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GAIA

Gaia rises on the charming, authentic, away-from-it-all islet of Kastos, near Meganissi. Sitting in a supremely undisturbed and panoramic position, and just a short walk to a beach, it comes with a compact 4x4 car, making access to the picturesque little harbour and tavernas of Kastos village simplicity itself. All in all, Gaia and Kastos are perfect for connoisseurs understated luxury and life's tranquil Mediterranean pleasures.





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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Unspoilt island getaway

Sea-view pool and walking distance to beaches

Light, modern and airy interiors

Nearby

Beaches

Kastos village harbour

Kalamos island

The Greek mainland

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Gaia is all on one floor. The front door takes one immediately into a spacious, airy and luminous open-concept space hosting a comfy sofa-furnished living area, a large dining table, and a really well-equipped modern kitchen. Two sandy-coloured stone walls echo the property's exterior, while large sliding glass doors open out onto a shady terrace and bring the remarkable sea views inside.

A door near the dining area leads into the first bedroom, a spacious sea-view double with two sets of glass doors opening out onto a large furnished terrace, and a large en-suite bathroom featuring both a tub and a separate shower, as well as twin sinks.

Back in the living area, a few steps take one into a hallway, off which is a guests shower room and the two remaining bedrooms: a large sea-view twin with a voluminous en-suite shower room, and a generously proportioned, luminous double with lofty, vaulted, wood-beamed ceilings, a chill-out mezzanine and an en-suite bathroom with twin sinks and a large walk-in shower. Both of these bedrooms have French windows opening out onto a large, shaded sea-view terrace.

Outside: paved terraces wrap around Gaia, offering a great variety of al fresco areas in which to relax, recline, dine and swim. Two large sliding glass doors in the open-plan living area and kitchen-diner lead out onto a covered patio furnished for sitting and admiring the views.

From here a couple of steps lead down to the main area of terrace, home to a fabulous pool with curvaceous infinity end and sea views and sun loungers. Looking over the pool from one side of this terrace is the shaded outdoor dining table, which is served by a large built-in barbecue and a sink. Here there is also a handily situated outdoor shower, the perfect way to freshen up on return from the sea.

Slightly raised above the dining area is another large terrace area, accessed

from the twin and the master bedrooms, while a few steps below the dining area is a small shaded look-out area with a curved stone bench. On the far side of the house is yet another lovely sea-view terrace accessed from the second double bedroom and via the a little path running from the pool area.

Views from Gaia take in the tiny circular islet of Prasioni directly below, vast swathes of the Ionian Sea, the Greek mainland and a horizon of numerous islands. Nowhere are these views more bewitching than on the roof terrace, which is the perfect spot for yoga in the morning and sundowners in the evening.

Finally, from the side of the garden a natural path allows one to access the wonderful Babakia beach, only a 15-minute walk away.

CONSIDERATIONS

Gaia features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop from the infinity edge 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.

You may also like to know that the pool at Gaia has a single depth of 1.5m.

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

This villa has an underfloor cooling system rather than conventional air conditioning units.

Due to Gaia's location on the island of Kastos and the number of ferry connections between Mitikas and Kastos (which might occasionally delayed or cancelled depending on weather conditions), we recommend that you book your flights to arrive either in the morning of your arrival day or the day before your stay at the villa. Similarly, for departure, we recommend you book either a late flight or a flight on the day after leaving the villa.

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)	6
Bedrooms	3
Double beds	2
Twin beds	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	3
Infinity pool	8x4m
Sea views	✓
Car included [1]	✓
Boat	–
Bicycles	–
Gym equipment	✓
Barbecue	✓
Underfloor cooling system	✓
Boat trips	–
Private parking	✓
Transfer service	–
4G Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Shopping delivery service	–
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓

Washing machine	✓
Safe	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

[1] Gaia comes with a compact 4x4, allowing guests to get around and explore the island in its entirety.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Gaia sits midway down the spine of the islet of **Kastos**, about 8km east of Meganissi, and island with which it shares a tranquil, authentic, Mediterranean lifestyle.

Measuring just 8km from north to south, and less than 1km from west to east, Kastos is a little gem of a place, inhabited by around 50 permanent residents only. This diminutive size, allied to its great unspoilt beauty, makes it the ideal destination for anyone looking for a holiday away from it all.

The sea that laps Kastos's shores is wonderfully limpid and clean, an irresistible lure for swimmers, snorkellers, scuba divers and sailors. While the west is largely characterised by a rocky, element-sculpted coastline, the east is home to a series of small sandy-pebbly beaches and paradisiacal bays with limpid, electric blue waters. Some are accessible via the island's (mainly dirt track) roads, others are only reachable by boat, and we thoroughly recommend you rent some waterborn transport during your stay.

In the high summer months, Kastos is a popular stop-off point for sailors navigating the Ionian Sea. This brings a bit of life to the tavernas and bars in Kastos village, whose very gentle summer buzz is a 25-minute walk or a quick drive from Gaia. On Kastos there are four tavernas, a few bars and, from the end of April to October, a mini-market-delicatessen. This latter sells bread, cheeses, cured meats, quality wines, traditional produce from the Lefkada area, and all the everyday essentials. If you would like to have a food hamper delivery for your arrival, please contact your Experience Specialist at least two weeks before your arrival. Further shopping orders can then be made once you're at the villa. Most of the tavernas and bars accept credit/debit cards but we recommend you take some cash just in case. There are no other amenities on the island (ie no banks, no ATMs, no chemists, etc).

Mitikas is a 50-minute foot passenger ferry ride (approx.) from Kastos, and in the summer months there is generally one crossing a day, six days a week. If you would prefer to arrange a private boat transfer on arrival/departure,

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Distances

Aktion/Preveza airport: a 50-minute drive to Mitikas (the nearest port on the Greek mainland) and 50-minute ferry crossing (approx.)
Nearest beach: a 15 to 20-minute walk (uphill on the way back) to Babakia beach; alternatively, Vali beach, a 5-minute drive (1.3km approx.)
Nearest tavernas/bars: about 1.6km away around the harbour of Kastos village (about 10 mins drive)
Nearest shops and amenities: there is a mini-market/delicatessen in Kastos village but there are no banks, chemists, or other amenities
Lefkada Town (from Mitikas): 47km-29miles-50mins

please let us know well in advance. There is no car ferry to Kastos so you will not be able to take a car across. Fortunately, Gaia comes with a compact 4x4, making it easy to get around and explore the island in its entirety.





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