

Old house for Restoration - Spilia



Spilia (translation: the Cave) is located on a hill above the Kolimbari bay area and next to the ancient and historical cave of St John the Hermit, where the village got its name. Spilia is a village described as a place away from every day life routine, because of its serenity and permanent peace within the area, even when festivities or local and national celebrations take place.

Life inside the village is plain and simple, while the scenery is composed of small traditional coffee shops surrounded by lemon and plane trees, offering a cool and shady place for the hot days of the summer. Small traditional taverns and a frequent mobile fish market combine the beauty and specific icon of this mainly stone built small village.

The real magic of this village is the number of activities one can perform in view of the fact that the environment is suitable for people interested in trekking, horse-riding, mountain-biking, and swimming at numerous beaches next to the village. Furthermore, Spilia is famous for its historical and ancient sites, such as the cave of St John the Hermit where he was devoted to God.

As a result every Christmas locals organise and perform a presentation of the birth of Jesus and other eventful festivities. In the centre of the village, the Byzantine museum and the ancient church of Panagia the Myrthidiotissa organise international exhibitions, inviting people from all over the world to see a collection of ancient icons, sacred clothes, ancient books, articles and documents about the history of the area as well as war documentaries, theatrical plays and cultural shows with wine tasting, local dances and traditional food.

Not far away from the village, the exploration is maximised because of the easy access to west Crete's most famous top destinations:

- The monastery of Gonia. Founded on 1618 and it is dedicated to the sleep of Madonna. The monastery has been destroyed five times since then but still the structural design and the manner remains unchanged.

•The ancient city of Falassarna which was founded on the 6th century BC and its ruins is not far of the sea water.

Depending upon our clients' desire for old "aged" villas that still maintain their original character of Cretan pomp and circumstance, has led us to locate specific autonomous houses within specific villages (e.g. Spilia) famed to the same effect. Therefore our company has established a pattern of renovation by selecting ideally located old properties with potential to be restored whilst retain their original features and charm.

An old and autonomous house, built of stone and white-washed inside out, benefits from its location inside the village, having a plant of 300m² with gardens and a vine hanging from a pergola made of copper. The two-storey house, with bathroom, guest room, kitchen and living room on the ground floor, expresses its figure from the top floor with the two bedrooms and a wide veranda overlooking the front yard, the vine, the village and the sea.

Examining carefully the pictures, a number of ideas commence on how it should be transformed, yet the analysis will be based and depend upon those interested in this property, which will consult with our engineer and architect in order to precisely identify the "needs and wants", to coordinate a time-plan, to create a blue print and finally to concur of the final sketch. Soonest the plans, licences and contracts will be produced and signed, the restoration procedure takes over and the property will be transformed into a modern traditional Mediterranean house keeping the Cretan origin of magically combined front yard-vine offering a cool-shady place and a sunny terrace on top presenting views and tranquillity.

Price: 65,000€

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