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CLELIA

Right at the heart of wonderful Spetses Town and yet boasting secluded courtyard terraces and a pool, Clelia is a perfect option for those wishing to enjoy the best of both worlds: cosmopolitan cafés, bars, tavernas, boutiques and beaches are just a stroll away, but you'll always have your very own private oasis to retire to when the time comes for relaxation, tranquillity and spending convivial times alone with your loved ones.

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Service

Features

Enchanting and inviting pool area, perfect for relaxation and leisure
Effortlessly stylish bohemian-chic design with a laid-back elegance
Flexible, independent accommodation catering to various guest needs
A short, scenic stroll to vibrant cafés, lively bars, traditional tavernas, and boutique shops
Idyllic beaches just moments away, offering sun, sand, and serenity

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Clelia is laid out over a main house and a pool house.

The larger house develops over three levels. At the centre of the first floor, accessed both via the main entrance and by steps from the pool terraces, is a luminous, L-shaped hallway, off which the accommodation flows. White walls, buttery floors, gentle hues of grey, and lofty ceilings combine to create a simple, restful atmosphere that is replicated throughout the property.

At one end of the hallway, and down a few steps, is a good-sized living area, which features well-cushioned, built-in sofas flanking a curvaceous corner fireplace, and a kitchen corner. A door opens out onto steps leading down to the terraces, and light filters in through a pair of large windows.

Off the vertical part of the L-shaped hallway, meanwhile, is a twin bedroom and a large, shared shower room with double sinks.

Accessed from the bottom section of the L is a bright double bedroom overlooking the terraces and the pool, and a wooden staircase leading up to an open mezzanine with a lounge area and TV under the vaulted wood-beamed eaves.

Accommodation in the main house is completed by a double bedroom with en-suite shower room on the ground floor. This may be accessed either via a staircase from the hallway or from the pool terraces.

The pool house, which is located on the opposite side of the pool from the main house, is home to a voluminous, well-equipped kitchen with lofty, wood-beamed ceilings, and a dining table. Opening out on to a shaded, al fresco dining area next to the pool, this is a great spot for rustling up and indulging in feasts.

Next door to the kitchen, accessed externally from the pool terrace, is a double bedroom with en-suite shower room.

The final piece of the jigsaw, as far as the accommodation goes, is a poolside WC.

Outside:

Al fresco life at Clelia revolves around the tempting pool, which sits at the centre of the property, between the main house and the pool house. Two of the bedrooms – the double on the ground floor of the main house, and the independent double in the pool house - both come with direct terrace access.

Brick and stone terraces fan out around and above the pool on several different levels. Connected by steps, bordered by colourful flowering plants, enclosed by white-washed stone walls, and secluded by a leafy mix of shady olive trees, proud palms and fragrant pines, each terrace is furnished with cushioned in-built seating, comfy loungers, or chairs, and there's plenty of space for guests to find their own spot or come together for convivial moments.

When it comes to dining, the pool house is the place to be: its well-equipped kitchen spills out onto a shaded section of poolside terrace furnished with two tables and plenty of chairs. Adjoining this is a barbecue area with a stone sink and some prep area.

CONSIDERATIONS

Spetses is a car-free island, apart from a few taxis (which book out quickly in the summer season) and service vehicles. Most people move around by bicycle, scooter, quad bike, boat, donkeys and sea taxis. If you wish to rent bikes, scooters or quad bikes, please contact us in advance, as availability is limited.

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

As this villa is located on an island, we recommend extra caution when booking your flights to avoid problems or delays with ferries and hydrofoils. It may be advisable to arrive a day earlier and depart a day later. Please contact us for any information or advice.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with mobility problems.

Please note that there is no real shallow end in the pool (min. depth more than

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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	8
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	3
... of which en suite	2
Pool	11x4m
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to shop(s)	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓

1.3m).

Please note that due to the risk of wildfires, the use of fire pits and barbecues is restricted when the weather is windy or temperatures are high. This is particularly common in July and August. More information will be provided in your House Guide and via your local specialist.

Optional cook	–
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Fireplace	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Tumble dryer	✓
Dishwasher	✓

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Clelia is located in the centre of Spetses Town, just a few minutes' walk from both the main port and the characterful old port, with its fishing boats and pleasure craft, its bars and tavernas, and its scenic headland walk.

The beaches of Agios Mammas and Agios Nikolaos are both an easy 5-minute walk away, and there are numerous options nearby for dining out, sipping on a coffee and shopping.

Diminutive Spetses measures just 7km by 4km and is a quiet, pine tree-carpeted island where private cars are not allowed. Transport is by bicycle, scooters, a few taxis, donkeys, quad bikes and, best of all, boat taxi. Hiring your own boat for the duration of your stay or for a few days is highly recommended, as the coast has many idyllic secluded bays that are most easily accessible from the water.

In recent times, Spetses's main claim to fame is as the setting for The Magus, John Fowles's great novel. Named Phraxos in the book, the island is described by the main protagonist, Nicholas Urfe, as "Beautiful. There was no other adjective; it was not just pretty, picturesque, charming – it was simply and effortlessly beautiful. It took my breath away when I first saw it, floating under Venus like a majestic black whale in an amethyst evening sea, and it still takes my breath away when I shut my eyes now and remember it. Its beauty was rare even in the Aegean, because its hills were covered with pine trees, Mediterranean pines as light as greenfinch feathers. Nine-tenths of the island was uninhabited and uncultivated: nothing but pines, coves, silence, sea." Remarkably, Spetses has changed very little since John Fowles, who lived and worked there in the early 1950s, wrote that passage.

The island's eponymous main town is full of interest, both historical and contemporary. Like neighbouring Hydra, Spetses had a thriving shipping industry and some local families became extremely rich. One such (though he made most of his money in the US) was Sotirios Anargyros, who built the impressive Poseidonion Hotel in the early 20th century. In the architectural

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Distances

Nearest airport: Athens - 2.5hr drive to Kosta Port near Porto Heli + a 10-minute crossing; or a 30-minute drive to Piraeus + a 2-hour ferry crossing
Spetses Town Port: 0.7km-0.4miles-10mins walk
Nearest beaches: Agios Mammas - 6mins walk, and Agios Nikolaos - 5mins walk (both in Spetses Town); Garifalos - 15mins walk, and Agia Marina - 18mins walk (both just south of Spetses Town)
Nearest restaurants, shops, cafés, bars and other amenities: there are plenty of options within a few minutes walk

style of the great hotels of the Côte d'Azur, it soon attracted wealthy Athenians and European aristocrats to the island, beginning a trend of affluent, small-scale tourism that continues today.

Spetses's pine-shady interior is crisscrossed by walking trails. From the top ridge, fabulous vistas take in the island, Hydra, vast tracts of the Aegean Sea and the Peloponnese, whose eastern most tip is just over 2km (a 10-minute crossing) away. This proximity to the mainland makes day trips to Porto Heli and the archaeological site of Epidaurus eminently feasible.

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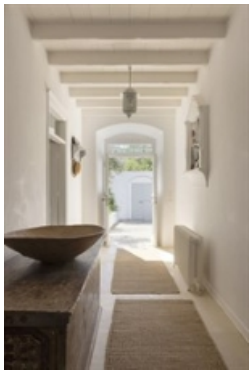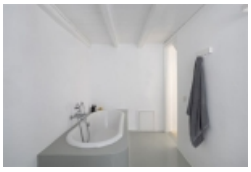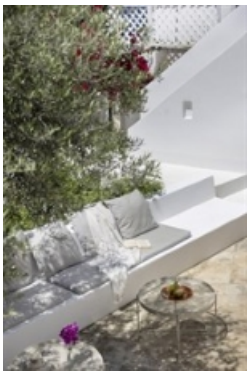
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