

# Villa Athikia

Region: Cyprus    Sleeps: 4

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## Overview

A petite but perfectly formed villa with charming, traditionally crafted exteriors combined with modern interiors. Take a refreshing dip in the plunge pool to cool down after a busy day on Cyprus. The sliding doors lead directly to the pool area, which has an outdoor shower for convenience. Here, you'll find plenty of terrace space, four sun loungers with purple cushions that match the lilac flowers around the pool.

Dramatic arches feature throughout the property as a design motif and the interiors are decorated in fresh white with splashes of orange and cornflower blue. In the living room, curl up on the soft grey sofas with colourful scatter cushions. Oversized freestanding lamps make a real statement, while autumnal art hangs on the wall. The white fireplace adds a sleek, modern edge while the gently curved arches are visually stunning and make breezy open-plan living easy and carefree.

Just beyond this is the dining area with a circular table with pale grey chairs and contrasting blue tableware and vase. Adjacent to this, the kitchen is beautifully designed with tiny monochrome mosaic tiles with silver detailing. It is as practical as it is stylish, well equipped for self-caterers and includes an oven and dishwasher. Whip up a Mediterranean inspired feast, or some home comforts for the whole family to enjoy.

The two lovely bedrooms that sleep four guests both have double beds with crisp linen and pops of pale blue and grey. Floor to ceiling windows enable the light to flow into the rooms and provides gorgeous views of the island. The first bedroom has a print of Paris on the wall, while the second has a floral piece - both add character and colour. Modern twists such as a curved glass bedside table and a skylight keep the design fresh, while exposed wooden



ceilings add a cosy feel. Ensuite bathrooms are decorated in pretty peach tiles with white fittings and frosted glass showers.

## Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Private Pool • Modern • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Athikia is a lovely holiday home located just outside of Ayia Napa, where it sleeps 4 people.

### *Ground Floor*

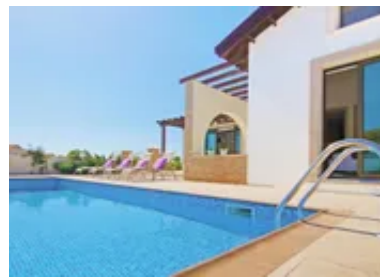
- Open-plan living and dining area with terrace access
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Double bedroom with terrace access
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Bathroom

### *Exterior Grounds*

- Swimming pool (8x4m)
- Sun loungers
- Poolside shower
- Terrace

### **Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Television
- Washing machine
- Air-conditioning
- Dishwasher
- Hair dryer
- Safe box
- Iron & iron board



## Location & Local Information

This idyllic hideaway is nestled in Ayia Thekla, just outside of Ayia Napa. Peaceful and quiet, this area on the southeastern coast of Cyprus is known as a party destination, but Ayia Napa is also bursting with rich history and culture. In the centre of town, there is a well known ancient monastery with a tranquil garden setting and a medieval church. Made from honey-coloured limestone with Byzantine influences, this monastery even includes a cave.

Cyprus as a whole is dotted with vineyards, pine trees and wildflower-filled meadows. The coastline is adorned with dazzling white-sand beaches and impossibly blue water, while there's hiking, museums and ancient ruins to explore inland. In Ayia Napa town you'll find an impressive selection of atmospheric restaurants and folklore bars, as well as a buzzing nightlife.

The closest beach to the villa is just 3km away, and Ayia Napa is home to some of Cyprus' most wonderful beaches. Ayia Thekla beach is named after the church that has stood here proudly for centuries. With its golden powdery sand and shimmering turquoise sea, this beach is picturesque, family-friendly and has no shortage of umbrellas for some shade!

Nissi beach is also near to the villa, with fine white sand and swirling blue and green waters - it is what springs to mind when you think of Mediterranean beaches. The beach is also famous for its watersports - try windsurfing, parasailing or kitesurfing. Alternatively, this area is an excellent introduction to scuba diving; the coral reefs around Cyprus are absolutely stunning.

Visit Cape Greco National Park which contains sublime hiking trails such as Aphrodite's Nature Trail with amazing views over the coastline below. Arguably the most spectacular attraction in Cape Greco is the array of sea caves and strange rock formations that have formed natural cavities, nooks and crannies that divers adore. You can swim in the crystalline waters here.



Take a day trip to Paphos to better understand Cyprus' culture and tumultuous history - the island has one of the oldest civilisations in the Mediterranean area. With brilliantly preserved tombs, Roman ruins and ancient mosaics, there's so much to see and do in Paphos. The Tombs of the Kings, interestingly, has nothing to do with royalty but were named after how grand the underground chambers and tombs were.

Aphrodite's Rock is the spiritual home of the Greek goddess of love, who was born of the sea foam in Paphos. Swim around the rock three times and you will be blessed with eternal youth, good fortune, true love, beauty and fertility according to ancient lore. A word of warning: the sea here is rough! However, you can still get a great view of Aphrodite's Rock from Petra Tou Romiou beach.

Cyprus has diverse and tasty local food - the best way to start is with a traditional meze platter. This way, you can get try out lots of different dishes. Famously, Cyprus is where halloumi originates, grilled or barbecued to perfection and served with pitta bread, salad and a side of hummus. For dessert, try some syrupy baklava.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Larnaca International Airport (47 km)
Nearest Village	Ayia Napa (3 km)
Nearest Town/City	Xylofagou (6 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Potamos Restaurant (2 km)
Nearest Beach	Sirens Beach (4 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Micro (5 km)

## What we love

- The architecture of this villa has a fresh Mediterranean aesthetic with homely details and vibrant art
- The location of this property, in Ayia Thekla is a quiet and tranquil area, ideal for families
- Plunge straight into the deep azure pool for an invigorating swim surrounded by plants and views of the fore

## What you should know...

- This villa has a baby cot for guest use, perfect for those travelling with little ones
- Parents should keep an eye on children near the edge of the pool since the steps could be slippery
- Private parking is available for those who have rented a car to get around the island

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4pm
- **Departure time:** 10am
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Bed linen and bath towels are included in the rental price. Please bring your own pool towels.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed
- **Changeover day:** Saturday across July & August, any day for the remainder of the year
- **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:** 7 nights
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price