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Perched in a privileged panoramic position and enjoying sweeping sea views, Pherenike is a fine example of local architecture, a sturdy, handsome, stone-built mansion. Offering seclusion and privacy, and yet just a stroll from the tavernas, bars, cafés and harbour of Hydra Port below, it offers the best of both worlds for those seeking to indulge in the serene beauty of cosmopolitan Hydra.





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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Breathtaking sea views that captivate the senses

Spacious and generously proportioned interiors

Tempting panoramic pool

Versatile accommodation for a range of needs

Charming interiors exuding warmth

Nearby

Hydra Port

Beaches

Walking trails

Spetses

Porto Heli

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ABOUT THE VILLA

9 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Pherenike is spread over a main house on three floors and a garden guesthouse.

An imposing open-ended gallery with stone-flagged flooring, beamed ceilings, golden-bronze stone walls and an arched aperture looking out to sea runs along one side of Pherenike, giving guests their first taste of this fascinating, characterful and historic home.

A door to one end of the gallery opens into the first bedroom, a twin with white-washed walls, lofty ceilings and an en-suite bathroom with tub and shower incorporated.

The gallery's central door is the main entrance to the property. Inside, a flight of stairs flanked by thick stone walls leads up to the first floor and the convivial social hub of the property. Accessed from a hallway with a study at one end, is an awe-inspiring reception room, with hard-wood flooring, wooden ceilings and a monumental central fireplace. To one side and in front of the fireplace is a living area, liberally scattered with sofas and armchairs, while to the other is a convivial dining area. Objets d'art, bibelots, ceramics and antique pieces enliven the atmosphere, numerous windows bring in the light, and two sets of French doors allow the space to flow out onto a large, covered sea-view terrace.

The dining area connects with a well-equipped kitchen with richly coloured wooden cabinetry, a central island and a breakfast table.

The kitchen leads back in to the first floor's central hallway, where a staircase leads up to the second floor, which is home to two very spacious double bedrooms, each with a fireplace, an en-suite bathroom (both with tub and shower incorporated), a sitting area, sea views, and access to a large shared terrace offering fabulous vistas.

The remaining accommodation at Pherenike is located in the guesthouse, down by the pool. Here there is a little living area with sofa bed, a kitchenette, a

double bedroom with en-suite shower room, and a single bedroom with a shower room next door.

Outside: Pherenike boasts extensive terraced gardens planted with mature pine and cypress trees, flowering Mediterranean shrubs and lawns. Dotted with little seating areas, including a shady hammock, there is plenty of space for guests to spread out.

Perhaps the star of the show is the large terrace running along the front of the first floor. Accessed from the open-plan living and dining area, it has two shaded areas - one for sitting and one for dining - and enchanting views out over the coast of Hydra, the sea and the eastern tip of the Peloponnese.

Steps lead down from this lovely space to the terrace below, on through the manicured mature gardens, and down to the inviting pool which, like the rest of the property, boasts wonderful views.

Last but not least is the large terrace shared between the two bedrooms on the second floor. Comfortably furnished for taking in the wide-open vistas, it is arguably the most panoramic spot of all.

CONSIDERATIONS

As there are no motorised vehicles on Hydra, on the days of your arrival and departure, you will have the use of two mules to help with your luggage. Our Local Specialist will meet you at the harbour and accompany you to the property - a 20-minute walk along quite a steep, cobbled path. Should you require further help, either for luggage or for members of your party, you can hire other mules. Travelling by mule during your stay is a great option if you're looking to add a bit of authenticity to your experience. If no mules are available, please note that the only way to get around is on foot. Please speak to one of our Villa Specialists if you would like more information about this.

Due to the nature of the property including 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 people with mobility problems.

Please note that there is no real shallow end in the pool, whose minimum depth is 1.5m.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	9
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Twin beds	1
Single beds	1
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	4
Pool [2]	8x12m
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access [6]	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s) [5]	✓
Walking distance to shop(s) [5]	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Optional cook	–

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 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.

Air conditioning [3]	✓
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Fireplace	✓
Heating	✓
Laundry service [4]	–
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Staff on the grounds [1]	✓
Safe	✓

[1] two of Pherenike's staff members stay at the property throughout the season. Their discreet presence ensures that guests are able to enjoy the property, and indeed Hydra, to the full.

[2] salt water pool

[3] in the bedrooms

[4] the laundry facilities are operated exclusively by the villa staff. A laundry service is available at an additional cost, payable locally.

[5] the restaurants and bars in Hydra Town are reachable within about ten minutes. The return back up to the villa takes around 20 minutes, as the path is steep and cobbled (perhaps not suitable for those with limited mobility)

[6] Avlaki and Hydronetta (the nearest sea accesses) are about a 15-minute walk away

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Pherenike is on a hill above the island's pretty capital, Hydra Port, which is about a 20-minute walk away. It's a pretty, unspoilt town that's enjoyable to spend time in. Its harbourfront tavernas and bars rub shoulders with grand mansions built by 19th-century shipping magnates, and there are plenty of independent little shops and a few museums and galleries to explore.

Hydra is the most southerly of the Saronic Islands after Spetses, and is located off the eastern tip of the Peloponnese. Measuring just 20km (west to east) by 5km (north to south), it is easy to discover in a week, as long as you rent a boat or travel by sea taxi - cars are not allowed on Hydra and there are very few roads.

The island boasts a good selection of beaches and idyllic bays, including those of Mandraki, Avlaki, Vlichos, Plakes and Molos on the west coast around Hydra Port, Bisti, Mpisti and Agios Nikolaos in the south, and Limnioniza in the southeast.

The island's mountainous hinterland is scattered with monasteries and crisscrossed by ancient mule tracks, making hiking an interesting proposition in the spring and autumn. One such leads straight out of Hydra Port up to the impressive Monastery of the Prophet Elias. Peaks rise up to over 500m before plummeting precipitously into the sea, especially on the south and east coast, creating a spectacular coastline.

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Distances

Athens Airport: 1h30 by ferry (or 3h drive) and 15 mins by sea taxi
Nearest shops, tavernas and amenities: Hydra Port - a 20-minute walk along quite a steep cobbled path
Nearest beaches: there is a variety of small coves about a 20-minute walk away. For others you may wish to hire a boat.
Spetses: 1 hour by hydrofoil
Porto Heli: 1h20 by hydrofoil





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