

Villa Giannis

Region: Heraklion Sleeps: 12

Overview

Six-bedroomed Villa Giannis is a beautiful traditional Cretan villa, sitting pretty on the hillside and offering the most amazing views of the port city Heraklion and the Cretan Sea. Surrounded by trees, vineyards and a large garden, the peaceful and tranquil environment, as well as the privacy offered and spacious design, makes this villa an ideal holiday home for families, friends and couples alike.

The extensive landscaped grounds set the tone of this luxurious villa. With a private entrance leading up to the stone-walled property and grassy spots dotted with plants and shrubs, there's plenty of places for children to play and you to unwind with your favourite holiday read. There are also two swimming pools – including one shallower pool for kids – a football and volleyball net and several loungers for some family fun or well-deserved R&R while soaking up the warm Mediterranean sun.

For romantic evenings, you can cook up a storm on the BBQ and then dine al fresco on the covered outdoor table and chairs, while small lights illuminate the property into the night. Inside, the luxury features continue with a modern fully-equipped kitchen and comfortable living space with a 52-inch flat-screen TV and cushioned sofas. In the colder months, you can make use of the heated under flooring and charming working fireplace. There are also tubs with jets in two of the four bathrooms for a serene spa-like feel. The villa sleeps up to twelve across its six stylish bedrooms.

The location of Villa Giannis is also perfect for exploring the beauties of Crete. You can take long walks through the vineyards and hills, or head to Houdetsi village with restaurants, cafes and small shops. A hiking trail takes you from Houdetsi to the neighbouring village Agios Vasilios,



passing by a small gorge and the ancient monastery of Panagia Spiliotissa, part of which is built into a rock.

Facilities

Air-Con • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Great Value • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Spa/Massage • DVD • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

Interior & Grounds

Interior

- 6 twin bedrooms (4 can be converted into doubles)
- 4 bathrooms with showers (two of them also have spa tub with Jets)
- 2 WCs
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Large open plan sitting dining room

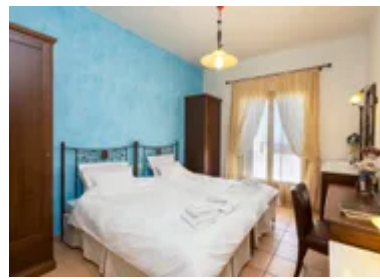
Outside

- Private swimming pool 40 sqm
- Children's' pool 2.5 x 2m
- Sun beds and umbrellas
- Outdoor dining table
- Outdoor seating area
- BBQ
- Parking space
- Garden 2000sqm
- Football and volleyball field

Other

- Cooling system
- Floor heating
- Fireplace
- Satellite TV
- Home Cinema
- CD and DVD player
- Computer
- Internet Connection
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Iron and ironing board
- Hair dryer
- Security system
- telephone
- Safe
- Baby cot and High Chair
- Espresso machine
- Microwave

- Use of Spa at extra cost



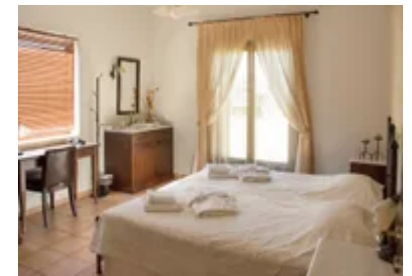
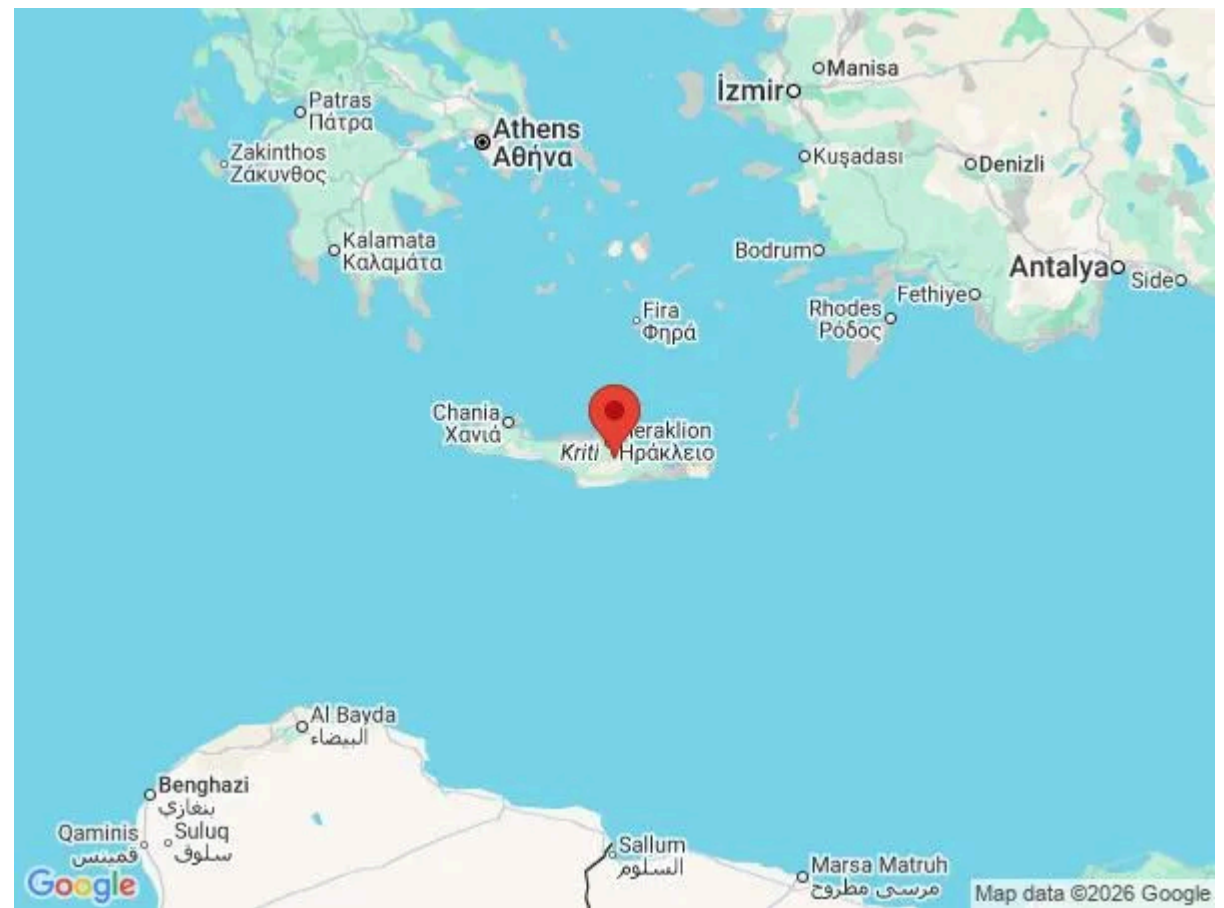
Location & Local Information

Villa Giannis is in Houdetsi, a beautiful village about 23km south of the city of Heraklion, Crete. It's a peaceful spot that's known for its wine with olive trees and vineyards and traditional Cretan music. Well worth a visit are the water fountain in the village centre and the folklore museum of music with traditional instruments from all over the world. There's also a gorge leading to the Sacred Monastery of the Madonna nearby – magical natural scenery full of tall trees and plenty of running water.

For history lovers, if you drive 12km south-west of Houdetsi, you'll reach the Monastery of Saint George, built around 1600. There's also the impressive Monastery of Agarathos, 14km east which is considered one of the oldest monasteries in Crete or the castle of Nikiforos Fokas, 14km northwest. In Heraklion itself, the capital of Crete, there's plenty of things to see and do.

The Palace of Knossos, just outside the city, is a vast archaeological site dating back thousands of years to the Minoan civilization and includes frescoes and baths. Guarding the city's Venetian port is the 16th-century Koules fortress, and there's the Heraklion Archaeological Museum has an extensive collection of Minoan art. Heraklion isn't all about out ancient sites though with top-notch restaurants serving Cretan cuisine, boutique shops and a lively nightlife. It's also home to one of the richest markets in the Mediterranean where you can get traditional Greek products like olive oil, honey and herbs.

Heraklion's bragging rights also continue with its serene beaches. The stretches of sand in this central part of Crete's north coast range from the lively hangouts in Malia to the rugged bays of the deserted island, Dia. You can swim, snorkel, take part in water sports like sea kayaking and scuba diving or jump on a boat trip. Moreover, a modern golf course both for beginners and advanced players is not far away from the city of Heraklion, in the area of Hersonissos.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Heraklion (24km)
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Nearest Restaurant	x2 (2.4km)
Nearest Supermarket	Choudetsi (2km)
Nearest Beach	Heraklion (23km)
Sightseeing	Knossos - ancient site (17km)

What we love

- Magnificent views looking out towards the port city Heraklion and the Cretan Sea.
- The rustic and traditional feel of the villa with stone and white-washed walls and an enviable location surrounded by trees and vineyards, sitting high into the hillside.

What you should know...

- It's secluded and private. However, you're within walking distance of the centre of Houdetsi, a beautiful village with restaurants, shops and cultural sites.
- The villa is perched into a hillside and has an idyllic rural location. To reach it easily and to explore more of the fantastic local area, like Heraklion, the capital of Crete, we recommend hiring a car.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** A credit card number will be required at check in as form of security deposit.
- **Arrival time:** Check in from 16:00
- **Departure time:** Check out time is 11:00
- **Energy costs included?:** Energy costs are included in the rental fee
- **Linen & towels included?:** Linen & towels are included in the rental price
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** End of stay clean is included in the price
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Guests are requested not to smoke in the villa.
- **Internet access?:** Internet access is available at he villa

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