

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

SPETSES TOWN, SPETSES

SINNERIA

Offering dreamy views over Spetses Town's old port and the sea, and within easy strolling distance of tavernas, cafés, shops and a few beaches, Sinneria is an outstanding example of how a new generation of Athenian aristocracy is bringing modern, refined aesthetics to this quietly cosmopolitan island. In short, the property offers the best of both worlds - Spetses is your oyster, Sinneria your sophisticated sanctuary.



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Service

Features

Beautiful views

Panoramic pool terrace

Refined interiors

Easy walk to tavernas and beaches

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ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Sinneria is laid out over three floors.

The main entrance leads in to the ground floor, which is divided into two spacious rooms. First is the elegant living room, which features a pair of large white sofas gathered around a fireplace, a dining table, light-hued hardwood flooring, and white-painted ceilings given definition and depth by parallel wooden strips. Four shuttered windows bring in the light and the views, and a set of French doors opens out onto the pool terrace. This space has a wonderful sense of proportion and a serene atmosphere that is replicated throughout the house.

An opening to one side allows the hard wood floors of the living room to flow into a second, similarly well-proportioned space, home to a large, well-equipped, classically styled kitchen to one end and a dining area to the other. French doors allow access to the side terraces and more of those shuttered windows ensure a light, airy ambience.

The ground floor accommodation is completed by a guest WC.

Stairs in the living room lead up to the first floor, where there are four of the property's six bedrooms:

- two elegant doubles with luxurious en-suite shower rooms and access to a long shared terrace with views over the pool terrace, the old port and the sea
- two double-twin bedrooms sharing a bathroom with tub and shower attachment

The lower ground floor offers yet more space, comprising:

- a games room with a table football, an L-shaped sofa, a TV and a piano
- two twin-double bedrooms sharing a shower room
- the live-in staff's quarters

Outside: everyday al fresco life at Sinneria plays out on the large sea-view terrace accessed from the living area. Well-cushioned built-in seating runs along one side, incorporating a shaded dining area, contemporary chaises-longues and other easy chairs are set up to take in the vistas over the old port, and an elegantly designed pool offers refreshment and diversion.

The best views are to be had from the first floor terrace, which runs along the entire façade of the property and is accessed from the two double bedrooms.

In practice, Sinneria's al fresco areas extend out into Spetses Town, whose many delights, from sea-front promenades, tavernas, cafés, bars and beach are all just an easy stroll away.

CONSIDERATIONS

Spetses is a car-free island (apart from a few taxis (which book out quickly in the summer season) and service vehicles). Most people move around by bicycle, scooter, quad bike, boat, donkeys and sea taxis. If you wish to rent bikes, scooters or quad bikes, please contact your Experience Specialist in advance, as numbers are limited.

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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	12
Bedrooms	6
Flexible doubles/twins	6
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	2
Daily maid service	✓
Cook	—
Pool (LxW in m)	6x3
Air conditioning	✓
Fireplace/log burner	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Smart TV	✓
ADSL WI-FI Internet	✓
Sea views	✓
Easy walk to beach/sea access	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓
✓ = yes/present	
— = optional/on request	

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Here is an indication of some of the extra costs you may have to consider for your trip. Please note that prices will vary depending on the villa you book, the third-party supplier(s) providing the service, and the period of your trip, as well as more market-driven circumstances (such as petrol and electricity prices):

- **Transfers with car or minivan (for 8-12 people):** from Athens airport to Porto Heli or Kosta: €520 (Kosta is the nearest port from which sea taxis to Spetses depart).
- **Transfers with sea taxi:** from Kosta to Dapia (the new port of Spetses), up to 8 people, €30 from 06:00am to 23.59, €45 from 0.00am till 06.00 am.
- **Sea taxi** from Kosta to Palio Limani, up to 8 people, €35 from 06:00am to 23.59, €55 from 0.00am to 06.00 am.
- **Taxi fares** in Spetses, start from €10 for short journeys.
- **Hydrofoil** from Piraeus to Spetses: €47.50 one way (no car)
- **Transfers with private Sea taxi:** from Athens to Spetses between €1,500 and €2,000
- **In-villa chef service:** this will very much depend on the villa you book and the size of your group. As a guideline a local cook will be at your disposal for a rate of 200€ per meal for groups of up to 10 people. Please note that ingredients are not included in this price and should be paid directly to the chef (usually in cash) on presentation of receipts.

Once you have booked your villa, our team of Experience Specialists will be able to advise you more precisely on all of the above. In the meantime, should you have any questions, your Villa Specialist would be delighted to help.

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Sinneria is located in the south of Spetses Town, just a few minutes' walk from the characterful old port, with its fishing boats and pleasure craft, its bars and tavernas, and its scenic headland walk. There are several beaches less than 10 minutes' walk away, and numerous options for dining out, sipping on a coffee and shopping around the house.

Diminutive Spetses measures just 7km by 4km and is a quiet, pine tree-carpeted island where private cars are not allowed. Transport is by bicycle, scooters, a few taxis, donkeys, quad bikes and, best of all, boat taxi. Hiring your own boat for the duration of your stay or for a few days is highly recommended, as the coast has many idyllic secluded bays that are most easily accessible from the water.

In recent times, Spetses's main claim to fame is as the setting for The Magus, John Fowles's great novel. Named Phraxos in the book, the island is described by the main protagonist, Nicholas Urfe as "Beautiful. There was no other adjective; it was not just pretty, picturesque, charming – it was simply and effortlessly beautiful. It took my breath away when I first saw it, floating under Venus like a majestic black whale in an amethyst evening sea, and it still takes my breath away when I shut my eyes now and remember it. Its beauty was rare even in the Aegean, because its hills were covered with pine trees, Mediterranean pines as light as greenfinch feathers. Nine-tenths of the island was uninhabited and uncultivated: nothing but pines, coves, silence, sea." Remarkably, Spetses has changed very little since John Fowles, who lived and worked there in the early 1950s, wrote that passage.

The island's eponymous main town is full of interest, both historical and contemporary. Like neighbouring Hydra, Spetses had a thriving shipping industry and some local families became extremely rich. One such (though he made most of his money in the US) was Sotirios Anargyros, who built the impressive Poseidonion Hotel in the early 20th century. In the architectural style of the great hotels of the Côte d'Azur, it soon attracted wealthy Athenians and European aristocrats to the island, beginning a trend of affluent,

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Distances

Nearest airport: Athens - 2.5hr drive to Kosta Port near Porto Heli + a 10-minute crossing; or a 30-minute drive to Piraeus + a 2-hour ferry crossing

Spetses Town Port: 1.1km-0.7miles-13mins

Nearest beaches: Agios Dimitrios - 7mins walk; Agios Mammas - 9mins walk (both in Spetses Town); Garifalos - 9mins walk; Agia Marina - 11mins walk (both just south of Spetses Town)

Nearest restaurants, shops, cafés, bars and other amenities: there are plenty of options within a few minutes walk

small-scale tourism that continues today.

Spetses's pine-shady interior is crisscrossed by walking trails. From the top ridge, fabulous vistas take in the island, Hydra, vast tracts of the Aegean Sea and the Peloponnese, whose eastern most tip is just over 2km (or a 10-minute crossing) away. This proximity to the mainland makes day trips to Porto Heli and the archaeological site of Epidaurus eminently feasible.



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GALLERY



