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VILLA GALINIA

Perched in a panoramic position overlooking Vlicho Bay and the island of Skorpios, Villa Galinia is a dreamy refuge for those who love contemporary living, heart-stopping views, and pools that defy convention. If you manage to summon up the energy to leave your villa for a few hours, there's plenty to explore nearby, including idyllic beaches, moutnain trails, characterful hill-top villages and the bustling resort towns on the island's east coast.

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Service

Features

Unforgettable sea and island views

An extraordinary infinity pool

A rooftop hydromassage tub

Sleek, stylish interiors

Enchanting terraces

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Villa Galinia is laid out over two floors.

The main entrance leads in to a welcoming hallway that links the two wings of the ground floor.

Turning left we come to a bright, panoramic open-concept space that is the sociable hub of the home. Its smooth, sandy floors, its white-painted walls and ceilings, and its fully extendable sliding glass doors provide a blueprint for the property's overall design aesthetics.

Sitting in front of the wall of sliding glass doors is a large, curvaceously styled, L-shaped contemporary sofa. It's perfectly placed to take in the enchanting views out over the pool, Vlicho Bay, the east coast of Lefkada, and the and the island of Skorpios rising from the azure Ionian Sea. To the right of the sofa is a fireplace and a wall-mounted TV.

Behind the sofa, meanwhile, is a large dining table and a well-equipped kitchen wall with bronzed wooden cabinetry and a central area of shelving. A door in the kitchen opens outside onto the shaded dining terrace.

Heading back past the main entrance we come to a flight of stairs leading up to the first floor, a guest WC and the first three bedrooms,:

• a double with sea views, access to the terrace running along the front of the house, and a semi-open en-suite shower room with a separate WC
• a double-twin with sea views, access to the terrace running along the front of the house, and a walk-through en-suite shower room with double sinks and a separate WC,
• a double-twin with garden access and a semi-open en-suite shower room with separate WC

The first floor is home to a little kitchen corner and two more bedrooms, all accessed from a corridor:

• a double-twin with sea views, access to a shared terrace, and a walk-through en-suite shower room with double sinks and a separate WC
• a double-twin with sea views, access to a shared terrace, and a semi-open en-suite shower room with a separate WC

Outside: the al fresco areas at Villa Galinia offer numerous options for convivial gatherings, pampering moments and all-out relaxation.

It is perhaps the omnipresent, 180-degree vistas that take top billing. Incorporating Lefkada's emerald wooded hills, Vlicho Bay, the island of Skorpios, and the sparkling blue waters of the Ionian Sea, they are truly remarkable.

The infinity pool too is a thing of wonder. Running along the sea-facing side of the house, it extends around two sides of the property and even makes an incursion into a recessed area between the two wings of the ground floor. These various sections, each of which has an exotic strelitzia plant at the end, act both as water features and shallow lagoons where one can cool off in style. The pool also incorporates a sunken sitting area, perfect for a quiet morning coffee or a sociable aperitif as the sun sets.

The living area and two of the ground-floor bedrooms open out onto a terrace that runs along the façade of the house and flanks the pool. Stepping stones link this to the main al fresco area, located to one side of the house. Here, also accessed from the kitchen, is a secluded, well-shaded al fresco dining area with a large table seating 12 and a barbecue area equipped with a sink and workspace.

The al fresco dining area gives way to an expanse of decking, sun loungers and umbrellas next to the main body of the pool. Just below this is a sitting area with a collection of well-cushioned armchairs looking out at the views.

As if all this weren't enough, Villa Galinia has one more ace up its sleeve: accessed from the end of the corridor on the first floor is a stunning roof terrace, from where the views are at their most magnificent. Furnished for lounging and equipped with an uber-panoramic hydromassage tub, it's a great spot in which to unwind, especially as the stars appear in the night sky.

CONSIDERATIONS

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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 Galinia 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 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.

Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	1
Flexible (double or twin)	4
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5
Infinity pool	23x3m
Sea views	✓
Hydromassage pool	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) [2]	✓
Outdoor cinema	✓
Barbecue	✓
Outdoor fireplace/fire pit	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Fireplace	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓

[1] the cook can provide breakfasts, lunches and dinners on request and depending on availability

[2] there are a couple of tavernas in the village of Fterno, about 500m away

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Villa Galinia is situated in the southeast of **Lefkada**, just 500m from the charming village of Fterno, which has a couple of good tavernas.

A wider selection of tavernas and amenities can be found in Sivota (a 10-minute drive), and Nidri (20mins), a lively harbour town with lots going on, cafés, bars, boat hire and water sports facilities.

In terms of **beaches**, there's a great choice within a 10-to-20-minute drive, including those at Mikros Gialos, Desimi, Afteli, Ammoussa Bay and Vasiliki, this +latter a mecca for water sports enthusiasts.

Exploring the island of Lefkada, which is 35km long and 15km wide, is relatively easy in a week (if you can pull yourselves away from the views and pool of the villa) and offers 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 golden sandy 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 ports of Nidri and Vasiliki, 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: 51.5km-31.5miles-1hr
Nearest restaurants and shops: there are a couple of tavernas in Fterno (500m away), and a supermarket less than 10 minutes' drive. For a wider selection as well as other amenities: Sivota - 7km-4.3miles-10mins; or Nidri - 13km-8miles-20mins
Nearest beaches: Mikros Gialos - 10km-6.2miles-20mins; Desimi - 10km-6.2miles-18mins; Afteli - 10km-6.2miles-20mins; Ammoussa Bay - 12km-7.5miles-20mins; Vasiliki - 12.7km-7.9miles-20mins
Lefkada Town: 28km-17.5miles-40mins

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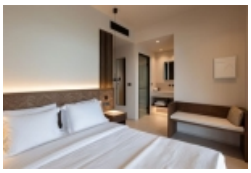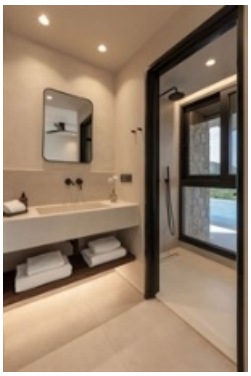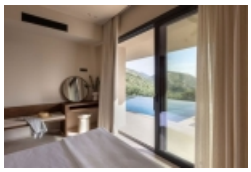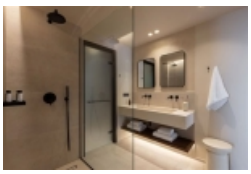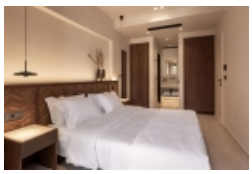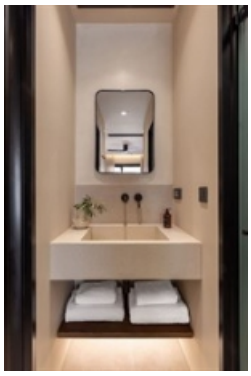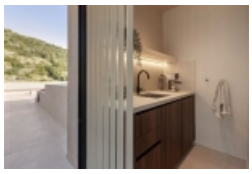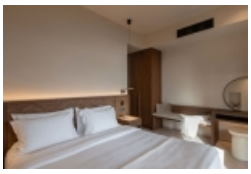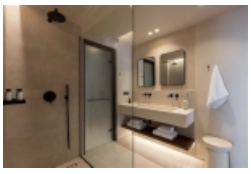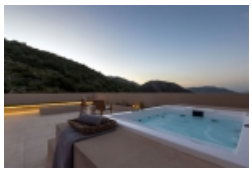
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