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If three's the magic number, then Ersi is a bewitching proposition indeed. Its trio of houses, gathered around a central pool, linked by numerous shared terraces, and surrounded by verdant gardens, is perfect for groups of friends or extended families looking for the best of all possible worlds: sociable spaces for convivial get-togethers, private spots for a bit of "me time", and easy access to the beaches, tavernas and picturesque streets of Fiskardo.



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Service

Features

Convivial & tranquil atmosphere
Delicious meals prepared by villa staff
Tempting pool
Versatile accommodation
Extensive terraces
Lush garden and organic vegetable cultivation

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Accommodation at Ersi is spread over three houses, which, for ease of reference, we will call by the different colours of their shutters: Sky Blue, Olive Green and Lavender. Although each house has its own living and dining areas, inside and out, they are designed to be enjoyed with the doors left open so that all guests can come and go as they please.

Inside Sky Blue: accommodation is spread over two floors. The main entrance leads in to a voluminous, airy and warmly welcoming living room with lofty wood-beamed ceilings, sink-in sofas and easy chairs gathered around an impressive fireplace, and a series of doors opening out onto the surrounding terraces.

To the far end of the living area, an arched opening allows the space to flow into the roomy, well-equipped country-style kitchen, which has a dining table, a laege central island, a fireplace-grill, feature stone walls and direct access to the surrounding terraces.

Next to the kitchen is the first bedroom, a double-twin with en-suite shower room and French doors opening out onto the surrounding terraces.

Lastly, a (quite steep) staircase in the living room leads up through a trap-door to a generously proportioned sea-view suite under the eaves. Featuring a double bed, a living area, skylights, an en-suite shower room, and access to a large sea-view terrace (also accessed via steps from the gardens), this is a truly romantic hideaway.

Inside Olive Green: accommodation is laid out over two floors. The main entrance leads into a comfortably furnished open-plan living area, with a sofa and a couple of armchairs, a panoramic picture window and a dining table.

A door to one side of this space leads into an extremely spacious double bedroom, with wood-beamed ceilings, access to the terraces and gardens, and an en-suite bathroom with tub and rainfall shower.

Stairs lead from the living area up to the first floor, where there is another romantic double with a four-poster bed, lofty, wood-beamed ceilings, a panoramic, sea-view terrace, and an en-suite shower room.

Inside Lavender: the smallest of the three houses, and yet the social hub of the whole property for reasons that we will come to, Lavender is home to a double-twin bedroom with en-suite shower room and terrace access, and the independently accessed staff's quarters.

Outside: the grounds of Ersi offer numerous opportunities for carefree and tranquil al fresco living. Paths, steps and lawns link the three houses, and the mature gardens that run around and between them are planted with numerous varieties of fragrant flowers, plants and shade-giving trees.

At the heart of the property sits the delightful zero-edge pool, which is surrounded by paving and a colourful riot of flora.

Sky Blue has a shady pergola furnished for lounging and dining, a sun-kissed sea-view terrace with cushioned in-built seating and a fabulously panoramic terrace accessed from the first floor bedroom. Olive Green also has its own shaded sea-view areas for enjoying a quiet breakfast, relaxing with a book or taking an afternoon snooze.

The main al fresco communal area is found outside Lavender. Here there is an extensive covered sweep of terrace, furnished with capacious cushioned rattan sofas, easy chairs and a large dining table, and equipped with a well-equipped outdoor kitchen with an impressive barbecue grill. This space is where everyone can gather together to catch up, cook up feasts, enjoy long lazy lunches and dine late into the night.

Any younger children in your group will love exploring the grounds, not least when they come across the little playhouse and swing.

One final feature of Ersi's grounds is the organic vegetable garden, which provide guests with wonderfully tasty Okm ingredients.

CONSIDERATIONS

Please note that the double bedroom under the eaves in the Sky Blue house is accessed via quite a steep staircase and has sloping ceilings.

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Amenities

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.

Please note that there is no real shallow end in the pool, whose minimum depth is 1.3m.

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Flexible doubles/twins	5
Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	5
Daily maid service	✓
Cook ¹	✓
Breakfast preparation ¹	✓
Staff/owner on the grounds ²	✓
Pool (LxW in m)	11x5
Air conditioning ³	✓
Heating	✓
Fireplace/log burner	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
ADSL WI-FI Internet	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private Parking	✓
Sea views	✓

¹ the cook will prepare a continental breakfast and one other meal per day. The cost of ingredients is not included and should be paid for on presentation of receipts by the staff

² the housekeepers of Ersi manage the villa throughout the season and stay in a room in the Lavender house. Their discreet presence ensures that guests are able to enjoy the property to the full. Please note that the owner's dog, a golden retriever, stays with them during July and August

³ in the bedrooms

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Ersi rises in a panoramic position above the picturesque and colourful harbour of Fiskardo in the north of Kefalonia. The village's tavernas, cafés, shops and Venetian lighthouse are just a 5-minute drive away (or a 25-minute walk).

In terms of beaches, Ersi is blessed with several options nearby, including paradisiacal Emplisi, Kimilia and Dafnoudi, all of which are 5 minutes or less away. For the last two, one has to park and walk for between 250m and 500m. Iconic Myrtos beach, with its pebbly sands, its towering cliffs and its electric blue waters is 40 minutes away.

The north of Kefalonia is wooded and sparsely populated, and there are some nice walks in the area.

Argostoli, the capital of Kefalonia is just over one hour away and is well worth visiting, not only for its pleasant pedestrianised streets flanked by tavernas, cafés and shops, but also for its market and its museums (one dedicated to the island's archaeology, the other to folklore).

Kefalonia is the largest of the Ionian Islands but still easy to discover in a week (even the southern tip, with the dramatic mountain and national park of Ainos Oros, and the Paliki peninsula to the southwest are no more than an hour and a half away).

Just 4km east of Kefalonia is the island of Ithaca and it's easy to spend a day there, thanks to the frequent crossings from the port of Sami on the east coast.

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Distances

Kefalonia airport: 53km-33miles-1hr15

Fiskardo (tavernas, cafés, shops and harbour): 2km-1.3miles-5mins

Nearest beaches: Emplisi - 2km-

1.2miles-5mins; Kimilia - 1km-0.6miles-

3mins (+500m on foot); Dafnoudi -

2km-1.3mile-5mins (+250m on foot);

Foki - 3.6km-2.3miles-10mins

Myrtos beach: 22km-14miles-40mins

Argostoli (tavernas, shops, museums, amenities): 47km-29miles-1hr10

Sami (port for crossings to Ithaca):

35km-22miles-55mins



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