

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

AGIOS PETROS, TINOS

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Subtly camouflaged in local stone, Agnes rises unobtrusively from the sunbaked earth, a harmonious addition to its surroundings. Beautifully crafted interiors flow out onto panoramic sea-view terraces, which spread out over a variety of levels to create numerous private and communal possibilities for al fresco living. Just an easy stroll away along an ancient path, meanwhile, are translucent waters of the glistening sea.



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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Secluded seafront position

Spacious contemporary interiors

Panoramic pool

Easy stroll to a beach

Nearby

Beaches

Tinos Town

Charming villages

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Agnes is spread over two floors.

The main entrance opens into a spacious, airy and welcoming hallway whose stone-flagged floors, lofty, white-beamed ceilings and sense of tranquillity set the tone for the house as a whole. The quality of the design, finishings and fittings is evident wherever you look.

Accessed from the hallway is a shower room and, next door, the first bedroom, a double-twin with sliding glass doors opening out onto a shaded terrace.

An elegant flight of stairs with stone treads leads up to the first floor, where the remaining accommodation is to be found.

At the centre is a spacious and luminous open-plan living and dining area. Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors drink in the sea views and allow seamless access to the terraces. The grey, stone-flagged floors and whitewashed beamed ceilings and walls echo the hallway below, and stylish designer furnishings create a restful, serene atmosphere. A comfortably cushioned built-in sofa extends along one of the walls, a fireplace hints at cosiness, and a dining table is overlooked and effortlessly served by a beautifully designed and well-equipped bespoke kitchen.

At the far end of the living area, a few steps lead up to the second bedroom, a double-aspect double with sea views, a walk-in wardrobe, a luxuriously appointed en-suite shower room, and access to the surrounding terraces.

At the other end of the central living and dining area, a few more steps lead up to the second upper floor bedroom, a generously proportioned sea-view double-twin with grey-painted floorboards, a lovely en-suite shower room, and direct access to the terraces.

Outside: the stone-flagged floors of Agnes's interiors flow outside via large sliding glass doors where they are transformed into a series of interconnected

sea-view terraces that develop over a number of levels. Dry stone walls, low-lying shrubs, flowering plants and a few trees add another dimension to these spaces and everything is in-keeping with the surrounding terrain.

Immediately outside the open-plan living and dining area is the main terrace, which includes a wonderfully secluded al fresco dining area looking out to sea and, around the side of the house (outside the first bedroom), a panoramic pergola.

Steps lead down to the second terrace, which is home to the irresistible 17m-long pool. From here, a few more steps take one down to the terrace outside the lower floor bedroom and on into the surrounding grounds.

The second upper floor bedroom also has its own private sea-view terrace.

Last but not least is the magical garden gate which opens onto a path which leads down to Agios Petros beach and the irresistible waters of the Aegean.

CONSIDERATIONS

When the ferry connections timetable is not yet published for your travel dates, we recommend choosing a flight arriving in Athens or Mykonos by midday or, alternatively, adding a night in Athens or Mykonos the day before and/or after your time in Tinos.

A 4x4 with high ground clearance is necessary for those staying at Agnes, as the last part of the access route is along a rough, unpaved track with a drop to one side.

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.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for those with limited mobility.

Because of natural changes to the coastline from season to season, the sandy beach in front of this 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)	6	
Bedrooms	3	
Double beds	1	
Flexible (double or twin)	2	
Bathrooms	3	
... of which en suite	2	
Infinity pool	17x2.5	
Walkable to beach/sea		✓
Sea views		✓
Daily maid service		✓
Private parking		✓
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet		✓
Air conditioning ¹		✓
Satellite TV		✓
Hairdryer		✓
Iron		✓
Washing machine		✓
Dishwasher		✓
Microwave		✓

¹ the bedrooms have air-con and ceiling fans. The kitchen also has air-con, but the living area doesn't.

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Agnes is located by the beach of Agios Petros, about half-way up the west coast of Tinos. Up above is the little village of Kardiani, which, together with the nearby seafront hamlet of Ormos Kardianis, offers a few tavernas and bars.

The island’s capital, Tinos Town, is just over 30 minutes’ drive away, and it is here that you will find all the amenities you might require, from minimarkets and banks to petrol stations and chemists’. It’s a gentle place, with a weave of pretty streets, a good selection of tavernas, and a bustling port. Arguably the star of the show is the church of Panagía Evangelístria, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the Greek Orthodox world. Built in 1830 in florid renaissance style, it houses an icon of the Virgin Mary that is said to have performed numerous miracles.

Measuring just 27km long and 13km wide, Tinos is easy to explore in a week or two. The west coast is a series of little coves, many of which have little sandy beaches, including Kantani, Giannaki, and Vathi. A day or two exploring these by boat is highly recommended, also because some are difficult to access on foot or by car. Longer stretches of sand can be found at Agios Fokas and Laouti on the south coast below Tinos Town.

The interior of Tinos is mountainous and home to a liberal scattering of pretty whitewashed villages, such as Pyrgos (Panormos), Steni, Dio Choria, Komi, Ysternia, Tripotamos and Skalados. Many of these have their origins in Byzantine and Venetian times and it is no coincidence that they were all built at a safe distance from the sea. The rocky landscape is also home to numerous intricately designed dovecots and cylindrical windmills, both architectural traditions introduced by the Venetians, who ruled the island between the 13th and the early 18th century.

The most northerly quarter of Tinos is largely uninhabited, but there is a curious profusion of churches and chapels. The simple roads that connect them are interesting to explore on foot or bike, and one really has the feeling of being off the beaten track.

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Distances

Mykonos Airport: 15mins to Mykonos
New Port, 20-35mins (approx.) ferry
crossing to Tinos Port + 35mins from
Tinos Port to villa

Athens Airport: 30mins to Rafna Port,
2-4h (approx) ferry crossing to Tinos
Port + 27mins from Tinos Port to villa

Nearest beaches: Agios Petros - 3mins
on foot; Kalivia - 2.8km-1.8miles-8mins;
Kardiani - 4.2km-2.6miles-12mins; Agios
Romanos - 10.5km-6.4miles-20mins

Kardiani village (café and taverna):
5.5km-3.5miles-15mins

Isternia: 9.5km-6miles-25mins

Tinos Town: 17km-10.5miles-35mins

Pyrgos (Panormos): 14.5km-9miles-
35mins

The highest point of the island is the mountain of Tsiknias, which stands at 750m, but arguably the most interesting peak is the jagged stone cone of Exomvourgo (641m). It was here that the Venetians built an impregnable fortress that was never vanquished, despite numerous attempts by Ottoman forces. It only fell into Ottoman hands in 1715, when the governor surrendered, an act of treachery that enraged La Serenissima so much that he was sentenced to life imprisonment on his return home.

Lastly, if you wish to indulge in a little island-hopping, frequent ferry services connect Tinos Town to Mykonos. Crossings take just 22-35mins, meaning that it's perfectly viable to go for a daytrip.



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