

You vacation packing list

Your vacation at Kastellakia Bay Villas is nearing!

Please read the following vital information BEFORE you leave

YOUR PACKING LIST

BRING FROM HOME!

1. Light colored short sleeved shirts & shorts
2. A light jacket or fleece for the night
3. A hat for you and for your children
4. 2 swim suits each
5. A large beach towel each
6. Sunscreen lotion
7. Sunglasses with dark lenses (kids too!)
8. Flip flops or beach sandals
9. Your favorite shampoo and cosmetics including lots of skin moisturizer (a favorite among sunburned guests)
10. Toothpaste-toothbrush
11. Mosquito repellent lotion
12. Light long trousers for walks
13. Athletic shoes (sneakers) for the walk to Ancient Karthea and thicker socks are a must
14. Camera, SIMS, Films & Batteries
15. Cell (make sure roaming is on for Greece) & charger (220 V)
16. Chargers for electronic devices (iPods, laptops, ipads) 220V standard European 2 pin plug with grounding
17. Pharmaceuticals & basic medications, you & your family normally may take or think you may need (eg allergy medications)
18. Your preferred DVDs for both adults or children
19. Your favorite music on CD, DVD, iPod (bring ipod to USB cable to connect to stereo) or USB stick
20. A subscription to a 3G /4G provider if you need internet access & a "key" (dongle) for your laptop . Local carriers have package deals. See also our EXTAR SERVICES
21. Your favorite book (s) or e-reader full of them!
22. A small flashlight
23. A small backpack for walking that can take a towel, camera, sunscreen and 2 bottles of water
24. Your kids' favorite toys
25. A valid EU or International driver's license for car rental
26. Your valid boat license (if you are renting a speedboat from us)
27. Your valid diving certification (PADI or other) if you are booking a dive
28. Your international insurance accident policy if valid abroad (a copy)
29. Money! In cash in EURO, ATM & credit cards (though few places take them on the island)

DO NOT BRING (WE PROVIDE)

1. Sheets or bathroom towels
2. House cleaners (including clothes' and detergents)
3. Toilet paper, garbage bags
4. Basic kitchen supplies like coffee, tea, sugar, spices, olive oil
5. Hair dryer
6. Mosquito repellents for bedrooms
7. Masks, snorkels & flippers (some available first come, first served basis or can buy on the island)
8. Beach umbrella (for use in Kastellakia only, first come, first served basis)
9. Sunbeds & sun chairs (for use in Kastellakia only first come, first

YOU CAN BUY LOCALLY AT A SUPERMARKET

1. Bottled water (a MUST)
2. Perishable food (meat, fish, chicken, vegetables, milk, cheese, smoked meats)
3. Canned good (cereal, honey, jams, milk, nuts, etc)
4. Baby Pampers & Baby food (formula)
5. Beach umbrella, masks, snorkels & Flippers
6. Inflatable mattresses and sea toys
7. Beach mats
8. Kids beach toys
9. Smoke & tobacco
10. Wine, beer and distilled liquor

EXTRA SERVICE CHARGES

The following charges are applicable for *extra services*, they can be paid in advance with your final payment or ordered (via e-mail) and paid on the spot

- **Air Conditioning fee:** Villas *Thymari* and *Guest House Iota* of Villa Thymari have air conditioners in some of their bedrooms. Their use is charged per room per week EUR 25 and their operation is STRICTLY limited to 11 pm to 7 m for technical reasons. The air conditioners do NOT have the capacity to cool down the whole house, only the room they are in. If you would like this service please let us know so we can arrange it.
- **Internet usage fee:** We provide as of season 2013 internet access via satellite connection which unfortunately has an increased cost. Access to our WiFi Hotspot network is available via a key access code which is charged a symbolic EUR 8 per user (code) per week
- **Beach towels:** If you have not brought beach towels we have beach towels you can rent at EUR 15 per week or per change, if you wish your towel to be washed in between
- **Extra house cleaning:** If your current cleaning scheme included with our offer does not cover your needs, you can hire our maid for extra cleanings at EUR 45 for a 4-5 hour houseclean. This may include doing laundry & ironing but this has to be agreed in advance.

WEATHER & CLIMATE

Though global warming has severely changed weather patterns worldwide, expect July and August to be the hottest in Kea during these months, notably during the last two weeks of July and first 10 days in August. At that time temperatures can reach 38 C during the day (in the shade), 32-34 being more typical, a good or more 45 C in the sun.

Cyclades summer climate is generally speaking very dry (less than 30% humidity) but being close to the sea adds some humidity and coolness. Certain days where the southern wind blows from the sea humidity levels can reach an uncomfortable "tropical" 90-95%. The famous cooling refreshing *meltemia* north-eastern dry winds usually start mid July to late August but are highly unpredictable. The wind typically picks up during the morning, apexes around 15:00 at a force 4-6 and then dies at sunset.

However, some days the wind can reach storm conditions of force 7-9, the Kastellakia Bay and adjacent Koundouros beaches being ideal to swim as they are the most protected. The interim periods of April, May, September and October are less extreme in weather, temperatures reaching from 24-29C during the day and the occasional rain to cool things down. Evening dining is still pleasant outside at the villas and swimming is for the braver in April or May but the sea is IDEAL in September and October (as is the weather)

Winter paints a different picture but definitely has its own charms watching the sea change colors and during storm watch lightning land in it. Winter months in Kea are mild in temperature 8-14 C but rainy and often windy. Winter winds can reach storm levels (Force 8-11), making it ideal for those who want tranquility and isolation to admire the brute force of the elements

OUR RENDEZ VOUS POINT

A. Getting to the port of Lavrio to get on the ferry

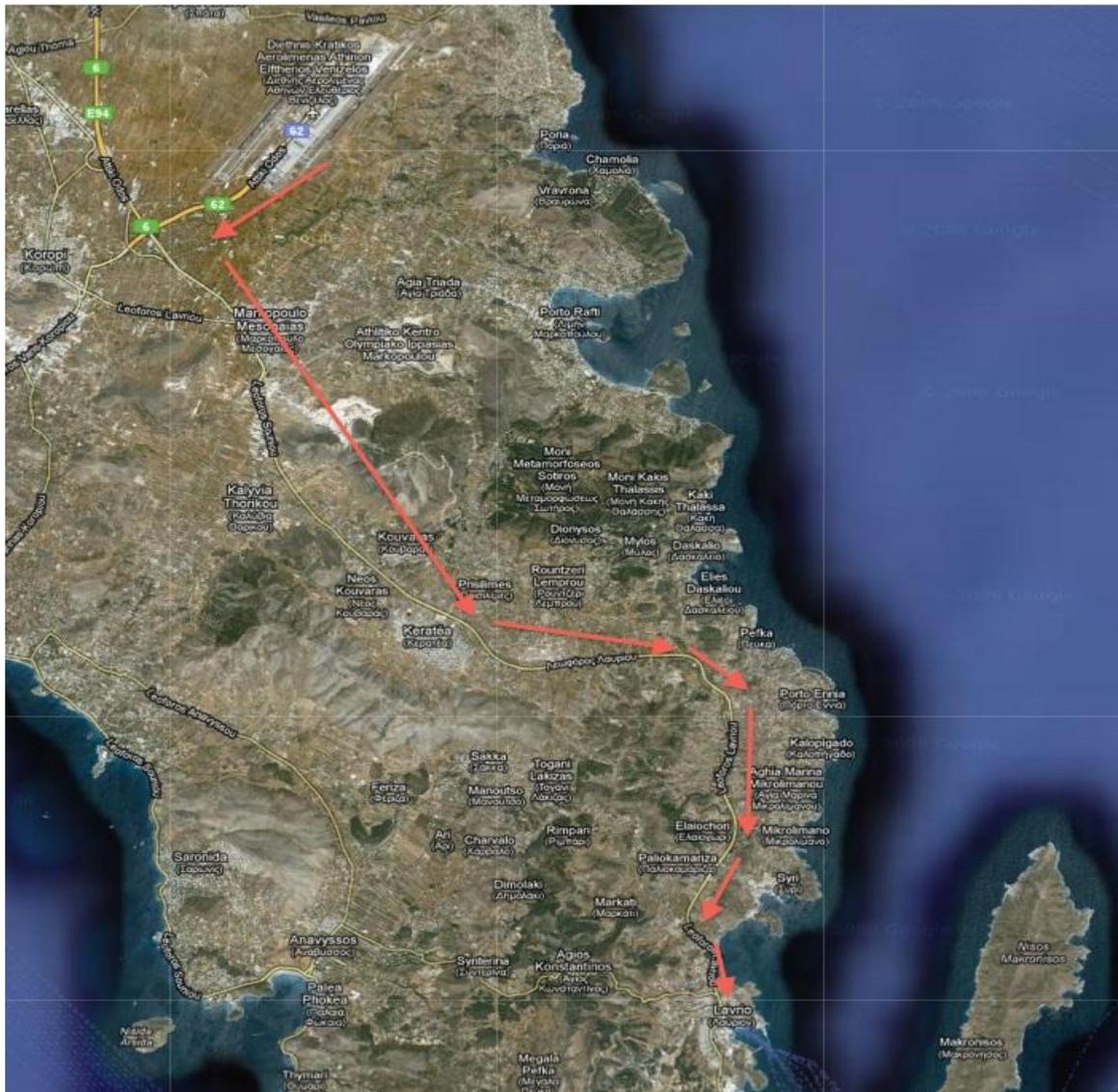
Total travel time (at leisurely pace) from Athens International Airport El. Venizelos: apx 40 mins

1. Take the signs leading you out of the Airport in the direction of ATHENS via the ATTIKI ODOS highway
2. Travel apx 5km, where the road branches and you have to go either right towards ATHENS via toll road or left towards MARKOPOULO
3. You want to go LEFT towards MARKOPOULO taking exit 20 to MARKOPOULO
4. This exit will put you on the Markopoulo – Sounio highway, in the *Sounio (Lavrio) direction*
5. Keep going straight on this road, stay on it and DO NOT veer left into Markopoulo at the traffic lights
6. Keep going straight towards Sounio. After apx 30 km, the large highway will narrow down and you will suddenly see the sea in front of you!
7. Follow the road right and after the road bends, there is a round point (roundabout) where on your right is the Lavrio Technological cultural park (looks like a factory) and to your left a road along the beach and straight ahead the road has lots of palm trees! Take the Road to the left (2/3 around the circle, 2nd road out)
8. Travel about 1.5 km and to your left you will see the port to your LEFT, the fence and the door.
9. Take a left at the gate and you will see in front of you a number of small kiosks. To the right, a white long one is for MARMARI EXPRESS or NEL and straight down, the only one with red roofing on top is for MAKEDON - GOUTOS LINES

Get your tickets. Tickets are paid in cash in EURO (MARMARI now accepts credit cards too in 2013)

Downtown Lavrio offers an array of very nice fish taverns where you may enjoy a nice, fresh fish lunch and a glass of wine (for a decent price, even Greeks go!). If you have an extra hour to kill, it is nice to visit the Temple of Poseidon in Sounio, which is just a 15 min drive from Lavrio. Keep driving straight on the main road of Lavrio, towards Sounio. Follow signs to Temple. The view is astounding (sunsets are legendary)

Advice: Fill your car with gas in Lavrio, as gas prices are much more expensive on the island.



B. Meeting on Kea

The ferry boat arrives at the port of Kea, Korissia. The villas are located in the south, some 14 km south of the port or 35-50 min drive.

Leave the port heading in the direction of the main town IOULIS (ΙΟΥΛΙΣ) and in the general direction of PEESES (ΠΟΙΣΣΕΣ) & KOUNDOUROS (ΚΟΥΝΔΟΥΡΟΣ) villages. After you arrive in the main town up the mountain (7 km), go through it and continue going. The first junction you find there are signs towards KOUNDOUROS, keep going STRAIGHT, do NOT turn left. After 10 km you will arrive at the valley of PEESES village, go through it and you will see the sea and beach right next to you.

STOP there in front of the first blue and white tavern to your right and give us a call: +30 6974434340. In 10 mins we will come to find you, the villas are 1 km away

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan to arrive in Kea after 21:00, we have to know! Late arrivals after 21:00 are subject to a EUR 40 late arrival fee

DOG...RULES

If you decided to bring your pet friend along and you have communicated that to us already (absolutely a must), we will gladly accept dogs (we have our own too, *Bella*) under the following rules:

- dogs are strictly NOT allowed to sleep/climb on couches, chairs, beds or sunbeds, they eat, sleep live on the floor in the villas
- dogs are not allowed to stray to other neighboring villas/ properties, they have to stay with you at all times
- dogs has to be confined with you when the house is being cleaned or removed from the house when the cleaner is present
- dogs are not allowed to litter balconies and terraces (some collect the water you shower in!), there is plenty of garden space for that
- dogs are not allowed to howl or bark at night and bother neighbors
- Greek Law imposes that dogs are kept under leash on free beaches (when others present) and no entry in public beaches

Rule of thumb we follow with our dog is that when many other people or children are on our beach we will avoid bringing the dog, unless you know it is VERY well behaved and stays with you. When the beach is empty of people or only with people we know, you can let the dog loose. Definitely, do not let the dog litter the beach, pick up after them. Most people are not bothered by a dog on the beach but if you receive complaints, restrain your dog or take it back to the house. There are many beaches on the island you can be alone with the dog!

Breaching any of these rules may lead to the forfeiture of your security deposit and maybe suspension of your lease and vacation at the villa