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DRYOPE

Stylish, geometric, minimalist and spacious, Dryope is a contemporary gem that rises gracefully in its panoramic hillside position above the sandy beach of Agios Romanos. Voluminous, light-filled interiors embrace and flow out onto shaded and sun-worshipping terraces, views stretch out across the glistening Aegean Sea to neighbouring Syros, and the atmosphere is one of tranquillity, privacy and rarefied seclusion.



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Service

Features

Sleek glass-fronted infinity pool merging seamlessly with the horizon

Spellbinding, panoramic sea views

Sophisticated contemporary design with elegant architectural details

Radiant, light-filled interiors with a luminous and airy ambiance

Opulent and meticulously designed luxury accommodation

Spectacular, awe-inspiring sunset views painting the sky in vibrant hues

Nearby

Beaches

Tinos Town

Authentic villages

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Dryope includes a main house on two levels and a guest wing on one level.

An impressive front door opens into a long, wide corridor, off which all the rooms of the main house are accessed. An impressive wall in local stone on one side contrasts with the smooth white of the other, while the ceiling and floor are in concrete, the former in its raw form, the latter polished to perfection. From the entrance hall, one can access the music room-cum-study.

Following the corridor for a few metres, one comes to the social hub of the villa, an extremely well proportioned and welcoming space measuring 12m x 6m. A fabulously equipped contemporary kitchen with large central island sits to one side, a dining table is placed at the centre, and a living zone furnished with a capacious L-shaped sofa occupies about half the space. A wall and a half are given over to sliding glass doors, which bring in the magical sea views and allow seamless access to the terraces. Two more glass doors on either side of the kitchen, meanwhile, open out onto the shady al fresco dining area.

At the end of the corridor we may either head outside and across a secluded terrace to the guest wing (of which more anon), turn left into the main bedroom or right to two children's bedrooms.

The generously sized main bedroom, a double, boasts fabulous views out to sea, access to the terraces running along the front of the house, a WC, and an en-suite bathroom with separate shower and tub.

The children's bedrooms, two double-twins, share a shower room and are interconnected via a play area with chalk boards and a long desk table. Both rooms have views out to sea across the secluded terrace that separates the main house from the guesthouse.

Half way along the main corridor, stairs lead down to the main house's lower ground floor, which is home to a well-equipped gym with shower, a sauna, and a

shower room with WC.

The guest wing, finally, hosts a shared shower room and two bedrooms, a double and a double-twin, both of which have sea views and access to a terrace.

Outside: the polished concrete floors of Dryope's interiors flow outside at every opportunity, uniting the indoor and outdoor areas in a seamless unity.

All the rooms open out onto the sea-view terrace that runs along the entire façade of the property on two levels, sometimes recessed to provide shade and shelter, sometimes embracing the life-giving sun of the Greek skies.

At one end of the villa, accessed from the walls of sliding glass doors from the open-concept communal space, is a large living area with in-built cushioned seating, an intricately woven, shade-giving awning, and generous views of the sparkling Aegean Sea.

A few steps lead down from here to the magnificent pool whose glass infinity edge is a thing of both beauty and striking effect. Sunloungers are arranged on either side of the pool, offering plenty of space for guests to spread out and relax.

Following the sea-view terrace from the outdoor sitting area along the front of the house, one soon comes to the shady, recessed al fresco dining area with state-of-the-art barbecue, conveniently served directly from the kitchen and also accessed from the villa's central corridor. It too boasts fabulous sea views.

A little further along and one comes to another recessed terrace between the main house and the guest wing. Accessed from the two children's bedrooms and the main corridor, this area is furnished for sitting and offers yet another option for guests to take in the seemingly infinite views.

Where the Dryope's terraces end, its grounds commence. These are planted with local flora and blend in harmoniously with the natural habitat of Tinos.

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.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)		10
Bedrooms		5

Dryope features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side 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 wish to know that the pool at Dryope 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.

Parts of the route to this property are unmade and therefore we recommend a 4-wheel drive car or one with high ground clearance.

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.

Double beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	3
Bathrooms	3
... of which en suite	2
Heatable infinity pool ²	12x4m
Sea views	✓
Gym	✓
Sauna	✓
Home cinema	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Underfloor cooling system	✓
Private parking	✓
Piano	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
EV charging point	✓
Integrated sound system	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Outdoor sound system	✓
Laundry service ⁴	—
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Safe	✓

¹ the cook can provide breakfasts, lunches and dinners on request, depending on availability

² there is an extra charge of €525 per week to heat the pool if requested.

Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

³ iTunes movie collection

⁴ the laundry facilities are operated exclusively by the villa staff. A laundry service of one load per day is included. Additional loads have an extra cost and should be paid for locally.

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Dryope occupies a fabulous panoramic position looking out to sea mid-way up the west coast of Tinos.

Below on the coast, a 700m-walk or drive away, is the gorgeous sandy beach of Agios Romanos, which also has a couple of tavernas. Other beaches nearby include the one at Apigania.

The island’s capital, Tinos Town, is just 20 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, and 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

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Distances

Mykonos Airport: 15mins to Mykonos
New Port, 20-35mins (approx.) ferry
crossing to Tinos Port + 20mins from
Tinos Port to villa
Athens Airport: 30mins to Rafna Port,
2-4h (approx) ferry crossing to Tinos
Port + 16mins from Tinos Port to villa
Tinos Town (port, tavernas, cafés,
shops): 8km-5miles-20mins
Nearest beaches: Agios Romanos -
700m (has a couple of tavernas);
Apigania - 1.7km-1mile-7mins
Kardiani village (café and taverna):
9km-5.6miles-15mins
Isternia village: 13km-8miles-25mins
Pyrgos village: 18km-11.1miles-30mins

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.

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.





