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SORELLIA

Sorellia's beautifully designed, impeccably finished interiors have been conceived to make the very most of its enviable south-facing orientation. Light streams inside to create a bright, airy ambience while at the same time inviting guests to step outside to lounge on the terraces and swim in the magnificent pool, whose angular infinity edge points like the prow of a ship towards the bewitching blues of the sea.



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Service

Features

- Wide-open sea views
- Heatable infinity pool
- Luxurious interiors
- Superbly designed terraces
- Walk to a beach

Nearby

- Beaches
- Tinos Town
- Kardiani village
- Mykonos

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Sorellia is laid out over a main house and a guesthouse, both of which are on one floor.

The main house entrance leads into an inviting hallway, off which the accommodation flows. To the left is a splendid, spacious open-concept space with fabulous sea views, courtesy of a series of wide glass doors that open out onto the terraces. To one end is the living area, complete with a sofa, a scattering of easy chairs and a fireplace. Next is a built-in banquette, a gregarious spot in which to eat or chat while the cooks in your group rustle up lunches and dinners in the fabulous kitchen, a bespoke affair in blonde wood fronting smooth white surrounds. A central island-bar hosts the hobs and oven, allowing cooks to take in the stunning sea views through wide glass doors while tending to their dishes. A second door leads out from here onto the shaded al fresco dining area. The two areas of this fabulous communal space share stone-flagged flooring and a white colour scheme, but are delineated by their ceilings: the former is in raw concrete, the latter in white-washed wood beams.

Back in the entrance hall, a corridor with glass doors looking out into and accessing a secret walled garden, leads to the main house's three bedrooms:

- two double bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms, sea views and terrace access
- the main bedroom, a luxurious, generously proportioned space with a centrally positioned double bed, sea views, a shady private terrace, a dressing area, an en-suite bathroom with tub and overhead shower, and access to a little walled courtyard garden with an al fresco shower.

The guesthouse is situated about 20m behind the main house and connected to the latter by an umbilical path through the grounds. One enters from a lovely shaded sea-view terrace into a central living area, furnished with sofas and armchairs. The two bedrooms are situated on either side:

- the main bedroom, a generously proportioned double with sea views, terrace access, a dressing area and an en-suite shower room
- a quadruple children's room with a pair of bunk beds, terrace access and an en-suite shower room

Outside: when it comes to outdoor living, Sorellia offers an abundance of opportunities for its guests. The focal point is the long terrace that runs along the entire façade of the house, for it is from here that Sorellia's sublime 180-degree vistas, which take in the blue Aegean Sea and the island of Syros some 10km away, are at their best. All the rooms of the main house access this area, which offers up plenty of space for everyone.

To the front of this terrace is the magnificent heatable pool, whose infinity edge allows swimmers to gaze out to sea, while to the far end, accessed from the kitchen, is a large secluded communal area with reed and wood-beamed ceilings, walls in local stone, built-in sofas, a kitchen area and a dining area. This is a magical spot in which to spend quality time with loved ones, and it really comes into its own as the sun begins to set and it is time for aperitifs and dinner.

The main bedroom of the main house has its own secluded shaded section of the front terrace, while also boasting a dreamy private walled courtyard garden with shower.

A secret walled garden, accessible from the corridor in the sleeping wing of the main house is a delight to spend time in for those who wish to disappear with a book or to take an afternoon nap.

Finally, those staying in the lovely guesthouse have their own shady sea-view terrace furnished, like all the al fresco areas, with quality outdoor furniture.

CONSIDERATIONS

Sorellia 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.

The final section of the access road to Sorellia is a little rough, so we recommend guests hire a 4x4 or one with excellent ground clearance.

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	4
Quad beds	1
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5

drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

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.

Daily maid service	✓
Optional cook	—
Heatable infinity pool (LxW in m) ¹	14x6.2
Air conditioning	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Satellite TV	✓
ADSL WI-FI Internet	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Plancha grill	✓
Private parking	✓
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to beach(es)/sea access ²	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ there is an extra charge of €525 to heat the pool if requested. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

² 15mins on foot to Agios Petros beach, 20mins to Kalivia

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Sorellia sits on a promontory on Tinos's west coast, just few 10-15 min walk from Agios Petros and Kalyvia beach respectively.

The surrounding coastline is also home to other lovely beaches with tavernas, including those at Giannaki, and Agios Romanos between 10 and 20 min drive away.

The island's capital, Tinos Town, is just over 30 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 curious profusion of churches and chapels. The simple roads that connect

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Distances

Mykonos Airport: 15mins to Mykonos

New Port, 20-35mins (approx.) ferry crossing to Tinos Port + 25mins from Tinos Port to villa

Athens Airport: 30mins to Rafna Port, 2-4h (approx) ferry crossing to Tinos Port + 24mins from Tinos Port to villa

Nearest beaches: Agios Petros - 1km-0.6miles-4mins (or a 12 to 15-minute walk); Kalivia - 1.5km-1miles-5mins (or a 20-minute walk); Giannaki - 2.9km-1.8miles-8mins; Agios Romanos - 10km-6.2miles-20mins

Nearest tavernas: on/near the beaches of Kalivia, Giannaki and Agios Romanos (see above)

Kardiani village (café and taverna): 4.1km-2.6miles-10mins

Isternia village: 8.3km-5.2miles-15mins

Tinos Town (nearest shops and amenities): 14.5km-9miles-25mins

Pyrgos (Panormos) village: 13.2km-8.2miles-25mins

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.



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