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BLE KYMA

With its clean lines and geometric forms, Ble Kyma is an alluring, minimalist property that makes the very most of its seafront location at the northern tip of Zakynthos. Its grounds, which include a 17m-long pool, a full kitchen, a bar, a hot tub, and a padel court, have been designed with the same attention to detail as the immaculate interiors, making it something of an ode to al fresco living.





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Features

Fabulous seafront position
Sea views and sunsets
Beautiful 17m-long pool
Large sea-view hot tub

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ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 6 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Ble Kyma is organised over three floors.

Stepping stones across a rectangular water feature lead to an impressive front door, which opens into a welcoming corridor with a large picture window that frames a heart-stopping view out across the sea to Kefalonia.

Turning left, and passing a guest WC, the corridor leads to the bright, luminous kitchen-diner, where the design aesthetics of the whole property are on full show. Everything is ultra-modern, minimalist and meticulously ordered. White walls, ceilings and cabinetry are balanced by smooth grey floors in rectangles of poured and polished concrete, and a wooden dining table extends organically from a central island.

Key to this apparent simplicity of palette are two features: the integrated polychromatic lighting that brings the house to life as dusk falls; and the blue sea views, which, via walls of glass and sliding glass doors flood inside, adding all the colour one could desire. Access to the surrounding terraces is seamless and the atmosphere is one of Zen-like tranquillity.

Turning left from the main entrance along the corridor, one comes to the living area, which features a white L-shaped sofa, a designer egg chair and, via more of those glass walls and sliding glass door, fabulous views across the pool and the sea to Kefalonia.

The corridor continues to the ground floor bedrooms, two good-sized doubles with sea views, access to the sea-facing terraces and en-suite shower rooms.

From the corridor outside these two bedrooms, stairs lead up and down to the first and lower ground floors.

The former is entirely given over to the principal bedroom, a splendidly luminous double with more of those fabulous sea views, an en-suite bathroom with tub and walk-in shower, and access to a panoramic roof terrace.

On the lower ground floor meanwhile are two bedrooms:

• a double-twin with en-suite shower room
• a quadruple bedroom with a double bed, a bunk bed and an en-suite bathroom with shower and tub. Please note that this bedroom is accessed externally via some steps at the side of the house.

Outside: al fresco life at Ble Kyma revolves around the wide-open, multi-dimensional sea-facing terrace, accessed from the kitchen-diner, the living area and the two ground floor bedrooms. Designed with great care and attention to detail, it offers numerous opportunities for fun, relaxation and convivial moments.

From a secluded space between the kitchen-diner and the living area, steps lead down to the magnificent 17m-long pool, which, echoing the flooring inside, is surrounded by large rectangular slabs of smooth poured concrete. Quality sun loungers lie strategically placed to make the most of the sublime views across the sparkling sea to Kefalonia.

To the left of the pool is a voluminous L-shaped sitting area and a well-sheltered, fully equipped al fresco kitchen serving a dining area with barbecue. Beyond this is the large panoramic hot tub, the perfect spot for a sun-kissed soak or a romantic aperitif as the sun sets across the sea.

To the right of the pool, meanwhile, is a bar area, shaded by sails, and a shower room and WC. Next to this is a white container with full-length sliding glass doors looking out to sea, bunk beds and a sitting area with TV, and an adjacent shower room.

Those lucky enough to be occupying the principal bedroom have their own private roof-top terrace, from where the views are at their best.

Paths fan out around the extensive grounds, leading to a pair of olive-shaded belvederes above the sea, one with a hammock, one with a daybed.

Finally, some 70m to one side of the villa is a professional-standard padel court, complete with lighting for evening games.

CONSIDERATIONS

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

You may have noticed that although Ble Kyma can technically accommodate up to 14 people, we limit the number of guests to 12.

The last kilometre of the access road to Ble Kyma is unpaved.

The sea access in front of this property is via rocks and so may not be possible to use if the sea is rough. We urge caution at all times. Please also note that the water at the sea access is immediately deep and therefore not ideal for less confident swimmers.

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.

Amenities

Accommodates (max)	12
Bedrooms	6
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Quad beds	1
Bunk beds	1
Bathrooms	6
... of which en suite	5
Pool [2]	16.5x6m
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Sea views	✓
Hot tub	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Poolside bar	✓
Plancha grill	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Bicycles [3]	✓
Petanque	✓
Table tennis	✓
Table football	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Smart TV	✓
Integrated sound system	✓
Outdoor sound system	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Ice maker	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

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

[2] a fresh-water pool

[3] 3 mountain bikes and 1 regular road bike are available to guests

[4] there are two tavernas about 1.5km away

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Sitting right above the sea at the northern tip of **Zakynthos**, Ble Kyma is wonderfully off the beaten track, yet well-placed for those who wish to explore picturesque villages and towns or bask on glorious **beaches** (though of course the property has its own private sea access).

At just over 30km long and 20km wide, Zakynthos, also known as Zante, is easy to get around and many of the island's best spots are in close proximity to Ble Kyma.

A 10-minute drive will take you down to the little harbour village of Agios Nikolaos, which offers most of what you will need on a day-to-day basis, including a beach, a minimarket, boat rental and a few tavernas and bars. There is also a couple of tavernas a 5-minute drive east.

A few minutes' boat ride up the coast from Agios Nikolaos are the Blue Caves, a series of sea grottoes that are particularly well worth exploring in the morning, when the eastern sun illuminates them with the sapphire colours of the sea. It's also a great spot for scuba diving and snorkelling.

Numerous lovely sandy beaches line the east coast, including those at Makris Gialos and Xigia (20mins) and Alykes (35mins).

Heading west across the island, meanwhile, you will soon come to Zakynthos's most popular, most spectacular and most photographed beach: Navagio. Taking its name from the shipwreck that has lain on its sand since the early 1980s, the sandy bay is surrounded on three sides by spectacular tree-topped white cliffs and is only accessible by boat. This sublime setting and the bay's transparent, electric blue waters attract the crowds in high summer, but it's most certainly a sight to behold, both from above and below.

In terms of villages and towns in the area, the unspoilt twin villages of Volimes (upper and lower) have some interesting buildings, including traditional stone-built houses, a windmill, a couple of churches and a 400-year-old monastery.

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Distances

Zakynthos International Airport: 37km-23miles-55mins

Agios Nikolaos (beach, tavernas, a minimarket and boat hire): 4.7km-2.9miles-10mins

Makris Gialos beach: 9.3km-5.8miles-20mins

Xigia beach: 12km-7.4miles-22mins

Alykes beach: 21km-13miles-35mins

Navagio beach: 14.8km-9.2miles-25mins

Volimes village: 11.2km-7miles-22mins

Zakynthos Town: 34.5km-21.5miles-55mins

The Blue Caves: 2.5km-1.5miles-5mins

There are also a few eateries, should you get peckish while exploring.

Slightly further afield, though still just a 55-minute drive down the coast, is the capital of Zakynthos, Chora (or Zakynthos Town). A few fascinating Venetian buildings survive, and its museums and galleries, vibrant summery atmosphere, and host of bars, cafés and tavernas make it an attractive proposition for a day out.





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