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APANTIMA BEACH, ANTIPAROS

LEXIE

Arrival at Lexie is an uplifting experience. Its smooth, pearl white exterior, its aromatic gardens and its sea views have an immediate calming effect, and the sensation of well-being grows as one crosses the threshold. This is a villa with the perfect atmosphere for a serene, carefree summer holiday, a fabulous home from home in which to relax, unwind and slow down.



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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Luminous interiors

Dreamy sea-view terraces

Panoramic pool

250m from a sandy beach

Nearby

Sandy beaches

Antiparos Town

Antiparos caves

Paros

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Lexie is spread over two floors.

The main entrance leads into a welcoming hallway that offers new arrivals their first glimpse of the sea via a set of French doors and a little window. White ceilings and walls, smooth creamy flooring, and a golden driftwood sculpture set the scene for this most light-filled of summer houses.

A few steps on the left of the hallway lead up to the living room, which is furnished with a pair of cushioned, sink-in contemporary sofas, a golden-bronze rug, and a variety of colourful objects. Three windows on one side and a pair of French doors opening out onto the main sea-view terrace on the other ensure a luminous, airy feel.

Back in the hallway, a short corridor leads first to the well-equipped kitchen whose golden-grained, bespoke wooden cabinetry is set into moulded white worksurfaces. A series of windows allow the light and the sea views to flood in, and a set of French doors open out onto the terraces.

Just a few steps from the kitchen is the dining area, yet another double-aspect, sea-view room with wide French doors offering an easy indoor-outdoor flow. A series of coloured smoked glass lampshades hanging over the white table imbue the space with a slight bohemian feel.

A few steps down from the dining area and one comes to the main bedroom, which is set over an entire wing of the house. First is an open en-suite shower room (scrupulously white, of course, but with black taps and fittings), then a corridor, flanked on one side by storage and by French windows on the other. At the end of the corridor is the large, airy double bedroom with fabulous sea views and two more sets of French doors opening out onto the terraces.

The remaining bedrooms at Lexie are located on the lower ground floor, which is split into two wings. The first, accessed via a flight of steps from the living room, has two double bedrooms, both with en-suite shower rooms and access

to fragrant garden terraces.

The second wing of the lower ground floor, which is accessed via stairs from the dining area, is virtually a mirror image of the first, and hosts two double bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms and French windows opening out onto garden terraces.

Outside: Lexie is immersed in beautifully designed gardens planted with a carpet of low-lying aromatic shrubs and the occasional olive tree and crisscrossed by a series of paths linking the various al fresco areas.

The focal point of the outside areas is without doubt the expansive reed-covered terrace accessed from the living room. Featuring a panoramic sitting area, a dreamy built-in dining area, and an al fresco kitchen with large barbecue, this is an irresistible spot in which to while away the days and nights of your holiday. Views pan out over the gardens and the sea and a couple of steps lead down to the tempting salt water pool.

The kitchen opens out onto a terrace, which links to the pool area, and the dining room also has a sea-view terrace.

All the bedrooms have outside access. The main bedroom has its own terrace bordered by shrubs, while the lower ground floor bedrooms each open out onto the gardens (at the front) and paved patios at the back.

CONSIDERATIONS

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.

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.

Lexie occupies a privileged position within walking distance to The Beach House, one of Antiparos's best beach clubs. There is a road in front of the property and close neighbours. Part of the grounds are overlooked.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	8	
Bedrooms	5	
Double beds	5	
Bathrooms	5	
... of which en suite	5	
Infinity pool	12x3.5m	
Walkable to beach/sea		✓
Sea views		✓
Daily maid service ¹		✓
Barbecue		✓
Petanque		✓
Private parking		✓

Please note that there is no real shallow end in the pool, whose minimum depth is 1.8m.

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 ²	✓
Optional cook	—
VDSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Safe	✓
¹ except on Sundays	
² in the bedrooms	
✓ = yes/present	
— = optional/on request	

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Lexie is located in the southeast of Antiparos, just a stroll from the sandy beach of Apantima.

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 some of these are in close proximity to Lexie. Apart from Apantima, just 260m away below the house, it is also worth highlighting Soros, which is a 5-minute drive south. 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 behind Lexie 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 been there before you, including Macedonian generals fleeing the wrath of

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Distances

Paros Airport: 30mins drive and 10mins by boat

Antiparos Port (nearest shops and other amenities): 7.3km-4.5miles-10mins

Nearest beaches: Apantima - 260m-4mins on foot; Soros - 2km-1.3miles-5mins; Agios Georgios - 4.3km-2.7miles-7mins

Nearest restaurants: the nearest restaurant is Cookoovaya, on Apantima beach, only 4 minutes away on foot.

There is also one taverna near Soros beach (see above)

Antiparos Cave: 2km-1.2miles-4mins

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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