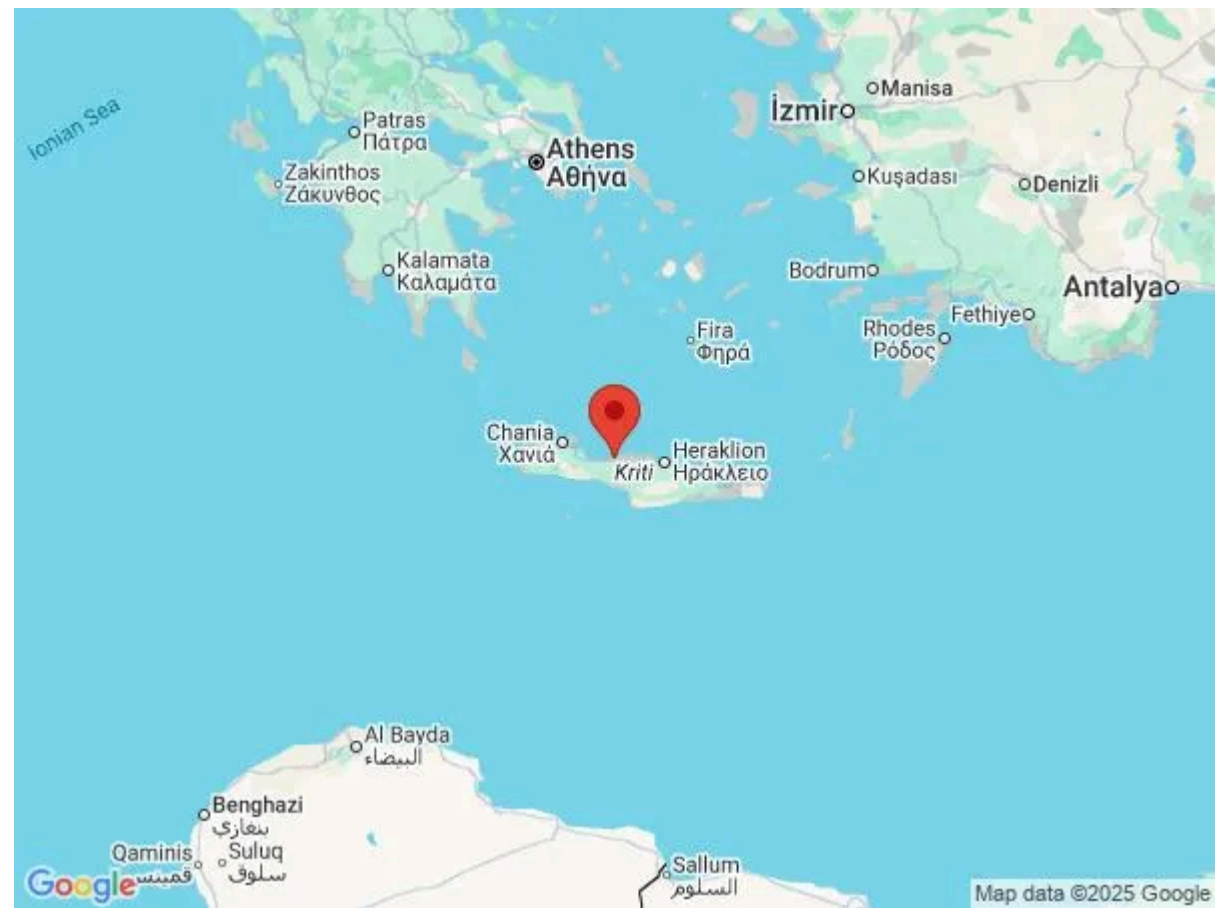
Location & Local Information

The delightful Villa Sfakaki is located in the tranquil village of Sfakaki, just fifteen minutes' drive from Rethymno. It is a lovely resort which is very friendly and enjoys some good shops, a bakery, tavernas, cafes, bars and restaurants. The beach is wonderful with a long sweep of sand and lots of sun loungers and parasols. The beach is home to sea turtles that you might see if you are lucky. If you stick around for sunset or head up to your terraced balcony, you will be rewarded with brilliant sunsets that cast a dazzling red and orange glow across the sea. The village is surrounded by countryside and there are plenty of other beaches close by.

Rethymno is a wonderful city with beautiful architecture, much charm, a lively port and plenty of tourist amenities. You will pass by a fabulous helping of interesting shops and delicious restaurants to reach the Old Town that is crammed with ancient buildings. Whilst offering much to tourists, Rethymno has maintained its authentic Greek feel. You can head for the Venetian Fortezza to admire this amazing sand coloured citadel perched high above the shoreline and stroll among the fragrant pine trees that lead you past ornate chapels and churches. The architecture throughout Rethymno is very elegant and the port is bustling, lined with restaurants and bars. There are many boat trips that you can take.

If you head inland from Sfakaki, you will reach the 16th century Arkadi Monastery which stands alone on a plateau showcasing Baroque, Renaissance and Roman themes. The monastery is dedicated to the Transfiguration of the Saviour and the Saints Constantine and Helen. You can also visit the Monastery of Preveli or the Monastery of Arsaniou. The Ideon Cave, on the east side of Mount Ida, is also fascinating as according to mythology it is where Zeus grew up.

Plakias is another wonderfully popular resort. You can pass through the breathtaking Kourtaliotiko Gorge arriving at the idyllic stunning bay of Plakias with its brilliant blue sea. Plakias is a former fishing village and now offers some



wonderful tavernas, restaurants and bars.

The Palace of Knossos is where according to legend, the foundations of the Bronze Age city were filled with an inescapable labyrinth that was guarded by a vicious minotaur. The master craftsman Daedalus built the labyrinth for the mythical King Minos. His son, Theseus, slew the minotaur and found his way out of the labyrinth with the help of Minos' daughter, Ariadne, according to legend. The palace flourished during the Minoan period as the religious centre of Crete. Thanks to the archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans' excavation and careful restoration, the Palace of Knossos is one of the most fascinating archaeological sites in Greece.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Heraklion Airport (72.6km)
Nearest Town/City	Rethymno (9km)
Nearest Restaurant	Tavern Dimitris (700m)
Nearest Supermarket	Pantelis Supermarket (400m)
Nearest Beach	Sfakaki Beach (600m)

What we love

- Villa Sfakaki sits on the top of a small hill, with fabulous views over the nearby city of Rethymno and the sea
- The villa is attractively presented with modern furnishings and with a lovely pool
- The villa is a very short walking distance from the local beach. It is also only fifteen minutes' drive from Rethymno

What you should know...

- The villa is semi-detached though you will enjoy total privacy during your stay. We also feature Villa Sfakaki's sister villa, Villa Rethymno (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/greece/crete/rethymno/villa-rethymno/>) so you could book both villas if you want to take a holiday with another family. The photos are a mix of the two villas.
- A local bus can take you directly into Rethymno if you do not want to drive
- The villa has air-conditioning units in the living room space and bedrooms, except the children's bedroom as the one in the living room is strong enough to keep this room cool too

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:** 2pm
- **Departure time:** 12 noon
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Pets welcome?:** No pets
- **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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking
- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 5-night minimum stay, this may be increased across peak dates
- **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