

Villa Fotini



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Entertainment

TV

The TV in the sitting room provides cable television via **Cytavision** and local satellite TV. It also provides entertainment from the **Nintendo Wii** console and a DVD player.

The TV will often select the active source automatically but otherwise you can select the input source manually.

Cytavision provides around fifty Cypriot, English and Russian channels. These include entertainment, news, movies, documentaries, sport, kids and music....

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	49	Food Network		87 Capital TV
News	50	CNN		88 NTV
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	55	Al Jazeera		
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	57	NHK World		

Satellite provides more choice including further languages and some good movie channels.

Wii

We have provided a Nintendo Wii with two wireless controllers and several sports based games. Turn on the TV and the Wii and select the Wii input on the TV using the SOURCE button on the top right of the remote control.

PlayStation 2

There is a PlayStation 2 in the twin bedroom.

The controllers for this are either rechargeable or fitted with rechargeable batteries, which should be recharged using the charger provided for the Wii batteries.

iPod /MP3 docks

There are MP3 docks in the sitting room and master bedroom. You can plug an iPod directly into either docking station and the remote controllers of the docking station will control the iPod.

For other MP3 players (or any device with a small headphone socket) plug the cable from the docking station (which has a mini jack plug on the end) into the headphone socket of your device. The remote control on the docking station will control the volume but not your device.

Games

There are a variety of board games and playing cards in the villa in one of the kitchen cupboards.

Internet Access

The villa has Wi-Fi internet access.

Mobile Phone

There is a pay-as-you-go mobile phone provided for your use whilst staying in the villa.

Security

Safe

A safe is provided in the villa for your use, located in the wardrobe of the master bedroom.

Air Conditioning

There are air conditioning units in each of the bedrooms and the sitting room.

Outside

Snorkelling

There are two sets of goggles, snorkels, fins and a warning buoy in the cupboard under the stairs. Wear ordinary shoes to walk over the rough rocks to the water's edge so you can put your fins on when you get to the water.

On the shoreline opposite the villa the sharp rocks above the high water mark give way to a nice flat platform at the water level and the rocks below the water are not jagged like the ones above the water line. Off shore the rocks drop down to a generally sandy bottom at 10-20 metres off the shore.

Whilst there is virtually no tide, sea conditions change during the day so pick a time when the sea is calm, keep close to the shore and watch for changing conditions.

If you are not used to snorkelling we suggest that you walk down to one of the beaches near the villa (to the left if you are looking out to sea) where the conditions are easier. Look in the local guide we provide for details about the beaches.

Swimming pool

The pool is cleaned on the day of your arrival and then twice a week. A net is provided to remove any leaves etc. between times.

BBQ

The BBQ is heated by gas and the instructions on lighting it are displayed on the front panel.

The local area near the villa

Supermarkets

There is a small convenience store on the Cape Greco Road, almost opposite the road that goes down to Greco Mare, which is good for emergencies but the slightly larger convenience stores on the Protoras road are better.

The bakeries are also well worth a visit. They make a variety of baked savoury breads stuffed and cooked with cheese, herbs and ham etc. and also lots of sweet and sticky Cyprus treats.

To do your main shop, go to one of the three large supermarkets in the area:

Carrefour, Kokkinos and Orphanides

From the road which runs from the end of the Motorway into Paralimni you will first find *Carrefour* on the right and a further kilometre on the right (after the traffic lights) *Kokkinos*. However, To get to both these from the villa, follow the main coast road through Protoras and turn left at the traffic lights, after you have left the town. Go up the hill, straight across the first roundabout and continue along the dual carriageway to the next roundabout where you turn right towards Paralimni. The supermarkets are on the right, before and after the traffic lights.

The other main supermarket is *Orphanides* on Protoras Avenue in Paralimni. Take the main coast road (E306) through Protoras as before but continue for a couple of kilometres till you come to a large roundabout and turn left following the road up the hill towards Paralimni centre. Orphanides is on the left hand side.

(Continuing along the coast road past the large roundabout takes you in to Kaparris which has a number of good restaurants)

Getting About

There is a bus service from the top of the road, which runs between Agia Napa and Protoras and taxis based in Protoras and Agia Napa.

Beaches

There are a number of beaches within walking distance of the villa and it is possible to walk along the shore in either direction and enjoy the rugged scenery, plants and wildlife.

Opposite the villa the shoreline is rocky but the rocks at sea level are smoother and the area is very good for snorkelling and fishing.



Looking along the shore towards Protoras

If you follow the shore to the left, in less than five minutes you will come to a small very sheltered sandy beach in front of the Mimosa Hotel which is ideal for young children.



The sheltered beach 5 minutes from villa

The beaches in Cyprus are public but you will generally have to pay for sun beds and shades.

Food and drinks are available from the hotel bar next to the beach.

There are no water sports at this beach but there is a small diving centre '*Happy Divers*' based behind the hotel.

Walking another few minutes in the same direction brings you to Loumpardi beach in front of Cavo Maris Hotel.



Loumpardi Beach in front of Cavo Maris hotel – apx. 10 minutes walk from Villa

Loumpardi (Cavo Maris) is a larger sandy beach with a wide sheltered area of sea ideal for snorkelling and swimming.

There are also a variety of water sports available on the beach.



Snorkeling at Loumpardi Beach



The wide sandy beach of Fig Tree Bay

Another ten minutes walk towards Protoras brings you to the famous *Fig Tree Bay* beach – another blue flag beach with hundreds of metres of pristine sand.

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Fig tree Bay is the main beach which runs the length of Protoras.

Whilst you can walk to this beach and the best part of the beach is probably the end nearest the villa, it's just a three minute drive away by car.



Walking along Fig Tree Beach



The southern end of Fig Tree Bay

A wide range of water sports are available at Fig Tree Bay including parasailing, water-skiing and boat hire.



Parasailing



Path towards Cape Greco and Cyclop's Cave

Walking in the other direction from the villa – to the right and towards Cape Greco along the craggy shoreline – after ten minutes you come to Cyclop's Cave, one of the local attractions which you can explore.

Past the cave, the path drops towards Konos beach.

Konos beach is smaller than Fig Tree Bay and slightly more up-market, being positioned below the 5 star Grecian Park hotels.



Path from The Villa and Cyclops descending to the bay



There are a variety of water sports at Konos and you can hire floatable sun beds which can be used in the water or on the beach.

A nice snack bar owned by the hotel overlooks the beach and sells drinks and light meals.

Water Sports at Konos

You will often find a variety of small boats and luxury yachts anchored in Konos Bay as its calm waters are sheltered by Cape Greco



Yachts moored in the Bay

It is very easy to get to Konos beach by car. Try to get there early as there is limited parking space near the beach and the later you arrive the further you have to walk. Take the road from Greco Mare and turn left onto the Cavo Greco road which takes you up the hill to the Grecian Park hotel. Turn left after the Grecian Park following the signs for Cape Greco and look out for the 'Mike's Water Sports' sign which is the route to the beach. A winding narrow road zigzags down through the aromatic pine woods to the beach.

Cape Greco



Fishing boats at Dawn heading towards Cape Greco



Natural rock bridge in Cape Greco Reserve

The villa is ideally positioned between the lively activities of Protoras with its beaches, restaurants and bars and the natural beauty of the Cape Greco nature reserve with its unspoilt coastline fauna and wildlife.

There are a variety of walks around the Cape Greco Reserve and it is also accessible by car. Explore the caves (one below the chapel) and rocky shoreline or take a boat trip.



Craggy coastline with numerous little bays

Water Sports

The best variety of water sports is to be found at Fig Tree Bay and the best part of the beach and water sports are at the end of Fig Tree Bay, nearest to the villa. To get to the south end of the beach you don't have to go through Protoras but turn right just before the town centre and find a parking space near the shoreline.

Mike's Water sports at Konos (<http://www.mikeswatersport.com>) also provide a good variety of facilities.

Scuba Diving

The nearest diving centre is at Mimosa Beach which is five minutes walk from the villa but it has a limited offering of facilities. We would recommend looking at one of the larger dive centres in Protoras such as

Go Dive Cyprus <http://www.godivecyprus.com> Tel:+0357 23 833 960

Easy Divers <http://www.ezdivers.com> Tel: +357 23 833 662 (or local rate from UK on 0121 2882850

Taba Diving <http://www.tabadivingcyprus.com> Tel: +357 23 832 680

all of which are PADI 5* training centres.

This list is not comprehensive and we don't endorse any one centre. It is possible to complete a diving course and gain your basic qualification within a week and the area – particularly near Cape Greco provides a number of interesting dives.

Snorkelling

The shoreline opposite the villa is good for snorkelling but chose a time when the sea is not rough. Alternatively Mimosa or Loumpardi beaches are a good place to start where you can enter the water from the beach and it is very sheltered.

Aqua Park

The award winning Waterworld In Agia Napa is about a ten minute drive away. You will probably have noticed it on your right as you passed Agia Napa on the motorway. <http://www.waterworldwaterpark.com>. To get to Waterworld take the motorway towards Larnaka, take the exit just past Agia Napa signposted to Makronissos and turn right onto the coast road. Alternatively take the coast road through Agia Napa towards Agia Thelka.

Horse Riding

Horse riding is available from the Moonshine Ranch which is signposted on the right hand side on the E306 as you travel from Protoras to Agia Napa. They provide daily rides for beginners or experienced riders.

Tel: +357 99 605 042

Bike and Buggy Hire

There are a number of hire shops hiring scooters and beach buggies which you will find on the main Protoras road. If you do hire a scooter or buggy please take care. There are many accidents each year with tourists coming off scooters, some of whom are often wearing just beach wear, and suffering very serious injuries as a consequence.

Touring

There are lots of places to visit in Cyprus by car including numerous archaeological sites and the old walled (and currently divided) city of Nicosia (Lefkosia).

If you would like a change from the heat of the coast it's well worth taking a drive through the Troodos mountains and taking lunch in one of the pretty villages, where the temperature is a few degrees cooler.



Troodos forests and mountains

Night Life

Protoras

The main road through Protoras is one-way so, by car from the villa turn right onto the cape Greco road and then right again after the Paramount hotel onto the Protoras road. Drive through Protoras till you get to the 2nd set of traffic lights and turn right onto the one way road which takes you through Protoras centre. On the left of the road are mainly the hotels which face onto the beaches and on the right a variety of bars and restaurants.

Agia Napa

Everyone seems to have heard about Agia Napa, which can provide visitors with activities to keep them busy from early in the morning to early the next morning. There are a variety of beaches in the town and historic sites such as the Monastery in the town centre, sitting almost next door to many of the bars and night clubs.



Nissi Beach



Bedrock Karaoke bar

Early on in the evening there are restaurants and some friendly Karaoke bars attracting a wide age range of visitors. Later on the bars become busier and later still the clubs open and stay open late.

Restaurants and bars

Near the Villa

If you would like a sophisticated cocktail (or beer) one evening, accompanied by a little background chill out music, visit the Cliff Bar at the **Grecian Park Hotel** just a few minutes away.

The hotel is on the road towards Cape Greco. To get to the **Cliff Bar** walk through reception and past the pool and you will see signs for the bar. They serve a variety of cocktails (and snacks until mid-evening). For a local treat try the Ouzo Meze – served with a plate of ham and cheese nibbles which is almost a meal in itself.

There is also a smart Japanese restaurant at the hotel called **UMI** which is first class, but you will need to book a table.

Opposite the hotel is an Italian restaurant mainly catering for residents at the hotel and local apartments.

Just next to the Hotel is the **Spartiatis** restaurant which serves good Cyprus food but it's let down by its canteen like décor.

A good local restaurant is **Pieros Village Tavern** which is on the right on the main Protoras road before you get to the town centre and just a couple of kilometres from the villa, near the Oceanview office. Whilst almost all of the other restaurants in Protoras are closed during the winter, Pieros is open all year, frequented out of season by local Cypriots and ex-pats. It combines good local food with a relaxed Cypriot atmosphere and in the summer the doors are opened and the tables set out below the grape vines.

There are lots of restaurants and bars open in the centre of Protoras during the season. To get there, drive along the coast road towards the town centre and turn right at the 2nd set of traffic lights. This takes you along the one way road through the centre with the hotels facing onto Fig Tree Bay on the left and scores of bars and restaurants and tourist shops on the other side.

Paralimni

If you take the main road from the end of the motorway at Agia Napa towards Paralimni you will find **Cava** which is just beyond Carrefour on the opposite side of the road. It is a consistently good and popular Mediterranean and Cypriot restaurant with (as its name suggests) a very good wine selection.

You will find a couple of other restaurants in the centre of Paralimni near the square and a café in the square **Café Senso** which is a good place to enjoy an iced coffee or snack.

Kapparis

To get to Kapparis follow the main road through Protoras and keep going till you get to the large island. Go straight ahead at the island and in another minute you reach Kapparis where you will find a variety of restaurants open all year.

On the left is **Karras Tavern** which is a good local Cypriot restaurant and is recommended for the fish Mezes.

Further down the road on the left is **Faliros** which is a higher standard serving Cyprus and Mediterranean dishes, it also has **Bar DiVino** which serves cocktails and lighter food.

Just Italian on the other side is very good for pasta and pizzas and there are a number of lounges and bars in the village to suit different tastes.

As a point of interest, the road continues for a few hundred metres and then peters out where it comes against the UN buffer zone which stands between Kapparis and Famagusta. There are viewing points in the area where you can see what the ghost town of Famagusta looks like. It was once the premier tourist resort in Cyprus with fine beaches and the island's leading port, which will hopefully return to its former glory in the future.

Sotira

About the same distance as Agia Napa is the inland village of Sotira which, though a small village, has several good restaurants.

To get to Sotira you can get on the motorway from Agia Napa and take the first exit to Sotira or take the Sotira road from Paralimni. Sotira is about fifteen minutes from the villa.

As you get to the centre of Sotira there is a small one way system and off this take the Liopetri road and within a hundred metres on the right you will see **Vasiliskos Restaurant** (☎ 2374 4779). It is a modern restaurant serving Mediterranean food and recently voted one of the best restaurants in this part of Cyprus.

You will also see a sign off the Liopetri road for a restaurant called **Ploumin** www.ploumin.com.cy which serves traditional Cyprus food and is generally well recommended.

If you take the Paralimni road from the village centre, just before you leave the village the road takes a sharp left turn towards Paralimni but if you go straight ahead instead, after a couple of hundred metres you come to Taverna **Mousikos** (☎2382 8833) which is a larger Cypriot restaurant with a large outside sitting area serving good quality food.

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The best restaurant in Agia Napa is considered to be **Sage** (☎ 2381 6110) which serves Mediterranean cuisine. To get there, go into Agia Napa (take the first road to the left off the Cape Greco Road into Agia Napa past the large hotels) and head towards the harbour and then turn right at the Thalassa museum taking the road from the Museum towards the Square past the tourist office, Sage is on the left. Next to sage and under the same ownership is *Liquid Bar* which is a popular and modern place for locals to chill out over a drink and game of backgammon where they serve lighter meals and snacks.

A popular restaurant open most of the year is **Blueberries** (☎2372 2024) www.blueberriesrestaurant.com which is an English managed restaurant that specialises in steak and chicken dishes. To get there take the coast road out of Agia Napa towards Nissi Beach and Agia Thekla and turn right at the Romeo Inn on the right and take the first left and Blueberries is on the right.

Just next to the harbour in Agia Napa on the beach is **Karousos Beach Restaurant** (☎2372 1882) <http://www.karousosbeach.com> which is highly recommended and specialises in fish meze. This is a tourist restaurant and is only open in the main season.

Another restaurant open in the main season and highly recommended is the **Los Bandidos** (☎ 2372 3258) www.losbandidosmexican.com - a Mexican restaurant near the square and very busy.

Finally in Agia Napa the Japanese restaurants **Sapporo** (near the square and open in the season) and **Hokkaido** (open all year) (☎ 2372 3258) www.hokkaidocy.com/Hokkaido/indexH.html provide something different with the chefs entertaining as they cook.

The restaurants in Agia Napa are all about ten minutes away from the villa by car or taxi.