

Oceanblue



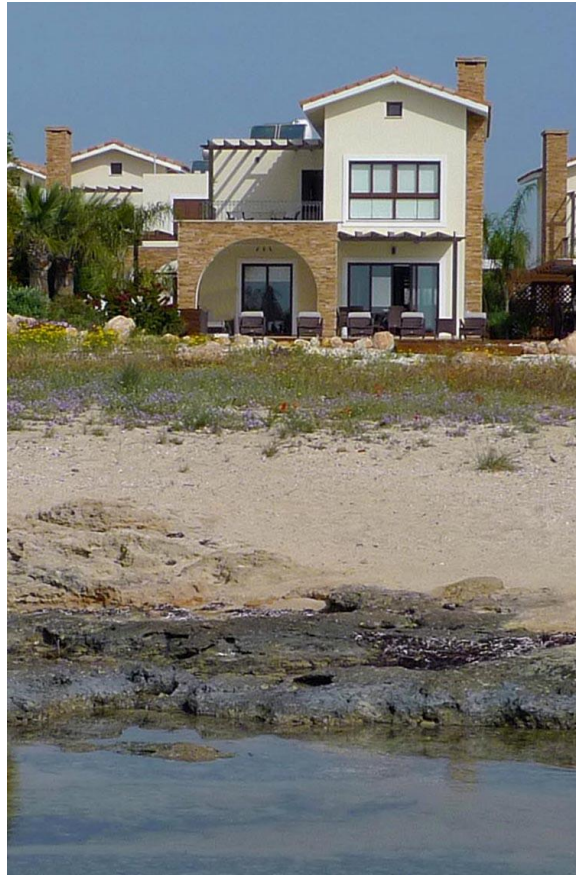
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About the villa

Oceanblue is located on a lovely shoreline development at Potamos, called *Ionion*.

Most of the other villas are owned by locals and used as summer and weekend residences. A few are English or Russian owned and this is currently the only front line villa on this development available for rental.

This area of the coast is particularly interesting – being near a creek where scores of small local fishing boats are moored and where you will also find two popular restaurants. The sea is only about twenty metres from the end of the garden and the view from the garden is across a pretty stretch of shoreline looking out across Agia Napa bay towards Cape Greco.



The villa faces south east and the sun deck is in full sun for most of the day. There is shading over the patio area and around the BBQ for those who don't want to be in the sun.

At night the stars shine brightly and when there is a full moon the reflections in the sea are magical.

Inside

The villa has four bedrooms, a large open plan sitting and dining area and a spacious and well equipped kitchen.



On the first floor the master double bedroom has large picture windows with spectacular sea views, its own en-suite shower room and direct access to the 1st floor balcony.

The balcony provides a sunny place to sit during the day or to relax quietly in the evening.

There is also access to the balcony via a separate door for other guests.

A second double bedroom at the front of the villa has sea views from a side window, features a four poster bed and has an en-suite shower room.



The third bedroom on the first floor is a twin en suite room with a window to the front of the villa.

The fourth bedroom is another twin room, located on the ground floor with a separate shower room next door.



The ground floor of the villa is spaciouly open plan. The sitting area enjoys views of the pool and sea through large patio doors and further patio doors provide sea views in the dining area. Cable TV, games consoles, sound system and internet access will keep you entertained and in touch and the kitchen is spacious and well equipped.

Outside

The front of the villa which faces the road includes a good sized off-road parking area sheltered by a pergola and planted each side with palms and other plants. Front and rear gardens are separated by trellises to provide privacy.

The main garden to the rear of the house faces south east with lovely views of the sea. Immediately behind the house is a large terrace under a shaded pergola which, along with the BBQ bar, provides shaded areas for sitting and dining.

To the left is the BBQ bar which is shaded by pergolas and canvas to provide an oasis to sit and drink or have meals. It is fully equipped with a gas BBQ, fridge and sink.

There is paving to the left of the pool and a large deck beyond the pool with plenty of space for sun beds which is sunny throughout the day.

The swimming pool is 9 x 4 metres plus roman steps and is covered and can be heated for year round use.

The Potamos area



To the right of the villa along the shoreline is the entrance to the lovely Potamos fishing shelter - a creek a few hundred metres long which forms a natural mooring for scores of traditional fishing boats.

The Potamos fish restaurants which overlook the creek are very good with average prices, popular with locals and open throughout the year.

The developed area of coastline from Agia Napa towards Larnaka finishes here and so the shoreline the other side of the creek is undeveloped providing some beautiful natural scenery. However the villa is conveniently located just one minute from the motorway exit on the road from Liopetri to Agia Napa. This means it is only thirty minutes drive from Larnaka Airport in one direction and less than fifteen minutes drive to any part of the tourist areas of Agia Napa and Protoras in the other direction.

There is a small beach just beyond the restaurant on the other side of the creek and other beaches on the way to Agia Napa.

Practical information

Security

Safes

Safes are provided in the villa for your use, and they are located in the wardrobes of the master and four poster bedrooms.

Air Conditioning

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

Appliances

There is a **dish washer** in the cupboard to the left of the sink.

A **washing machine** is located in the cupboard upstairs opposite the master bedroom. A dryer stand and ironing board can be found in the cupboard under the stairs and an iron is in the kitchen cupboard by the fridge.

There is an **oven** in the kitchen below the **halogen hob**. Switches for these appliances are on the wall above the work top.

The kitchen is also well equipped with kettle, toaster, microwave, electric Juicer, filter coffee machine and cafetiere. You will find a wide range of Saucepans and oven dishes, cooking and serving utensils crockery and glassware.

Log burning Fire

For winter use there is a log burning stove in the sitting room which, with heating provided by the air conditioning, keeps the villa warm all year.

Entertainment

TV

The TV in the sitting room provides cable television via **Cytavision** and local satellite TV. It also provides entertainment from the **PlayStation 3** and **Nintendo Wii** consoles.

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

Cytavision (HDMI 1) provides around fifty Cypriot, English and Russian channels. These include entertainment, news, movies, documentaries, sport, kids and music....

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Cartoons	3	The Cartoon Network	Music	62	Rage TV
	4	Boomerang		63	Play Channel
	5	Baby Tv		64	NRG TV
	6	Kids Co	Gen	70	BBC Entertainment
Movies	11	Universal		71	Zone Reality
	12	TCM		72	E! Entertainment
Sports	26	Eurosport		73	Fashion TV
	27	Eurosport 2		75	Shop TV
	28	ESPN America		79	RTCY
	29	Cyprus Sports Ch	Cypriot	80	CyBC1
	48	Extreme Sports		81	CyBC2
Docs	40	Discovery Channel		82	MEGA
	41	Discovery Travel		83	ANT1
	42	Discovery Science		84	SIGMA
	43	Discovery World		85	Plus TV
	47	Yacht and Sail		86	New Extra TV
	49	Food Network		87	Capital TV
News	50	CNN		88	NTV
	51	BBC World		89	MyTV
	52	Euronews	Greek	92	E4
	53	Bloomberg		93	ERT World
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	56	Vesti			
	57	NHK World			

Satelite (AV1) provides more choice including further languages and some good movie channels.

Games

The **PlayStation 3** (HDMI 4) includes a variety of games which you will find in the bottom right draw of the unit to the left of the TV, and the remote controls in another draw. They are wireless controllers but need to be plugged into the USB sockets on the front of the PlayStation to recharge. The on/off switch is a touch sensitive switch on the right of the front panel but there is also a mains switch you will feel in the left corner on the back panel which may need to be turned on.

Also there is a **Nintendo Wii** and balance board for Wii fans. The controllers and disks for this are in one of the other draws and the Wii is to be found on the (AV3) input of the TV. The Wii and balance board are fitted with rechargeable batteries and there is a charger for these batteries in the draw with the remotes. The on/off switch for the Wii is the illuminated switch on the front of the controller.

DVDs

The *PlayStation* also plays Blue Ray Disks, DVDs and CDs. There is a separate remote control that works with the *PlayStation* for playing disks and a few DVDs are to be found in the bottom right draw.

A **PlayStation 2** is also provided in the ground floor bedroom and a TV DVD in the other twin room. The controllers for the PS2 are again fitted with rechargeable batteries which should be recharged with the charger provided in the sitting room for the Wii batteries.

Apart from computer games there are a variety of board games stored in a wicker box in the dining area.

Sound System

The villa has a high quality **Sonos** sound system with speakers in the sitting room and outside by the pool and BBQ.

You will find the controller for the Sonos system on the TV cupboard. Press the Zones button to choose where you want to play the music and then the music button to select the music. If you have an iPhone, iPod touch, iPad or Android smart phone you can download a free application to control the music from your device!

You can either play the music which is stored on the hard disk or plug an iPod or iPhone into the **iPod dock** next to the controller.

There is a wide variety of music on the disk drive (around 10,000 tracks) which you can browse by artist or track etc. and add to the queue.

The Sonos also provides world-wide **internet radio** so if you like your local radio station search for it under radio stations on the Sonos controller. There are literally thousands of radio channels available from most countries catering to all tastes including BBC and all major broadcasters.

Mobile Phone

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

The phone number is on the back of the phone and you can buy top up cards from supermarkets or kiosks – ask for a **Cyta So-easy** top up card. There should be some credit left on the card by the previous user so please leave some credit for the next user.

Internet Access

The villa has Wi-Fi internet access.

Outside

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is cleaned on the day of your arrival and then twice per week.

From the roman steps the pool is about one metre deep for about three metres and then drops to 1.8 metres.

The pool is heated early and late in the season and for this reason it is equipped with an electrically operated cover to retain the heat outside the main season.

BBQ Bar

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

In the cupboard to the right of the sink is a fridge for drinks or BBQ food.

Above the work surface to the right of the fridge you will find two light switches in the corner. One switch turns on working lights for when you are using the BBQ and the other the lights above the bar.

Bicycles

We have provided two bicycles for your use which are kept in the cupboard to the right hand side of the villa.

Please feel free to use the bicycles at your own risk but remember to use the locks if they are left unattended. There are some helmets, hi-viz jackets and a tyre pump with the Bicycles and security locks with each bike.

If you want additional cycles you will find a number of shops on the left as you go into Agia Napa where you can hire them.

Shops

If you turn right onto the main road towards Agia Napa there is a small convenience store just a few hundred metres from the villa which stocks a few basic items and which is open in the main season. Continuing along this road for 2 kilometres you will see signs to the right for the **Agia Thekla supermarket** and **Zafri bar** which has a good selection of every day items and is open all week and all year.

If you continue along the main road you pass through the residential area of *Agia Thekla* with its well signposted church which is on the shore next to *Agia Thekla* beach and then into the tourist area of *Macronissos* where you will find a number of small supermarkets. The best of these is on the left with a tower construction above.

In Agia Napa itself there are some larger supermarkets and of course a wide range of shops.

At the start of your stay we would recommend going to **Paralimni** to either the **Carrefour** or **Kokinis** supermarket to do your main shop. These are both large supermarkets offering good value and a wide choice.

To get to these supermarkets - from the villa head towards the nearby motorway junction and get onto the motorway heading in the direction of *Agia Napa* and *Paralimni*. Go to the end of the motorway and turn left at the roundabout towards *Paralimni*. Keep going straight ahead across two further roundabouts till you enter the town and you will see **Carrefour** on the right. If you continue along this road a further couple of hundred metres past a set of traffic lights you will see **Kokkinos** supermarket also on the right hand side. Further down this road again on the left is a **Lidl** store next to a *Marks and Spencer*.

Please be aware that shops (including supermarkets) are generally closed on Sundays and most shops are also closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. In the tourist areas most shops are only open during the season.

On **Sundays** and evenings **bakeries** and **convenience stores** are open and the local **Agia Thekla Supermarket** is open every day.

The Sea and water sports

The sea opposite Oceanblue is sheltered and ideal for swimming and snorkelling on many days. We have provided a couple of snorkelling sets which you will find in the cupboard room downstairs. (2 goggles, 2 snorkels, 3 pairs of fins (different sizes) and 1 warning buoy).

Please bear in mind that there are quite a few boats coming in and out of the nearby shelter and so **always take the warning buoy with** you, so that you can more easily be seen by boats. Generally they stay away from the near shoreline but it's better to be safe.

There is a sandy beach opposite Oceanblue, but the water's edge is mostly flattish rocks. If you go into the water it is best to wear snorkelling or beach shoes both because of the rocks and also you occasionally come across sea urchins in the shallow water which you may not always see.

There are stretches of sandier shoreline on the other side of the creek.

To get to these or the restaurant you need to take the left hand turning of the main road just before the motorway, signposted Potamos.



Potamos Beach



Agia Thekla Beach

If you take the main road towards Agia Napa, after two minutes you come to **Agia Thekla beach** and church which you will see on the right.

To the right of the church is a small sandy beach with sun beds available for hire and some limited water sports facilities

After another kilometre or so along the road towards Agia Napa you will see **Waterworld** on the left, which is the islands largest water park and a go-cart track.



Waterworld



Macronissos beach

Directly opposite *Waterworld* is a new road which goes to the site where Agia Napa's new **Marina** will be located.

If you go down this road and take the first left the road will take you to a restaurant and beach at **Macronissos**.

For a wide selection of water sports and other facilities, keep going along the main road for another five minutes and as you enter Agia Napa you will see Adams Beach Hotel on the right.

Past the hotel is the car park for **Nissi Beach** which runs between **Adams Beach** and Nissi Beach Hotels.

The water sports facilities are near Adams Beach Hotel and there are a variety of snack bars and restaurants along the beach, which like many in this area is a Blue Flag quality beach.



Nissi Beach

All beaches in Cyprus are open to the public and there is a small beach just the other side of Adam's beach hotel, from which it takes its name.

It is well worth visiting the famous **Fig Tree Bay beach** at Protoras which also has a wide variety of water sports and also **Konos Bay** which is between Protoras and Cape Greco.

Other entertainment

Agia Napa probably needs no introduction with its Square where you will find a wide variety of bars and clubs. It has become more sophisticated over recent years.

On the right as you enter the town is Luna Park a large fairground dominated by the Slingshot ride which you can see lit up at night from across the bay.



Bedrock karaoke bar

Agia Napa also has an old **Monastery** which is a must see, right in the centre of the town and the **Thalassa Museum** of the sea and its **harbour** from which pleasure boats set out on local trips and where there are also some good fish restaurants.



Cape Greco

Beyond Agia Napa you enter a completely different world - the nature conservation area of the **Cape Greco** peninsular - which provides opportunities for walking and cycling. This coastline is characterised by many sea caves and is a popular dive site. Diving can be arranged through one of the many dive centres in Agia Napa or Protoras.

Between Cape Greco and **Protoras** is the attractive **Konos Bay**, just below the Grecian Park Hotel. Follow the sign for Mike's Water Sports off the Cape Greco coast road near the hotel.

Apart from its fine and popular **Fig Tree Bay Beach**, Protoras also provides a wide variety of restaurants and bars.

The main town in this area is **Paralimni**, which is where you will find large Carrefour and Kokkinos supermarkets – as mentioned earlier. The centre of Paralimni has a pleasant square with a couple of churches and bar **Senso** where you can sit outside and enjoy a coffee or snack. Follow the earlier directions towards Carrefour but go beyond Carrefour and turn right at the traffic lights this will take you to the town centre.

Local restaurants

There are scores of restaurants within a ten minutes drive from Oceanblue and so these are just a few that we would recommend. It has to be said that most restaurants in Agia Napa and Protoras are only open for the tourist season to cater for tourists and some of these are not to be recommended.

Most of the following restaurants are open throughout the year and so have to be good to attract local customers plus a few seasonal restaurants that seem to stand out from the crowd.

Some restaurants close on Mondays and some, outside the main season close for a few weeks or only open for two or three days a week, so please check opening times.

Potamos

You will want to visit the local ***Potamos Fish Restaurant*** (☎ 9965 8243)

This is within a couple of hundred metres of the villa but unfortunately the other side of the creek so a two minute drive.



Potamos Fish Restaurant

Take the road towards the motorway junction and Liopetri but turn left just before the motorway to Potamos. Follow the windy road along the creek for five hundred metres and the restaurant is on the left. The food is fairly ordinary Cypriot fare but fish is the speciality and some will have been caught in the ocean just opposite the villa probably that morning.

Further up this road is a second restaurant at the end of the creek which is also popular. Both have outside areas facing the boats or sea.

As a point of interest, from the villa you can see a series of cages several kilometres out to sea which is the fish farm and the source of Sea Bass and other popular varieties. Other fish is caught wild including octopus and squid. If you order calamari (squid) in restaurants some is imported but most is fresh.

Liopetri

The next closest restaurant to the villa is **To Archontiko (The 5 arches)** (☎ 2394 3322) which is in the village of Liopetri – about five minutes away. Closed usually on Tuesdays.

This is a traditional Cyprus restaurant run by a Cypriot chef Chris and his English wife Karen. It has a lovely courtyard which is ideal on warm evenings and they serve local dishes. It is currently our favourite restaurant.

To get to there take the Liopetri road which is the road towards the motorway from from Agia Thekla but go straight over the motorway and keep going till you reach the village of Liopetri. You will go over a few speed bumps and pass an army barracks on the right and after you enter the village look out for the war memorial on the left which is lit up at night. Immediately opposite this memorial take a right turn along an insignificant road which bends to the right and then left and you will see their sign in front of you.

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 either get on the motorway towards Agia Napa and take the first exit to Sotira or take the Agia Thekla road towards Agia Napa and take a left hand turn towards Sotira which is about ten 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) on the right. It is a modern restaurant serving Mediterranean food and voted one of the best restaurants in this part of Cyprus.

You will also see a sign off the Liopetri road for restaurant **to 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 and highly recommended.

Agia Napa

The best restaurant in Agia Napa is considered to be **Sage** (☎ 2381 6110) which, like Vasiliskos in Sotira serves a Mediterranean cuisine. To get there, go into Agia Napa and head towards the harbour and then 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 an English managed restaurant that specialises in steak and chicken dishes. To get there take the main road from the villa towards the centre of Agia Napa. Turn Left before the Romeo Inn on the left and take the first left again 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 of **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.

Beyond Agia Napa there are a few other places worth a visit if you are in the area including...

Paralimni

Cava which is just beyond Carrefour on the opposite side of the road is a consistently good and popular Mediterranean and Cypriot restaurant with (as its name suggests) a good wine selection.

Protoras

If you take the Agia Napa to Protoras road just after you enter Protoras on the right hand side is **Peiro's Tavern** which is open most of the year and is a good place to go out of the main season when it is not so busy. This is popular with locals.

On the Cape Greco Road out of Protoras is the Grecian Park hotel where the **Cliff Bar** is a lovely place to chill out at sunset and the hotel's Japanese restaurant **UMI restaurant** is first class.

