Villa Ying

Region: Heraklion **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Channel your inner zen at four-bedroomed Villa Ying. The stylish villa taps into the tranquil Buddhist practice with its simple, yet sophisticated layout and natural use of materials, helping you to be the most relaxed you. Think sleek whitewashed walls and bamboo features. The hillside surroundings are just as peaceful, in the picturesque and authentic Cretan village of Koutouloufari. The pretty village boasts stunning views of the coast, and a handful of tavernas and shops.

The villa itself is truly unique, with an elegant combination of classic and contemporary décor. The exterior has the feel of a traditional Mediterranean cottage, with its rustic walls draped in pretty bougainvillaea, while the interior radiates modern style. The four bedrooms each have their own balcony with views of the sparkling blue Aegean to the north or the breathtaking salt-water pool to the south. The bathroom, kitted out with a Jacuzzi, directly overlooks Hersonissos port.

The ground floor provides the perfect place to unwind, dine or cook. There's a spacious fully-equipped kitchen (with a dishwasher, tea and coffee making facilities) and a comfortable living, dining area with a beautiful fireplace, and a large bathroom with two showers. The living room also has a TV and beamed ceilings. The kitchen leads directly out to patio, where you will find the zero entry pool with a slide and hammock, dotted with cushioned sun loungers, deck chairs and chic hanging daybed. There's a sheltered terrace with an alfresco dining table, seating 10. Lemon trees, potted plants and a bamboo fence all set the serene setting.

Culture fiend or foodie? With its local tavernas serving traditional cuisine, and old cobblestone streets, Koutouloufari is an excellent choice for summer evenings; however, a little further are the tavernas of old Hersonnissos. Some of Crete's stunning beaches are also within a short drive of the villa, as well as the cosmopolitan town of Hersonissos with its lively nightlife, shops and Knossos Palace Minoan Ruins.

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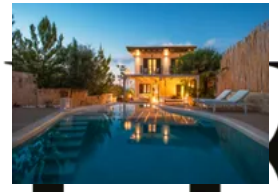
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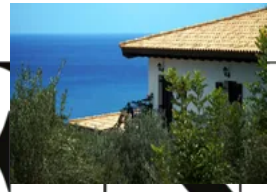
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Facilities

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Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Ying is a traditionally built, semi-detached villa with a private pool and views over the port of Hersonissos and the sea. There are 4 bedrooms, and 2 bathrooms, and it can accommodate up to 8 guests.

Ground Floor
- Open plan living & dining area
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Family bathroom

First Floor
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with double bed
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- Bedroom with double bed
- Family bathroom with Jacuzzi tub

Exterior Grounds
- Private swimming pool with a slide (1.8m deep with a 'beach' type entrance)
- Outside sitting & dining area
- Sun loungers
- Large patio area
- Covered terrace
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Travel cot & highchair x2 available on request
- Safe deposit box
- Parking









Location & Local Information

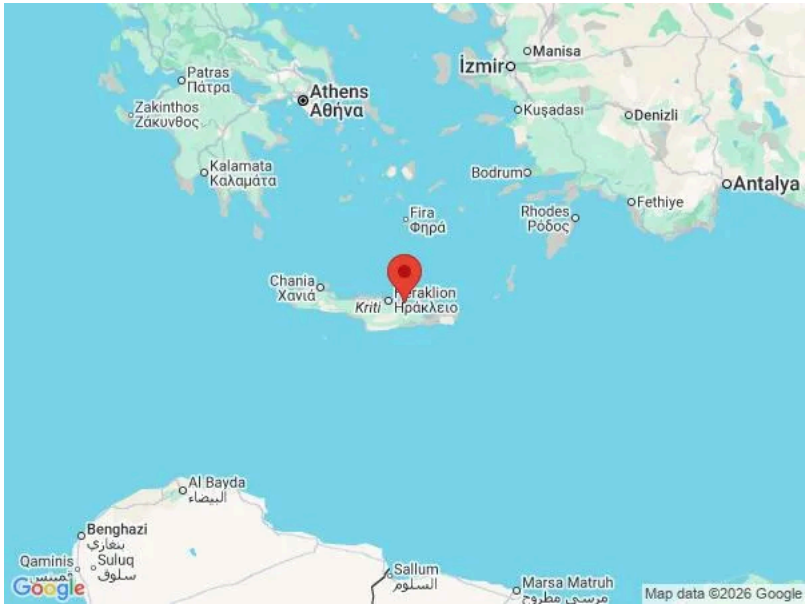
Villa Ying is just a short walk from the tavernas and small shops of the village of Koutouloufari, a characteristic Cretan village which overlooks the vibrant port town of Hersonissos on the east side of Crete. It's nestled in the tree-lined hillside and is renowned for its excellent traditional tavernas and stone architecture. Look out for Souvlaki and Moussaka dishes, as well as after-dinner cocktails and crepes. Choose an outdoor seat and watch the world go by. The setting provides a quiet and romantic atmosphere with the mountain-side view of Hersonissos town and coastline.

To quench your culture thirst, you can explore the narrow cobbled streets and old Cretan houses, stop for an iced coffee in one of the many cafes or browse the quaint gift and souvenir shops. The old church of Agios Vassilios (St Basil) is also worth a visit or you could go for a walk around the sleepy neighbouring villages of Piskopiano and Ano Hersonissos. Remember every evening finishes with raki.

Hersonissos, the livelier cosmopolitan town is a short drive away. There you'll find a vibrant nightlife and a multitude of shops. It is also within a short drive of some of the loveliest beaches in Crete. There are three popular family-friendly beaches to choose from, plus a handful of smaller, sandy coves that hug the rockier parts of the coastline. Nearby beaches include Kokkini Hani, Malia, Agios Nikolaos and Elounda. You could also jump on a boat trip to Dia or Dragon island, so called because it's shaped like a sleeping dragon. Some boat tours stop for swimming and snorkelling and provide a barbecue-style lunch.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Heraklion Airport (30km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Koutouloufari (200m)**
Nearest Beach	**Stone Beach (4km)**
Nearest City	**heraklion (22km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**heraklion (22km)**
Nearest Golf	**Crete Golf Club (5.5 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Restaurants & Shops (1km)**
Nearest Shop	**Koutouloufari (150m)**
Nearest Town/City	**Hersonissos (1km)**
Nearest Village	**Koutouloufari (100m)**
Sightseeing	**Malia Palace Archaeological Site (10km)**









What we love

- The villa taps into the ancient Buddhist practice of Zen and uses natural materials like driftwood, bamboo and stone, as well as light-coloured furnishings to create a truly tranquil space
- Everything at this villa is designed for your comfort, from the outdoor rain shower to the spa-like Jacuzzi and swinging day bed
- It's in a superbly peaceful spot, surrounded by trees and olive groves, yet you're a short walk from the centre of Koutouloufari Village with shops and local tavernas
- Massage and wellness services can be booked in resort
- Featured in UK newspaper The Independent (https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/europe/greece/crete-greek-island-holiday-holiday-family-inbetweeners-b2550829.html), article by Tracey Macleod

What you should know...

- The villa is in Koutouloufari village, some 100 metres above sea level, so it's slightly easier getting to the town and the beach than it is getting back
- Please note that there are no televisions in the bedrooms, supporting the laid back philosophy
- The owner lives close by and can help you with any recommendations you need

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?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Pets welcome?:** No pets
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that the villa does have neighbours, guests are asked to be respectful in terms of outside noise levels between midnight and 9am.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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?:** No smoking
- **Other 2:** Please note that the property owner, who resides nearby will require access to the pool area for 1 hr in the mornings to clean the pool & garden.
- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 7-night minimum stay
- **Internet access?:** The property has complimentary Wifi connection. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- **Pool towels included?:** Pool towels included

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