

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

ANTIPAROS TOWN, ANTIPAROS

LYDA

With its gentle, curvaceously moulded form, its generous wrap-around terraces, and its versatile, spacious accommodation, Lyda embraces guests with generosity, personality and warmth. Ideally set up to host large groups of family and friends, it offers convivial communal spaces for when everyone comes together but also independence and privacy when required.



PRICES, AVAILABILITY
AND BOOKING

→

Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Glorious views

Space in abundance

Tempting pool

Versatile accommodation

Walking distance to Antiparos town

Nearby

Sandy beaches

Antiparos Port

Antiparos cave

Paros

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

ANTIPAROS TOWN, ANTIPAROS

LYDA

ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Lyda is spread over a main house with two independent apartments and two guesthouses.

From a welcoming, voluminous covered outdoor patio furnished with an outdoor wooden sofa, a bistro table and a couple of chairs, the entrance of the main house's ground floor apartment opens into a generously proportioned living room, with light blonde wood-beamed ceilings, smooth creamy flooring with decorative in-laid lines of brick, sea views, a pair of French doors opening out onto the terraces, and round-edged white walls that appear to have been moulded from fondant icing.

Furnished with three sink-in sofas gathered around a fireplace, the living area flows through a large arch into an equally spacious dining area served by a bright, well-equipped kitchen whose bespoke cabinetry of vertical white wooden slats, like all the design motifs so far described, are found throughout the property. A door opens out onto a shaded terrace set up for al fresco dining.

Back in the living area, a little corridor to one side of the sofas leads first to a guest WC and then on to the ground floor's bedroom, a good-sized double with sea views, French doors accessing the terraces and an en-suite shower room with a North African hammam feel (common to all the bathrooms).

The first floor apartment of the main house is accessed by external steps from the lovely rear terraces. Just over the threshold is a communal space with a kitchen corner, a dining table, fabulous sea views and access to a panoramic terrace. On either side of this space is a bedroom, double and a double-twin, each with its own en-suite shower room, sea views and access to the panoramic terrace.

The first guesthouse is located on the other side of the main house's shady al fresco dining area. The entrance leads into a large open-plan space featuring a kitchen-diner and, down a few steps, a living area with built-in L-shaped seating,

a sofa, a corner fireplace, sea views and access to a shady terrace. Just off the dining area are two bedrooms, a double-twin and a double. Both come with en-suite shower room and sea views. The former accesses the front terrace, the second its own terrace to the side of the house.

The second guesthouse is situated a couple of minutes' walk from the main house. Here there is a large open-plan space with a double bed with en-suite shower room on the upper level and a comfortably furnished living area with dining table and kitchen corner on the lower level.

Outside: Lyda's spacious interiors flow out onto equally generous terraces that wrap around the property on all sides. There are numerous alfresco spots in which to sit, dine, chat, sunbathe, have fun and snooze, and all rooms have access to the terraces.

On the sea-facing side of the main house, accessed from the living area and the bedroom, is a large shady sea-view area, furnished with a well-cushioned, built-in corner sofa.

Running along the front of the property, linking the main house to the first guesthouse's shady patio, is an expanse of sun-soaked terrace below which, down just a few steps, is the lovely pool area. Here, apart from the geometrically shaped zero-edge pool, is another shaded sitting area, secluded by a stone wall with windows looking out to sea.

A wide arch in a stone wall between the main house and the first guesthouse allows the front terraces to flow into the shaded area outside the main house kitchen. With its dining table and chairs, this is a lovely spot for breakfast, a mid-morning coffee or a light lunch.

Continuing on from here, another arch provides access to the rear terraces, which are no less impressive than those at the front. Up a few steps is the main alfresco dining area, which is served by a wood-fired oven, a large built-in barbecue, a sink, and plenty of worktop space. Sheltered by stone walls and a cane-topped canopy, and offering views out to the intense blue waters of the Aegean, this is a most convivial spot in which to cook and enjoy long meals with your group.

At the far end of this rear terrace, a flight of steps leads up to a sheltered walled patio outside the main house's first floor apartment. Graced by a mature, shade-giving pine tree, from which a hammock hangs, this terrace is a

further demonstration of just how much outdoor space you have at your disposal.

The main house's first floor apartment has a terrific sea-view terrace, accessed from both bedrooms and the kitchen-diner.

To complete the picture, both guesthouses have their own shaded and sun-soaked terraces looking out to sea.

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.

You may also wish to know that the pool at Lyda has a minimum depth of 1.3m.

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.

PRICES, AVAILABILITY AND BOOKING		→
Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	12	
Bedrooms	6	
Double beds	4	
Flexible (double or twin)	2	
Bathrooms	6	
... of which en suite	6	
Pool	11x4.5m	
Sea views		✓
Pizza oven ³		✓
Daily maid service		✓
Gym equipment		✓
Private parking		✓
VDSL Wi-Fi Internet		✓
Air conditioning		✓
Optional cook		—
Satellite TV		✓
Laundry service ²		✓
Hairdryer		✓
Iron		✓
Staff on the grounds ¹		✓
Safe		✓
Dishwasher		✓
¹ the housekeeper of Lyda manages the villa throughout the season and stays on the lower floor of the guesthouse. Her discreet presence ensures that guests are able to enjoy the property to the full		

2 one load of laundry per day is offered by Lyda's housekeeper free of charge. Any additional laundry will come at an extra cost, payable locally

3 This is self-operated pizza oven.

 = yes/present

 = optional/on request

**PRICES, AVAILABILITY
AND BOOKING**



THE THINKING TRAVELLER

ANTIPAROS TOWN, ANTIPAROS

LYDA

THINK ABOUT

Find out more about **getting to the Cyclades Islands**

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

ANTIPAROS TOWN, ANTIPAROS

LYDA

EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Lyda is situated in the north of Antiparos, just a few minutes' drive from Antiparos Port, an archetypal little Greek harbour town, 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.

Antiparos'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, it offers an abundance of idyllic beaches and some of these are close to Lyda, including Psaraliki, Glyfa, Sifneiko and Livadia. Slightly further afield, in the south, is Soros and 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.

In the same area 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 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.

PRICES, AVAILABILITY
AND BOOKING

→

Distances

Paros Airport: 15mins drive and 10mins by boat

Antiparos Town (nearest shops, tavernas, bars and other amenities): 2.4km-1.5miles-4mins-25mins walk

Nearest beaches: Psaraliki - 2.2km-1.4miles-5mins; Glyfa - 4.7km-2.4miles-6mins; Livadia - 3.6km-2.2miles-7mins; Panagia 2.1km-1.3miles-5mins; Apantima 7.2km,4.5km-11mins

Nearest sunset spot: Sifneiko beach - 2.6km-1.6miles-5mins;

Nearest tavernas: there are numerous tavernas in Antiparos Town, less than a 5-minute drive away

Antiparos Cave: 6km-3.6miles-10mins



THE THINKING TRAVELLER

ANTIPAROS TOWN, ANTIPAROS

LYDA

GALLERY



