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With its pleasing geometrical forms, its generously proportioned spaces, and its meticulous finish, Santhia is both a joy to behold and a delight to spend time in. For most villas, the fabulous pool and the glorious terraces that fan out around it would be the main highlights, but Santhia has much more up its sleeve, not least its garden-gate access to a path leading to an idyllic sandy beach.





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Service

Features

A perfect blend of contemporary luxury and sophisticated design
A stunning 20m-long infinity pool
Expansive sea-view terraces
A short stroll to the golden sands of Chrisi Akti beach
Incredible outdoor sitting and BBQ space
Fully equipped al fresco callisthenics gym

Nearby

Beaches galore
Tavernas, bars and shops
Marpissa
Parikia

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ABOUT THE VILLA

14 GUESTS 7 BEDROOMS 8 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Santhia is organised over a main house on two levels and an independent guesthouse.

An impressively large wooden pivot door in deep olive green opens to reveal the core of the house, a wonderfully spacious, light-filled communal area whose wall-to-wall sliding glass doors afford guests their first glimpse of the pool area and the sea beyond. To the right is the well-equipped kitchen with bespoke cabinetry in deep-grained, honeyed wood, and a central island; in the centre is a made-to-measure dining table with designer chairs; to the left is the living area, whose capacious L-shaped, well-cushioned sofa comfortably seats 12. Partially dividing these two latter sections is a curvaceously sculptural fireplace.

The design features of this open-concept space provide a blueprint for the rest of the property: buttery yellow, smooth concrete flooring is complemented by white walls, creamy soft furnishings and white beamed ceilings, whose suffused, aureate lighting echoes the hue of the concrete below. Banks of windows and large sliding glass doors bring in the views and allow guests to live an al fresco lifestyle with minimal effort.

Just off the kitchen, a door opens into the first bedroom, a double/flexi with walls of creamy local stone, an en-suite shower room, sea views, and sliding glass doors accessing a shady terrace looking out over the pool area.

The two remaining bedrooms on the ground floor of the main house are accessed from a corridor with guest WC, leading from near the living area:

• a double with a centrally positioned bed, sea views, sliding glass doors accessing the pool terrace, and an en-suite shower room
• another double/flexi, with sea views, sliding glass doors accessing a shady terrace, and an en-suite shower room

The remaining accommodation in the main house is on the lower ground floor, which is accessed by a flight of stairs near the living area. Here there is a

double/flexi bedroom with sofa bed and an en-suite shower room.

The fifth bedroom of the main house, a double/flexi with en-suite shower room, is accessed externally from the terraces.

The guesthouse at Santhia is positioned a few metres from the main house and accessed via a shaded sea-view terrace with a bubbling water feature. On either side of a central open-plan living and dining area with kitchenette are two bedrooms:

• a double with centrally positioned bed, sliding glass doors accessing the guesthouse's terrace, and, partially divided from the bedroom, an en-suite shower room
• a double/flexi, also with en-suite shower room and sliding glass doors accessing the terrace

Outside: from just a brief survey, it is immediately evident that the architect and the owners of Santhia have given as much thought and attention to detail to the property's outdoor areas as to the interiors.

Running along the sea-facing side of the villa is a wide-open sweep of terrace cleverly divided into a variety of areas, both shady and sun-kissed. At the centre, sitting in pride of place is the fabulous 20m-long infinity pool, whose shallow end is home to a series of "floating" wooden platforms, which allow sunbathers to be lapped by the pool's deliciously refreshing waters. One corner of the pool is given over to a plunge pool Jacuzzi.

Looking over the pool from the side, meanwhile, is an extremely large section of cane-shaded terrace, designed for al fresco living at all times of the day. Split into three sections, it comprises a sitting area with extensive, comfily cushioned built-in sofas and a scattering of chairs, a well-equipped al fresco kitchen with bar, and a convivial dining area.

Immediately outside the house are a series of shady recesses: the first, furnished with quality outdoor furniture and surrounded by plants, is outside the first bedroom; the second is home to a dining table that is identical to and perfectly lined up with the indoor dining table; the third, finally, is outside the last bedroom and mirrors the first in terms of greenery and comfortable seating.

The guesthouse has its own shaded and well-furnished terrace, complete with

water feature.

Santhia's terraces are interspersed with a range of carefully positioned flowering climbers, green shrubs and leafy trees, all of which have the effect of softening and enlivening the ambience.

Beyond the pool terrace are the sea-facing gardens, planted with low-lying aromatic shrubs and flowers, and featuring a circular sitting area surrounding a firepit. A path weaves through these gardens and down to the sea gate, from where a short walk along a coastal path leads to a glorious sandy beach.

CONSIDERATIONS

Santhia 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.

Please note that no one other than members of your group and the owner's staff is allowed on the property.

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

Please note that the beach below of this property can get busy in July and August. Because of natural changes to the coastline from season to season, this beach may not look as it does in the photos.

Although this property is located within walking distance of some shops and restaurants, we strongly recommend that you hire a car.

Occasionally music from the nearby bar may be audible at the rear of the property.

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)	14
Bedrooms	7
Double beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	5
Bathrooms	8
... of which en suite	7
Infinity pool	20x7m
Sea views	✓
Hydromassage pool	✓
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access	✓
Short walk to shop(s) / restaurant(s)	✓
Gym [3]	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Bar	✓
Breakfast (incl. ingredients)	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
VDSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓

Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Staff on the grounds [2]	✓
Safe	✓

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

[2] the housekeepers of Santhia manage the villa throughout the season and stay in a detached room at the back of the house. Their discreet presence ensures that guests are able to enjoy the property to the full.

[3] a fully equipped outdoor callisthenics gym

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Santhia is located on glorious sandy bay of Chrisi Akti in the southeast of Paros.

Within a short walk is Golden Beach, a selection of bars and tavernas, a minimarket and a well-known surf school and diving centre. Apart from Golden Beach (50m from the garden gate along a coastal path), there are plenty more to try within an easy drive up or down the coast, including those at Punda, Logaros, Drios, Lolantonis, Glifa and Kalogeros, which has a healing mud bath.

For many people, Paros is the most authentic of the Cyclades. One of the larger islands, it has something for everyone, young or old, party-goers or culture-seekers, bourgeois or bohemian. Amongst its many attractions are buzzing little towns, myriad beaches, world-famous windsurfing conditions, gourmet restaurants, sleepy traditional villages with waterfront fish tavernas, religious, cultural and historical sites, and a vibrant nightlife scene.

Thanks to the relatively limited distances involved - the island measures less than 25km from north to south - it is easy to explore in full in a week or two, no matter where you're staying. Its mountainous hinterland, with peaks rising up to around 700m, is dotted with the occasional monastery and crisscrossed by old mule tracks. Down on the coast, meanwhile, there is an array of beautiful sandy beaches and idyllic coves, and a day or two spent on a boat exploring these is heartily recommended.

In terms of towns and villages, sleepy Marpissa, dreamy Lefkes and buzzing Parikia (the capital and main port) are just an, 9-, a 15-, and a 30-minute drive from Santhia. The first is a white-washed beauty that appears unchanged for centuries. It’s a pleasure to amble round its narrow streets, while a walk up to the monastery of St Anthony on the hill above offers spectacular views of the island. The second is great for walkers, thanks to a beautiful 4km-long Byzantine trail that leads over a hill to Prodromos village on the other side. The third is a vibrant little town gathered around a semi-enclosed bay that woos visitors with its sandy beaches, its many bars and tavernas, its

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Distances

Paros Airport: 16km-10miles-22mins

Athens Airport: 40-50mins to Piraeus Port, 3-5h (approx) ferry crossing to Paros Port + 26mins from Paros Port to villa

Nearest beaches (apart from Golden Beach, accessed via a short coastal path at the bottom of the garden): Punda - 3.4km-2.1miles-7mins; Logaras - 3.6km-2.3miles-7mins; Drios - 1.5km-0.9miles-4mins; Lolantonis - 5km-3miles-11mins; Glifa - 5.9km-3.7miles-11mins

Nearest shops, tavernas and amenities: there is a selection of tavernas, bars and a minimarket within a 5- to 15-minute walk

Marpissa: 5.1km-3.2miles-9mins

Parikia (the capital of Paros): 20.4km-12.7miles-30mins

Lefkes: 10.3km-6.4miles-15mins

Naousa: 16.6km-10.3miles-25mins

The Mycenean Acropolis: 18.6km-11.6miles-30mins

Antiparos: 20.4km-12.7miles-25mins (to the port of Pounta) + a 10-minute crossing

archaeological museum, and its impressive Byzantine Church. Also nearby on the south coast is Aliki, which has a yachting marina and port for day cruises to Antiparos and other neighbouring islands.

In the north of the island is the picturesque village Naousa, whose little harbour, web of narrow streets flanked by shops and tavernas, and Venetian castle make it a pleasure to spend time in. Just across the bay from Naousa is idyllic Kolimpithres beach, renowned for its transparent waters and fascinating rock formations, while for those with an interest in history, a visit to the Mycenaean Acropolis is called for. Sitting atop a rocky scarp high above Kolimpithres, it was built way back in the 13th century BCE and offers not only insights into Paros's long history but also stunning views. It’s quite a walk to get up there, so you may wish to tackle it in the early morning or late afternoon when it’s not so hot.

Paros's most northerly tip, the Monastiri peninsula is given over to a protected park covering some 80 hectares of rocky, element-sculpted hills, hidden sandy beaches, walking trails, and undisturbed flora and fauna. It’s a great day out for nature lovers and hikers with the added bonus of an end-of-excursion swim in the sea.

Cultural tours are readily available on Paros, so not matter whether you wish to learn about Parikia's old town centre, the ancient marble quarries, or the unique island of Despotiko, you'll be able to delve into the island's history with ease. Children are well catered for too, and a trip to the butterfly nature reserve just north of the airport is good fun.

If all that wasn't enough, Paros's little sister, Antiparos, is just a 10-minute ferry ride across the water from nearby Pounta, making a little island hopping eminently possible.





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