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STEPS AWAY

True to its name, Steps Away sits only moments from the golden sands and crystal-clear waters of Soros beach, one of the most enchanting stretches of coastline on Antiparos. Elegant, sociable and beautifully designed, the three houses that make up Steps Away invite guests to embrace the art of island living: unwind by the shimmering infinity pool, sip cocktails on the shaded terraces, and, whenever the mood takes you, wander down to the sea for a swim, lazy lunches at the beach club, and long, starlit dinners to the soothing sound of waves caressing the shore.



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Service

Features

Gorgeous 14.5m-long infinity pool
140m from beautiful Soros beach and
restaurant

Flexible accommodation over three
houses

Fragrant gardens and numerous
terraces

Tempting sea views

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ABOUT THE VILLA

14 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Steps Away is laid out over three independent, single-storey houses, each one just a short amble through the gardens from the central pool area.

The style throughout is simple and summery, with clean lines, white walls, touches of natural wood, and splashes of colour in the soft furnishings. Each house has been designed to encourage a carefree, indoor-outdoor lifestyle, and the internal spaces open outside at every opportunity. Everything, from the well-cushioned seating and the beds to the wardrobes, is built-in, seemingly sculpted from a single block. Tying everything together is the property's distinct artistic motif, which comes in the form of ceramic embellishments: geometrically patterned tiles are found in the bathrooms and the kitchens, and many of the light fittings and other decorative elements have been custom-made and fired in a kiln.

House 1

The first house hosts a coffee-making station with a fridge and a sink, and two bedrooms:

- a double with a little built-in sitting area that can double up as a small single bed, and an open, en-suite bathroom with a central, sea-view sink, a shower to the left and a separate WC to the right. French doors open out onto a shared terrace with views out to sea
- a sea-view double with en-suite shower room and access to the shared terrace

House 2

The second house is the largest of the three. In the centre is a kitchen with fridge, sink and oven, and a sea-view sitting area with a built-in, corner sofa, a little table, a TV and access to a terrace. On either side of this sociable space are two bedrooms:

- a double with sea-views, access to a terrace, and an en-suite shower room
- a double-twin bedroom with an en-suite shower room that opens out into a secluded walled courtyard with an al fresco shower

House 3

The third house hosts a coffee-making station with a sink, and two bedrooms:

- a sea-view double with access to a panoramic terrace overlooking the pool area and the sea, and an en-suite shower room that opens out into a little walled courtyard with an al fresco shower
- a double-twin with a built-in sofa that can double up as a single bed, and an en-suite shower room that opens out into a little walled courtyard with an al fresco shower

Outside: immersed in wrap-around gardens of whispering olive trees, fragrant shrubs, cacti, ornamental grasses, colourful oleander, vivid bougainvillea and a host of other Mediterranean plants, the three houses that comprise Steps Away all open out onto sea-view terraces with cushioned, built-in seating. Steps from the terraces connect to paths that weave around the grounds.

At the heart of the property is the social hub, a multi-faceted pool area that caters for all possible al fresco pleasures. The pool itself is a 14.5m-long mirror of cobalt water with infinity edges on two-and-a-half sides and clad externally in the same geometrically patterned tiles found inside the houses. Comfy daybeds and sun loungers offer plenty of space for sun worshippers.

Flanking the pool on two sides are a pair of generously spacious, well-shaded and extremely convivial gazebos. The first hosts a sea-view dining table, an al fresco kitchen with a large barbecue, plenty of worktops, an island with bar stools, a sink and a fridge. In-keeping with the carefree, summery vibe of the house, this is where you will prepare and take most of your meals.

The second gazebo, meanwhile, is home to a voluminous lounge area with a large, built-in sofa and a day bed, all topped with cushions and mattresses. There's also a sun-kissed sitting area and an al fresco shower nearby.

Finally, a gate at the bottom of the garden opens out onto a little public road, at the bottom of which, some 140m away, is glorious Soros beach and the sparkling Aegean Sea.

CONSIDERATIONS

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

Villa Steps Away features a fantastic infinity pool. There are small drops from the infinity sides 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.

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.

Please note that this villa does not have a dishwasher but the housekeeper will wash all crockery, glasses and cutlery.

Laundry facilities are for the exclusive use of the staff, who provide a laundry service.

Please note that this property is located in a residential area and therefore has neighbours.

Because of natural changes to the coastline from season to season, the sandy beach of Soros near the property may not look as it does in the photos.

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.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	14	
Bedrooms	6	
Double beds	4	
Flexible (double or twin)	2	
Bathrooms	6	
... of which en suite	6	
Infinity pool	14.5x5m	
Walkable to beach/sea		✓
Sea views		✓
Outdoor kitchen		✓
Poolside bar		✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) ³		✓
Breakfast (incl. ingredients)		✓
Daily maid service		✓
Table tennis		✓
Barbecue		✓
Gym equipment		✓
Private parking		✓
Air conditioning		✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet		✓
Laundry service ²		✓
Smart TV		✓
Bluetooth speakers		✓
Hairdryer		✓
Iron		✓
Safe		✓
Staff on the grounds ¹		✓
¹ the discreet staff live in a separate property with its own independent access. They prepare breakfast, carry out a daily cleaning service (including washing up, as there is no dishwasher), and ensure the general maintenance of the property		
² the staff provide a laundry service (the laundry room is not available to		

guests)

3 the restaurant at Soros Beach Club and Taverna Peramataki are 200m and 600m away respectively

 = yes/present

 = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Steps Away is located in the southeast of Antiparos, just a short stroll from the sandy beach of Soros. The island’s diminutive size means that you’re never far from its treasures, both natural and man-made, and it’s easy to explore in a week.

With 60km of coastline, Antiparos offers an abundance of idyllic beaches and many of these are very close to Steps Away. Apart from Soros, just 140m away below the house, two of the most beguiling beaches nearby are Agios Sostis and Faneromeni, little bays on the southernmost tip of the island. Slightly further afield, in the southwest, is the bay of Agios Georgios, whose turquoise waters are a great starting point for kayaking excursions to the little islet of Despotiko.

Typical of the Cyclades, the landscape of Antiparos is dotted with small whitewashed churches and traditional cottages, and carpeted with aromatic Mediterranean shrubs and wild herbs. The south of the island is hilly and there is some rewarding walking to be had, thanks to the wonderful 360-degree panoramas from vantage points such as the Prophet Elias church.

The main town, Antiparos Port, is archetypally Greek, with narrow pedestrianised alleyways and picturesque squares flanked by independent little shops and pretty white houses with blossom-filled courtyards. At its centre are the remains of the Kastro, a Venetian castle built in 1440 to protect the island’s inhabitants from pirates and other would-be invaders. Around the harbour is a good selection of traditional tavernas and cafés, and it is very pleasant to while away a little time there, watching island life unfold. In the evening, the main square comes alive as traditional coffee shops and chic bars fill up.

In the hills above Steps Away is the island’s fascinating cave, whose extremely impressive stalactites and stalagmites are thought to be amongst the oldest in Europe. With a depth of around 85m (there are 411 steps down to the bottom), it is an inspiring place to explore, especially if you think of all those who have

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Distances

Paros Airport: 30mins drive and 10mins by boat

Antiparos Port (nearest shops and other amenities): 9.6km-6miles-15mins

Nearest beaches: Soros - 140m-3mins on foot; Glyfa - 5.1km-3.2miles-9mins; Agios Sostis: 1.8km-1.1miles-6mins; Faneromeni - 3.6km-2.2miles-13mins; Agios Georgios - 3.8km-2.4miles-8mins

Nearest tavernas: there are two tavernas on / near Soros beach, the first a 4-minute walk away, the second 9 minutes on foot

Antiparos Cave: 4.4km-2.7miles-9mins

been there before you, including Macedonian generals fleeing the wrath of Alexander the Great, Otto, the first King of Greece, and even (so it is said) Lord Byron.

Last but not least, Paros is just a 10-minute ferry ride from Antiparos Port, meaning that island-hopping day trips there are eminently feasible.



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GALLERY





