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Rising in pristine white above the cobalt Ionian Sea, Michaela is a feast for the senses and delight to behold. Its proud contemporary aesthetics are subtly offset by more old-world, colonial-style architectural motifs, its 22m-long, heatable infinity pool is magnificent, the views are to die for, and the sea access and jetty down below the terraced gardens complete a picture of pure delight.





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Service

Features

Glorious sea views
22m-long heatable infinity pool
Private sea access and jetty
Gym, spa and cinema room
Superbly finished interiors
Sun-kissed and secluded terraces
In-villa cook service for three meals a day
Easy walk to a taverna
Private rib with skipper available

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ABOUT THE VILLA

16 GUESTS 8 BEDROOMS 10 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Michaela is laid out over a main house, whose three levels are connected internally by both stairs and a lift, and a guesthouse with two independent apartments.

The main house

From the parking area, one may either access the top level of the main house or take some steps (or the lift) down to the middle level, where we'll begin our tour.

The main entrance to the middle floor is via a long, secluded terrace with monumental stone walls and a pair of life-size, bowing statues that extend a gracious welcome to guests as they arrive. As you will discover while exploring the property, statues, sculptures, and contemporary artworks are a constant theme.

Double glass doors open into a serene, airy, and generously proportioned communal space that typifies the overall aesthetics of the property: a 13m-long wall of floor-to-ceiling glass doors frame the enchanting views of the Ionian Sea and the Greek mainland, while at the same time providing seamless access to the pool terrace; pristine white walls and lofty ceilings provide the perfect canvas for contemporary artworks; and pearly grey flooring unites the space in an organic sweep. The attention to detail, the quality of both furnishings and fittings, and the thought that has gone into the design of Michaela is evident at every turn.

To the right of this communal space is a handsomely furnished sitting with a pair of large white sofas, two capacious easy chairs, a central coffee table made out of venerable, reclaimed wood, and a designer fireplace. To the left, meanwhile, is a round marble dining table surrounded by black chairs and overlooked by a large work of art.

The remaining accommodation on the middle floor is accessed from near the

dining area:

• to one side, a short corridor leads past a guest WC to the sleek, minimalist, all-white kitchen, which conveniently opens out onto a terrace with an al fresco kitchen
• to the other, guarded by a benevolent, life-size statue, is the first bedroom, a fabulously panoramic double-aspect double with sea views, access to the pool terrace, and an en-suite shower room, which, like all the bathrooms in the property, has been exquisitely finished in marble.

A flight of wooden stairs near the main entrance leads up to the top floor, which may also be accessed externally (or by the internal life). Here, off a long, fully glazed corridor, are three suites:

• the principal suite, a triple-aspect space with centrally positioned double bed, inspiring sea views, a sitting area with a sofa and two armchairs, a private balcony, an in-room shower for two (with sea views), and an en-suite bathroom
• two generously spacious suites each with a double bed, white-washed herringbone wooden flooring, a sitting area, an en-suite shower room, and a wall of sea-view windows that open out onto a shared balcony

The lower floor, which is accessed either via stairs from the main communal space on the middle floor, completes the main house in great style. It comprises:

• two double bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms and access, via a wall of glass doors, to a secluded, shared terrace
• a bespoke cinema room with dark grey panelling and an array of sink-in sofas and armchairs arranged over three tiers
• a steam room clad in iridescent tiles
• a well-equipped gym
• a massage room with WC and wet room
• the staff's quarters

The guesthouse apartments

Located a few metres behind the main house, the guesthouse hosts two independent apartments, one on the ground floor, one on the first floor (accessed via an external flight of steps).

Each apartment comprises an open-plan living space with kitchen, a double

bedroom, and a shower room. The many windows (which recall the main house), offer great views out to sea.

Outside: Michaela's gardens and grounds are a delight to explore and offer plenty of opportunities for carefree al fresco living. Wherever you go (as with the internal areas), you will bump into fascinating statues. Some gaze out to sea, others appear to be showing guests the way to their favourite spots.

The communal space and the bedroom on the middle floor of the main house open out onto the magnificently panoramic pool terrace, which runs along the entire façade of the property. First is a stylishly furnished lounge area, a dining table, and a few comfy loungers. A couple of steps from here is the centrepiece, the fabulous, 22m-long, heatable, aquamarine infinity pool, which has a shallow corner that's perfect for cooling off and lazy wallowing. To one end of the pool terrace is a bar, while to the other is a sunken, well-cushioned sitting area with firepit. Enchanting views pan out over the sparkling waters of the Ionian Sea to the mountains of the Greek mainland on the horizon.

Around 30m below the pool terrace is the private sea access, which includes a decked solarium with neatly lined-up loungers, and a jetty with steps for easy access into the sea. To arrive at this irresistible spot, one may either take a succession of easy metal staircases through the tiered gardens, or a lift, which descends through the rock from just below the swimming pool. The decked seafront solarium and the descent through the gardens is framed by luxuriant coastal vegetation and mature trees, all of which make for a very private environment.

Back up at the main house, accessed from the kitchen, is an open-air cooking area, while outside the main entrance is a peaceful sitting area secluded by a mighty stone wall. The top floor bedrooms open out onto panoramic, sea-view balconies (one shared, one private to the main suite); the two lower floor bedrooms share a comfortably furnished, covered terrace.

The grounds continue around the guest apartments, where there is a herb garden, shade-giving trees and a few quiet sitting areas.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the nature of the property, including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children should be supervised at all times. Michaela features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side so we recommend children

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	16

are supervised at all times. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

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.

Bedrooms	8
Double beds	8
Bathrooms	10
... of which en suite	8
Fully serviced [1]	✓
Garden gate beach/sea access	✓
Heatable infinity pool [3]	22x4m
Sea views	✓
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s)	✓
Sauna	✓
Gym	✓
Massage room	✓
Jetty/dock	✓
Poolside bar	✓
Home cinema	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Rib with skipper [5]	–
Barbecue	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Herb garden	✓
Outdoor fireplace/fire pit	✓
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Fireplace	✓
Lift [4]	✓
Smart TV	✓
Integrated sound system	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Safe	✓
Staff on the grounds [2]	✓
Microwave	✓
Dishwasher	✓

[1] including a cook, who will prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Please note that the cost of ingredients

is not included and should be paid for locally.

[2] two members of staff live on the property. They provide the daily cleaning service and oversee the correct functioning of the property and its amenities

[3] pool heating is available on request in September and October and is included in the price. The pool operates with a saline (non-chlorinated) system. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

[4] there are two lifts, one connecting the three floors of the main house, and one connecting a terrace below the pool to the seafront

[5] only for use with a professional skipper. The cost of both the skipper and the fuel are extra.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Michaela is situated on the sea between the villages of Nikiana and Nidri on the east coast of **Lefkada**, and a 15-to-20-minute drive from **Lefkada Town**.

Apart from the taverna 300m up from the villa, there are plenty of other options, as well as shops, bars, water sports facilities and boat hire, in Nikiana and Nidri (5 and 10 minutes' drive respectively).

Exploring the island of Lefkada, which is 35km long and 15km wide, is relatively easy in a week and there's a great great deal to see and do. The azure, transparent waters of the Ionian Sea are a real attraction, and the varied coastline includes a host of **idyllic beaches** and the dramatic white cliffs Cape Lefkatas on the southern tip.

The wooded mountains of the interior, some of which rise to over 1,100m, offer excellent walking, some truly beautiful scenery and a scattering of unspoilt villages where the way of life remains profoundly connected to the island's ancient traditions and customs.

At its northern point, Lefkada is connected to mainland Greece by a causeway, and there are frequent ferry services from the ports of Nidri and Vasiliki to several of the other islands of the Ionian archipelago (including nearby **Meganissi**). All this makes it eminently possible to explore further afield.

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Distances

Aktion/Preveza airport: 31km-19.2miles-m40ins

Nearest taverna: 300m away

Nikiana (shops, tavernas and other amenities): 2.4km-1.5miles-5mins;

Nidri (watersports, tavernas, shops, cafés and ferry services): 5.3km-3.3miles-10mins

Nearest beaches: apart from the direct sea access below the house, in and around Nikiana (see above); Perigiali 3.8km-2.4miles-5mins

Lefkada Town (and bridge to the Greek mainland): 11.5km-7miles-17mins

Sivota: 21.2km-13.2miles-30mins





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