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THYTA HOUSE

Glimpsed from the sea below, Thyta House’s ephemeral elliptical forms and gracefully curvaceous motifs melt away into the emerald hillside from which it emerges. Native flora camouflages its roofs, further obscuring its presence and emphasising its symbiotic relationship with the surrounding landscape. Understated and inconspicuous it may be, but Thyta House is also an ingenious and remarkable gem of contemporary architecture that delights at every turn.



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Service

Features

Ravishing design

Fabulous infinity pool

Breathtaking sea views

Direct sea access

Utterly private location

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Thyta House is laid out over two floors and an externally accessed guest room.

The main entrance leads into a voluminous and welcoming hallway whose large picture window frames a lemon tree at one end of a secluded terrace. On the right is a guest WC.

Heading straight on, a walkway leads up into the hub of the home, a generously proportioned, luminous, and enchantingly panoramic space. Conceived as a pavilion, it has fully extendable walls of sliding glass that open out on either side, allowing guests to enjoy a seamless indoor-outdoor lifestyle. The views out over Desimi beach, the sparkling water of the bay, and the neighbouring island of Meganissi are simply breathtaking.

Neatly divided into two sections by a partial dividing wall, the first part of this magnificent space is dedicated to a sleek, high-spec kitchen with a large, marble-topped island-bar and a wall of white cabinetry and appliances. The second part hosts a wooden dining table, a long contemporary sofa, a clutch of designer armchairs, and a discreet fireplace. The flooring, a fundamental feature that flows throughout the house and out onto the terraces, is a delicate mosaic design created using snow-white marble from Thassos.

Back in the hallway, stairs lead up to the first floor, which is set back into the hillside and separated from the ground floor by a secluded courtyard terrace. A voluminous landing features fully retractable sliding glass doors opening out onto a sea-view terrace, and, on the opposite side, more glass doors that frame a section of the mountain out of which the upper floor has been carved.

There are three double bedrooms, each with walls of fully retractable sliding glass doors, superlative sea views, access to a long shady terrace, and an impeccably finished en-suite bathroom (two with showers, one with a curvaceous stone tub).

The final bedroom, the guest room, is located below the entrance to the main house and is accessed externally from its own terrace. It hosts a double bed, a kitchen corner, and an en-suite shower room with a skylight and a shower window looking out to sea.

Outside: the architectural verve and ingenuity of Thyta House is perhaps best appreciated from its multi-dimensional al fresco areas.

The roof of the ground floor is a graceful sweep of curves that extends out over the terraces below. A floating, lattice-work pergola unfolds around it in an ammonite swirl, offering dappled shade, while a pair of oculi pierce the roof to allow those below to gaze up at the cerulean sky and the emerald hillside.

Native flora carpets the roof, wrapping around an uber-panoramic suntrap with in-built seating that's accessed via a walkway-bridge from the terrace outside the bedrooms on the first floor. The views from here offer a fabulous panoramic snapshot of your surroundings – from the bay and golden beach of Desimi and out over the sparkling water to the neighbouring island of Meganissi and beyond.

The open-concept communal space on the ground floor features fully retractable walls of sliding glass, which open up on two sides. On the sea-view side of the house is a long and comfortably furnished terrace, which runs round one side of the house to a shaded al fresco dining area. It then continues round to a secluded courtyard area. From here, steps lead up to the terrace outside the first-floor bedrooms.

Following a path beyond the al fresco dining area one soon comes to the fabulous infinity pool, whose smooth, rounded edges create an elegant, elongated teardrop form. A shallow, beach-effect section is perfect for cooling off.

CONSIDERATIONS

Parts of the route to this property include some quite steep twists and turns and narrow stretches of road. We recommend guests rent smaller cars with higher ground clearance rather than large people carriers or mini vans.

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

Thyta House features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	8	
Bedrooms	4	
Double beds	4	
Bathrooms	4	
... of which en suite	4	

views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side so we recommend children 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.

Infinity pool	14x4m
Walkable to beach/sea ²	✓
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) ²	✓
Breakfast (incl. ingredients)	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
Air conditioning	✓
Fireplace	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓
¹ the cook can provide lunches and dinners on request and depending on availability	
² about 220m away across the road at the bottom of the drive. Desimi beach, which has a snack bar and a couple of tavernas, is a 10-minute walk from there.	
✓ = yes/present	
— = optional/on request	

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Thyta House is located on the side of a hill above idyllic Desimi Bay, midway down the east coast of **Lefkada**. Desimi beach, with its soft pebbles, transparent waters, boat hire and tavernas, is just a 10-minute walk away from the bottom of the drive.

Apart from Desimi, there are many other **beaches** nearby, including those at Alonaki, Kamari and Mikros Gialos.

Exploring the island of Lefkada, which is 35km long and 15km wide, is relatively easy in a week, and there is a 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 enchanting 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. The island's capital, **Lefkada Town** is a buzzing centre with plenty of seafront tavernas and bars, a good selection of shops, and a busy marina.

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

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Distances

Aktion/Preveza airport: 42km-26miles-50mins

Nearest beaches: Desimi - a 10-minute walk; Alonaki - a 10-minute walk; Kamari - 2km-1.3miles-8mins; Mikros Gialos - 9.3km-5.8miles-15mins

Nearest shops and tavernas: there are a couple of tavernas on Desimi beach (see above) and a wider range of amenities in Vlichos - 2.7km-1.7miles-7mins

Nidri: 6.1km-3.8miles-13mins

Lefkada Town: 22km-13.7miles-30mins



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GALLERY



