



villa Helios · villa Thalassa

Almyrida, Crete, Greece



Dear guests!

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Almyrida soon!

In the following pages you can find the driving directions from the airport to your villa in Almyrida.

You will find the keys in the small key-safe that is placed at the wall in the arched terrace area at the right of the house door. The combination to the key-safe has been sent to you by Email. Please leave the key in this safe before your departure.

The maid will visit mid-week after 10:30 to sweep and mop, clean the bathrooms and change the towels. The pool will also be maintained on the same day. Since we have second keys to the villa, you do not have to be present.

Check-in is possible after 14:00 and check-out before 10:00.

Please note that we provide bed-linen, hand and bath towels but no beach or pool towels.

Please note that the roof-terrace is not part of the rented property and the access to it is not allowed for safety reasons.

In case of any problems during your stay (related to the villa or not) you can contact David, our house manager, at +30 69 4555 2980 (or us at +30 69 79 388 778).

With kind regards,

Anna and Steffen



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Directions from the airport Chania!

The airport of Chania, is about 32 kms away from Almyrida, a pleasant 45 min drive with gorgeous views. Enjoy it, but please drive carefully, since the roads and the driving style in Crete are probably different from what you are used to!

The general direction is first to the west and then to the east, following the coast-line all around the gulf of Souda.



Re-set the trip meter of your car at the gate of the airport (A). Ca. 600 m after leaving the airport, you will see the first sign, indicating that you have to turn left, in the direction of Chania.

At 3,1 kms there is a roundabout. You follow the direction „Chania“ to the right. (B)

After about 6 kms you have a nice view of the port of Souda, with its small islands and the Ferries to Athens. At the east you can see Kefala, a small mountain with a strange flat top. You are heading to the small Gulf where the roots of Kefala meet the sea.



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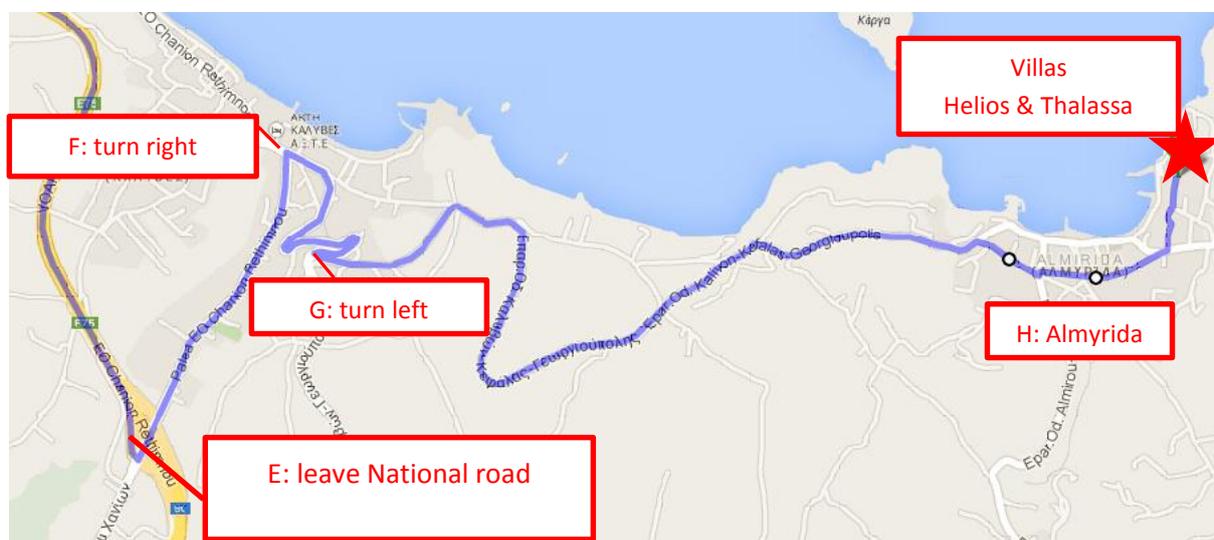


At 7,3 kms there is another roundabout. Here you have to choose the direction „Souda“ (Σούδα). In relation to the direction you had up to this point, it is slightly to the left. The road straight ahead leads to the City of Chania. You want to go downhill to the port of Souda.

At 12,7 kms you enter the small town of Souda. Just 300 m later, at the traffic lights (C), you turn right, following the sign to „Rethymno“. After another 300 m you have to turn left, in the direction „Kisamos, Rethymnon, Heraklion“ (Κίσσamos, Ρέθυμνο, Ηράκλειο). Be careful at this point, since you have to cross the opposite traffic and there are cars crossing from the left too. Take the left-turn lane and stop to check the traffic before you turn left.

You now can see the „National Road“ (highway) bridge in front of you. You drive below the bridge and turn immediately (but carefully!) to the left, following the sign to „Rethymno“ and entering the National Road (D).

You can now relax and follow the road for the next 12 kms. Your passengers can enjoy some wonderful views of the bay. You pass by the exit to ‘Megala Chorafia, Aptaera, Stylos’ (Μεγάλα Χωράφια, Άπτερα, Στύλος) at your right hand side and the next exit to ‘Kalives, Kalami’ (Καλύβες, Καλάμι) at your left hand side.



At ca. 26,5 kms you reach the next exit to ‘Kalives, Armeni’ (Καλύβες, Αρμένιοι) (E). Here exit the National Road turning right.

At the T-junction after a few meters turn left following the sign to „Kalives“ and „Vamos“ and passing under the National Road bridge. Follow this street to its end (F, 27,6 kms), where you should turn right, following the sign to „Kokkino Chorio, Plaka, Almyrida“. The road, full of sharp curves, leads you uphill.

There is a last junction (G) (at 28,4 kms) with the possibility to go straight ahead to ‘Vamos, Tsivaras’ (Βάμος, Τσιβαράς) or left to ‘Almyrida, Plaka’ (Αλμυρίδα, Πλάκα).



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Turn left and after ca. 3 km you enter the village of Almyrida (H).

After the sign marking the village limits the road curves to the left, towards the coast. Just a few meters after this curve, at the first possibility, turn right. Following this street, you will arrive at a crossroad with a big electricity pole in the middle of the road (1)! There are two roads that lead straight ahead. You should take the left one.

After ca. 500 m there is at your left hand side a small steep street leading to the beach and 5 m further another, again to the left, going uphill (2). You will also notice signs directing to 'Pegasos Maisonettes', 'Hotel Irini', 'Cost-Mari' and others. Follow these signs into the little uphill street.

After a few meters, a left curve and a right curve, you will see at your right hand, at an elevated level villas Thalassa and Helios! Villa Thalassa is the first one (at the right), villa Helios the second one.



Quelle: Google Maps

We wish you a safe journey,

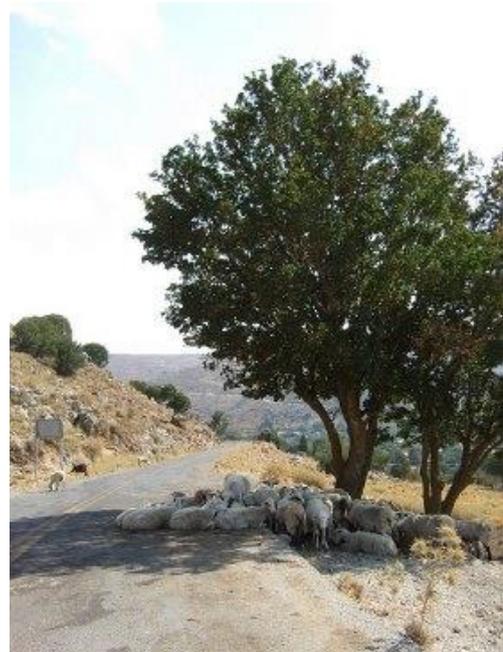
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Driving on Crete!

Crete has fantastic drives through green valleys, amazing gorges and wild mountains or along the beautiful coast-line. Driving in Crete, though, requires a lot of attention. We have gathered here some points that might be helpful to know before you start:

- ✓ The streets may be at some points, especially in the mountains, in a bad condition. There are a lot of sharp curves and the roads have often no protective barriers. There are often pedestrians as well as animals (goats, sheep, dogs and cats) walking at the side of the road or even crossing. For all these reasons, drive slowly and expect the unexpected!
- ✓ Observe the speed limits, even if everybody else seems not to! Not only for your safety, but also because of the very frequent traffic police controls.
- ✓ The direction signs are most often both in greek and in latin characters. Be nevertheless prepared for varying spellings of the same name (for instance, Hania or Chania, Almirida or Almyrida) and get acquainted with the greek alphabet in case you are driving to a not very touristic destination.
- ✓ At a roundabout the car which comes from the right (entering the roundabout) has priority, unless there are traffic signs ordering the opposite!
- ✓ The national road has no barrier between the two directions and there is often only one lane per direction. Necessarily, it is almost impossible to take over a car without entering the opposite lane. As you will notice, in order to facilitate a safer overtaking most drivers stay at the far right, often driving with half of the car on the emergency lane. This is usual and in practice increases safety but it is not strictly legal. Obviously you should avoid doing so, where due to the curves the visibility is low, since a car or pedestrians may be on the emergency lane behind a curve.
- ✓ Never drink and drive! (Luckily, Helios and Thalassa are a 3 min walk from the great tavernas and bars in Almyrida!)



We would like to stress, that the list is by no means full and includes only some of the possible dangers and difficulties. Driving remains, of course, your responsibility!