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PETALIDA

Petalida is a handsome, sophisticated and meticulously designed villa that gazes out across the sea to the eastern extremity of the Peloponnese. Beautifully finished interiors flow out onto myriad terraces, a basketball court offers opportunities for fun and games, and a path leads down through the gardens to the coast, where, in just a couple of minutes, you can be lounging on Plakes beach and swimming in the irresistible waters of the Aegean.





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Service

Features

Captivating sea views and unforgettable sunsets, creating a magical backdrop

Sophisticated, light-filled accommodation with an air of refined elegance

A multitude of terraces offering ample space for relaxation and al fresco dining

Short, scenic stroll to the beach and a charming hotel with a delightful restaurant

Enjoy a picturesque 40-minute seaside walk to Hydra town, or a quick 10-minute ride by sea taxi

Private basketball court for active leisure and fun

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Petalida is laid out over two floors.

The main entrance leads into the upper floor and a gorgeous, luminous open-concept communal space with far-reaching sea views. Soaring, intricate wood-beamed ceilings rest on pearl-white walls, dove grey doors, window frames and shutters add to the mellow feel, and stone floors with hints of bronze complete the background palette.

To one side of the room, flanked by a pair of French doors opening out onto a terrace, is a grand fireplace. A comfy sofa faces the fireplace alongside a pair of immaculately reupholstered antique wooden chairs, and a honey-coloured wooden bar with carved seahorse motifs stands in the corner.

Behind this living area is an oval dining table and a well-equipped kitchen that runs along a wall. Its wood-slatted cabinetry is painted in the same dove grey as the doors, window frames and shutters.

Artworks adorn the walls, adding splashes of blue and gold here and there, and well-placed *objets* bring yet more personality and interest. The aesthetic logic and the design details of this space are reiterated throughout the property, creating a uniformity of style and an organic sense of flow.

To the far side of communal space, passing a guest WC and the stairs down to the lower floor, is the principal bedroom, a sunny, sea-view double with an en-suite shower room. Gazing out to sea and accessing the same terrace that runs outside the communal space, this is a delightful spot in which to wake up.

Heading down the stairs to the lower level, one comes to a central hallway, off which the two remaining bedrooms – a double and a double-twin - are accessed. Both come with inspiring sea views, en-suite shower rooms, and access to a comfortably furnished shared terrace.

Outside: al fresco life at Petalida plays out on a series of sea-view terraces

running along the front and side of the property.

On the top level, accessed from the communal space and the principal bedroom, is a long, cane-shaded space furnished with easy chairs and a table. On the same level, outside the main entrance, is arguably the most convivial spot of all. Divided into two cane-shaded areas: the first hosts a breakfast table, and an expanse of marble worktop wrapping around a sink - an extension of the kitchen inside; the second, which is down a step, has a round marble dining table, a sitting area, and an impressively proportioned, built-in barbecue. As ever, the views from here are intoxicating, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, as the sun begins its golden, melting descent into the sea.

Steps lead down from outside the main entrance to the lower terrace (also accessed from the two bedrooms on the lower floor), which is comfortably furnished for sitting and lounging.

Flourishing gardens, olive groves and fruit trees wrap around the property and extend down to the garden gate, where a little road runs along the seafront. To one side of the house, meanwhile, is the icing on the cake for sports enthusiasts: a basketball court.

CONSIDERATIONS

Please note that Hydra is a car-free island, and the only way to get to the villa is via sea taxi. This service is included from Hydra port to the villa. Please contact us for further details.

Please note that this villa does not have a pool.

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

There is room for only one baby cot (quite a tight fit in the principal bedroom).

Just along the coast from Petalida is Hydra's Four Seasons Hotel, whose beach club and restaurant, Tassia's Tavern, are accessible to guests staying at Petalida.

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.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	6
Bedrooms	3
Double beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	3
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Basketball court	✓
Plancha grill	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Optional cook	–
Air conditioning	✓
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
	✓

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.

Fireplace	
Heating	✓
Laundry service [1]	–
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Safe	✓

[1] the laundry facilities are operated exclusively by the villa staff. A laundry service is available at an additional cost, payable locally.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Petalida is located roughly half way along the north coast of Hydra on the side of a hill above Plakes beach. The island's capital, Hydra Port, is about 3km to the west.

Hydra is the most southerly of the Saronic Islands after Spetses, and is located off the eastern tip of the Peloponnese. Measuring just 20km (west to east) by 5km (north to south), it is easy to discover in a week, as long as you rent a boat or travel by sea taxi - cars are not allowed on Hydra and there are very few roads.

Apart from Plakes beach below the villa, there are several other idyllic bays to enjoy, including those of Vlichos, Palamidas and Molos (between around 900m and 2.3km away on the north coast), Mandraki in the northeast, and Limnioniza on the southeast coast (both most easily accessed by boat).

In terms of tavernas, there are several within walking distance, including that of the Four Seasons hotel just along the beach.

The island's mountainous hinterland is scattered with monasteries and crisscrossed by ancient mule tracks, making hiking an interesting proposition in the spring and autumn. Peaks rise up to over 500m before plummeting precipitously into the sea, especially on the south coast, and creating a spectacular coastline.

The island's capital, Hydra Port, is a pretty, unspoilt town and well worth spending some time in. Its harbourfront tavernas and bars rub shoulders with grand mansions built by 19th-century shipping magnates, and there are plenty of independent little shops and a few museums and galleries to explore. Just 5 minutes away by sea taxi, or a 3.2km-walk along a scenic coastal path, it's tantalisingly close.

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Distances

Athens Airport: 50mins to Piraeus Port, 1hr30 (approx.) ferry crossing to Hydra Port + 5mins by sea taxi to the coast below Petalida

Nearest shops, tavernas and amenities: there are a couple of tavernas in Vlichos (a 10-minute walk east along the coast), one in the Four Seasons hotel on the beach, and plenty of options in Hydra Port - 5mins by sea taxi or a 40-minute (3.2km) walk along a scenic coastal path

Nearest beach: Plakes, a few minutes' walk below the house; Vlichos - 10mins on foot; Palamidas - 15mins on foot





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GALLERY











































