

Villa Russelia

FACT SHEET FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OPERATION TIME

Villa Russelia operates from the 1st of April until the 28th of February each year.

LOCATION

Villa Russelia is located in a quiet and private location on the west coast of Rhodes, in the middle of breathtaking scenery which offers the best of both worlds: a view to the magnificent green hills just behind the house, as well as to the deep blue of the Aegean Sea.

The property is located next to the traditional village of Kalavarda and the archaeological site of Ancient Kameiros, only 15 km from the airport and a 35 min. drive from the city of Rhodes. An organized beach with thick sand and shallow water is located 500m away from the property and offers facilities such as umbrellas/sun beds, one family beach bar, as well as two traditional restaurants. The archaeological site of Ancient Kameiros, one of the most impressive on the island, is located just 1km from the house.

The area around Kalavarda village is an ideal setting for nature and tradition lovers. Its architecture and surroundings offer visitors the opportunity to enjoy nature at its best through various outdoor activities such as diving, fishing, hiking, walking, swimming, cycling, while the surrounding area has many local cottage industries and small units producing ceramics, cattle farming and agricultural products, mainly citrus fruits, cereals and virgin olive oil. It is undoubtedly the ideal destination for those who aim on a relaxing vacation while blending with the local traditions and culture.

DESIGN CONCEPT

Villa Russelia has been designed preserving a classy and elegant style, while high quality building materials, such as stone and wood, have been used to give a feeling of luxury. In the inside, original vintage/classic and modern furnishing is matched together to create a cosy yet modern and functional living space.

On balconies overlooking the Aegean, Villa Russelia combines breathtaking sea views along with view to the beautiful 4000 m² garden with a stylish front garden full of exotic flowers, as well as the back side with vegetables, herbs and fruit trees. All these products were cultivated with care and hard work for you to feel free to enjoy the tastes of nature.

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ACCOMMODATION

The 220 m² villa can easily accommodate 8-10 people, offering three double bedrooms in the upper floor and one double bedroom in the main floor. Each bedroom has been tastefully decorated with high quality furnishing and mattresses, while all bedrooms share magnificent views to the sea and the garden. Each floor has its own, individually decorated bathroom with a bathtub and modern equipment. Comfort items such as fine linen and high quality bathroom amenities are offered free of charge.

In the ground floor, two spacious and comfortable open plan living rooms with soft couches and a fireplace invite to gather and relax together. The decoration combines vintage and modern decoration elements, skilfully blended together. The kitchen and dining area are elegantly separated from the living room by different levels and offer a warm, traditional land house feeling, while equipped state-of-the-art kitchen facilities. On the kitchen side, a spacious veranda with a big outdoor dining table made of marble offers astonishing views to the sea, the surrounding hills and the garden.

The 4000 m² garden with grass and exotic flowers in the front side along with seasonal fruits and vegetables in the back side offers something for every taste and invites you to explore and enjoy. Relax on the beautiful garden chaises lounges under the shade of your favourite tree or take action and water the plants for a truly refreshing summer experience. In the separate BBQ shed, with its grill and traditional wood fire oven, you can organize an unforgettable fiesta around the large handmade wooden dining table with benches. Don't forget to collect and use some of the freshly cut herbs for your BBQ!

PROPERTY FACTS

Guests: 8+2 extra

Bedrooms: 4

Bathrooms: 2

Wi-Fi & Parking free of charge

VILLA FACILITIES

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GROUND FLOOR

- 2 open plan living rooms with soft couches (can sleep 2 people), a fireplace and a big glass door that offers direct access to the garden.
- One fully equipped kitchen (stove, oven, refrigerator, boiler, espresso/filter coffee machine, dishwasher, food mixer, tea kettle, toaster).
- Open plan dining room for 6-10 people.
- 1 bedroom with an original vintage queen size bed and TV.
- 1 bathroom with modern style furnishing.

Big stone built veranda on the back with a dining table and astonishing view of the sea.

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• UPPER LEVEL

- 2 luxury bedrooms with queen size beds on the front side, sharing a spacious veranda with amazing sea and sunset view.
- 1 luxury attic style bedroom with a double bed on the back, offering view at the surrounding hills behind the house and the sea. This bedroom has its own private small balcony.
- 1 bathroom with a bathtub and original vintage style furnishing.
- The upper floor is equipped with wooden floor and ceiling and independently adjustable floor heating system.

BASEMENT

- A second fully equipped kitchen (stove, oven, refrigerator).

IN THE GARDEN

- Spacious BBQ shed with a stone oven, a grill and a big wooden table with benches.
- Pergola covered parking space, big enough for 2-3 cars.
- Vegetable garden in the back with trees and vegetables.
- Stone built outdoor shower.

GENERAL FACILITIES

- Free Wi-Fi
- Free parking on site
- Bath towels and amenities.
- Beach towels, beach toys and beach bags.
- Hairdryer, cosmetic mirror, full-length mirror.
- Washing machine, iron and ironing board.
- Baby crib upon request.
- Individually controlled central floor heating.
- Satellite receiver & 37" LCD TV in the living room. Additional TVs in two of the bedrooms.
- DVD player & a variety of DVD movies (mostly English)
- Telephone – free of charge for domestic calls.
- Security alarm system.

GUEST SERVICES (STANDARD/INCLUDED IN THE PRICE)

- Welcome Basket with a bottle of Martini Asti, fruits and chocolates is offered upon arrival.
- Travel management and planning assistance (tickets, information, suggestions etc.).
- 24/7 guest support during the stay (by phone, email or on site).
- Change of linen and housekeeping once a week free of charge.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES (SURCHARGE MAY APPLY)

- Arrival and departures transfers can be arranged in advance.
- Car, motorbike and bicycle rentals can be arranged through our partners.
- Daily maid service.

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- Child care/baby sitter service.
- Doctor available upon request.
- Please note that pets are not allowed in this property.

VIP/CONCIERGE SERVICES

* For your better service, please contact us well in advance for information and prices

- Private Yoga/Pilates/Aerobic classes.
- Beauty services/ massage/physiotherapy/spa on site.
- A private chef to cook for you in the property or at the location of your choice
- Limousine service incl. driver.
- Sailboat/motorboat rental, including skipper/captain and crew.
- Event management service for events and receptions
- Wedding ceremonies and receptions (incl. decoration, equipment and service).

ACTIVITIES AND SIGHTS CLOSE TO VILLA RUSSELIA

Traditions & Events

The customs and traditions of Rhodes are well preserved, with the local youth participating with singing and dancing at regular scheduled public events. Small festivals take place regularly during the summer months in many nearby villages with great success and attendance from tourists and locals alike.

Kalavarda (Village)

Kalavarda is an ideal setting for nature lovers. Its architecture and surroundings offer visitors the opportunity to enjoy nature at its best through various outdoor activities such as diving, fishing, hiking, walking, swimming, cycling, kite surfing. A beach with thick sand and shallow water, just perfect for kids, is located only 500m away from the property. Facilities offered nearby include umbrellas/sun beds, one family beach bar and two traditional restaurants. There you can also find organized kite-surfing facilities.

Ancient Kameiros

On the north-western shore of Rhodes, close to the promontory of Agios Minas (the Ancient Mylantio) lies the third of the island's ancient cities - Kameiros. Kameiros was one of the three large Doric cities of the island, which united with Ialysos and Lindos in the 5th century B.C. to create the powerful city - state of Rhodes. The archaeological site is located only 1 km from Villa Russelia.

The Valley of Butterflies

This is one of the most attractive destinations on the island. During August, thousands of butterflies of the genus *Panaxia* (species *Quadripunctaria Poda*) overwhelm the valley in order to reproduce. During the rainy period, the Butterflies in the caterpillar stage remain in the Mediterranean thicket (arbutus, myrtle and rush) feeding on the foliage. As the end of the wet season approaches, towards the end of May, the final stage is concluded and the butterfly in all her perfection makes her appearance in the form recognizable to us all. They move constantly towards areas of highest humidity is greatest, always following the "water ways", as the dry period progresses, they finally arrive at the valley. The valley of the Butterflies is located 15km from Kalavarda.

Tholos (Village)

Tholos (also called Theologos), is a colourful traditional village. A sprinkling of shops, tavernas, bars and restaurants can be found around the hotels and apartments. Its excellent beach can be breezy – an ideal place for windsurfers. The traditional way of life is still widely practiced in the village itself, and you should expect a very warm welcome from the friendly people living there. You should not miss to visit the picturesque church of Agios Spiridonas, with its lovely white bell tower. The old centre of Tholos is built in traditional Rhodian style. With tall shuttered buildings and narrow streets, Tholos (Theologos) village in Rhodes is a delight to wander through. Theologos is located only 10 km from Kalavarda.

Fanes (Village)

Fanes is a small village of about 1000 inhabitants, about 26km from Rhodes Town and only 3,8km from Kalavarda. The village is about 1km inland, and has a nice large sandy beach, which is ideal for kite surfing and windsurfing due to the strong winds and their direction. It also has a well weather protected fishing port, which makes it the base for many fishermen, which in turn offer their fresh fish at the local tavernas. You will get good local fresh fish at the restaurants of the area. The beach is not crowded and has parts where you can have peace. The waters though, are very clean and the wind makes you feel cool at the very hot days of summer. Note though, that the winds are usually strong in the area, and that you may find seaweed in the beach, a basic characteristic at this side of Rhodes. There is a kite surfing / windsurfing school at the beach, a good place to learn these action packed water sports!

Profitis Ilias

Mount Profitis Ilias, named after the biblical Elijah, rises to a height of 798 m and is covered by thick forest, consisting of a mix of mainly Calabrian pines, cedars and oaks and is an ideal as a destination for hikers and nature lovers. On top of the mountain, close to the monastery of the Profitis Ilias, visitors can rest at the hotel "Elafos", originally constructed in 1926 during the period of Italian administration. The mountain is located 20 km from Kalavarda.

Attavyros Mountain

Attavyros Mountain is the highest mountain of Rhodes which overlooks several small villages in the area. Attavyros is located between Agios Isidoros and Embona Villages. This lush green mountain is at times completely bathed in sunshine or hidden in the clouds, offering breathtakingly beautiful views. On the top, one can find the ruins of an old temple that was dedicated to god Zeus. The mountain is located 45 km from Kalavarda.

Agios Nikolaos Foundoukli (Church)

Late Byzantine church dedicated to St Nicholas containing 15th century frescoes. It is 20 km. from Kalavarda and along with the old Olive oil trees and Oriental Plane trees you'll find a restaurant with an astonishing view.

Lindos (Village)

One of the most popular destinations on the island and very well known for its particular style of architecture called "Arhontiko" as well as the majestic "Acropolis of Lindos". The village is located 50 km from Kalavarda.

Prasonissi

On the very edge of the island, 81km from Kalavarda, lies Prasonissi, a small island connected to the shore via a narrow lane of sand separating two bays. While the eastern bay is suitable for swimming and ideal for taking the first steps in windsurfing, the west side remains mostly windy and wavy and that is why it is considered a challenge, even for experienced surfers, giving Prasonissi the reputation as a dream destination for windsurfers and kite surfers over the years. Organised surf stations in the area provide all necessary equipment.

The Monastery of Panagia Skiadeni.

The beautiful Monastery of Panagia Skiadeni (Virgin Mary the “Shade casting”) is located a 60 minute drive southwest from Kalavarda. The hill is called Skiadi (“skiadi” = shady place). The monastery was founded around 1200, but the buildings that exist today date back to the 18th century, except for the chapel in the churchyard, which dates back to 1640. On the walls of the monastery of Panagia Skiadeni ancient marbles are embedded. Archaeologists believe that they come from a temple of Artemis, which pre-existed in this location. During the Lent period, the icon of Panagia Skiadeni is paraded in a procession that goes through all the villages of Rhodes. On the 8th of September a great feast takes place in the monastery, where, besides the Rhodians, many people from Chalki Island also come flocking.

Monolithos (Village).

Monolithos, a picturesque and historical village located 50 min from Kalavarda, is guarded by the famous and unique Monolithos Castle dated in 1476. Its name derived from the huge isolated rock (‘mono’ – one, ‘lithos’ – rock) that the Castle is built on, watching over the Southern Aegean waters since the 15th century, A.D. Monolithos is unique being the only place in Rhodes where visitors can enjoy the breathtaking views of the beautiful landscape which combines mountains, hillsides, and beaches, pine forests, historic monasteries scattered throughout the forests, a historical castle and fortress associated with fascinating history and legends.