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Cedar Forest Oceanfront Villa

Alyko, Naxos • Greece



Your Complete Guest Guide

Everything you need for an unforgettable stay on the beautiful island of Naxos

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 **YOUR VILLA**

Cedar Forest Ocean View Villa — Private Heated Pool

Welcome to your home on Naxos! This beautifully designed, modern Cycladic villa sits at the edge of Alyko's protected cedar forest, just steps from one of the island's most unspoiled white-sand beaches. With panoramic Aegean views, a private heated pool, and every modern comfort, it's the perfect base for your Greek island adventure.

Location

Kevtrikos Dromos Xoras, Alyko, Naxos 843 02, Greece | [View on Google Maps](#)

Situated on the quiet southwest coast of Naxos, the villa is approximately 25–30 minutes from Naxos Town and Port, and 20 minutes from the airport. The Alyko area is peaceful and uncrowded—close to everything yet blissfully away from the bustle.

The Villa at a Glance

Bedrooms	4 spacious bedrooms (beds convert to super king-size)
Layout	3 levels: 2 upper bedrooms with sea-view balconies, 2 ground-floor bedrooms with pool terrace access
Bathrooms	3 full bathrooms (one per level), walk-in showers
Pool	Private heated pool with loungers
Kitchen	Fully equipped: dishwasher, oven, stove, Nespresso, microwave, kitchenware
Climate	Air conditioning throughout + heating + wood-burning fireplace
Entertainment	HD TV with Netflix, high-speed WiFi, Bluetooth speakers
Outdoor Living	Pool bar (sink, mini-fridge, BBQ grill), outdoor shower, shaded lounge areas, alfresco dining
Beach Access	Private gated path through cedar forest directly to Alyko Beach
Parking	Private entrance with space for 2–3 cars
Extras	Washer, quality linens, hair dryers, first aid kit, fire extinguisher

Check-In & Host

Check-in is after 3pm. This allows us time to thoroughly clean the villa. Please let us know your estimated arrival time in advance so we can arrange a smooth welcome (sometimes the villa is available a bit earlier).

Our local host, Kiriaki, can meet you at the port or another convenient location on the island when you arrive. When the villa is available, she will show you the way to the villa for check-in and explain how everything works in the house. Kiriaki has grown up and lived on Naxos her entire life. She knows every corner of the island and is happy to offer personal suggestions for restaurants, beaches, historical sites, and more. Don't hesitate to reach out to her via WhatsApp at **+30 697 900 7259** during your stay!

GETTING AROUND NAXOS

A rental car is essential for exploring Naxos—the island is the largest in the Cyclades (five times the size of Santorini!) and many of the best beaches, villages, and restaurants are spread across its diverse landscape. Public buses serve some popular routes, but a car gives you the freedom to discover hidden gems at your own pace.

Car Rental

Naxos Rent a Car by Martha (3 min walk from port, 25 min drive to villa)

Leof. Naxou Eggaron, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 22870 21111 | **Web:** milos-rentacar.com

Reliable local car rental with delivery and pickup. Martha is helpful, responsive, and easy to communicate with. Mention Greek Seas when booking!

Key Distances from the Villa

Destination	Drive Time
Alyko Beach (direct path from backyard)	2 min walk
Faros tou Alykou restaurant	2 min walk
Supermarket Gratsias	5 min
Pyrgaki Beach	5 min
Taverna Axiotissa	8 min
Agiassos Beach	10–15 min
Mikri Vigla Beach	15 min
Naxos Airport	20 min
Temple of Demeter	20 min
Naxos Town & Port	25–30 min
Halki Village & Kitron Distillery	30 min
Filoti Village	30 min
Kouros of Melanes	30 min
Apeiranthos Village	35 min
Temple of Apollo (Portara)	30–35 min
Apollonas Village	55 min

Naxos Airport

Direct flights to and from Athens operate daily. The airport is small and easy to navigate—20 minutes from the villa. If renting through Martha, they can meet you at the airport on arrival.

Naxos Port & Ferry Connections

The port is the gateway to Naxos Town and the starting point for island-hopping. Ferries run regularly to Paros (30 min), Santorini (under 2 hours), and Mykonos (under 1 hour). Schedules can be checked at ferries.gr or via the Ferryhopper app.

FOOD & DINING GUIDE

Naxos is the breadbasket of the Cyclades—the greenest, most fertile island in the chain. It produces much of the fruit, vegetables, meat, and cheese for the surrounding islands. Most restaurants work directly with local farmers and fishermen, creating a true farm-to-table experience. Don't miss the local specialties: Naxian potatoes, graviera cheese, fresh-caught fish, and the island's famous citron liqueur.

Dining tip: Greeks eat later than you might expect. Lunch is typically around 2:00 PM and dinner around 9:00 PM. Most restaurants will happily serve you even if you arrive at 11:00 PM!

Near the Villa (Under 10 Minutes)

Faros tou Alykou (2 min walk) | +30 6987 154100 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Kastraki, Alyko, Naxos 843 00

Your closest dining option—just steps from the villa! Delicious food, panoramic sea views, and a welcoming owner. Especially magical during sunset with a drink in hand.

Psili Ammos Restaurant (5 min drive) | +30 22850 75351 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Pyrgaki Beach, Naxos 843 00

Fantastic seaside taverna serving traditional dishes right on the beach. Quiet, rarely crowded, and perfect for a long lunch with your feet in the sand. One of the most peaceful spots on the island.

Taverna Axiotissa (8 min drive) | +30 22850 75107 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Main Road Hora-Alyko, Kastraki, Naxos 843 00

One of the most beloved tavernas on Naxos—genuine farm-to-table, seasonal Greek cuisine. Their daily specials and house wines are a must-try. Reservations recommended in peak season.

Manolis Tavern (7 min drive) | +30 22850 42552 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Maragas Beach, near Kastraki, Naxos 843 02

Beachfront taverna with private parking, recommended by locals. Fresh seafood and simple, well-made dishes in a wonderfully laid-back setting.

Mountain Villages & Hidden Gems

O Vasilis (35–40 min drive) | +30 22850 62374 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Melanes, Naxos 843 00

A true local treasure. This family breeds and farms their own roosters, rabbits, lamb, pigs, and vegetables. The most authentic Naxian food experience on the island. Worth every minute of the drive. No reservations required.

O Galanis (30 min drive)

Main Square, Halki (Chalki), Naxos 843 02 | [View on Google Maps](#)

A favorite among locals and visitors alike in the charming old capital of Halki. The homemade Naxian fries and fried meatballs are outstanding, and the galaktoboureko dessert comes on the house.

Matina & Stavros Tavern (50 min drive) | +30 22850 51243 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Koronos, Naxos 843 02

Hidden in the scenic alleys of Koronos, a mountain village perched on the edge of a gorge. Mrs. Matina cooks with ingredients from her own farm—her own meats, cheeses, eggs, and garden vegetables. The menu changes daily. Don't miss the wine-braised rabbit and homemade cheeses.

Amvrosia Traditional Cuisine (35 min drive) | +30 22850 33074 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Filoti, Naxos 843 00

Traditional taverna in the heart of a charming mountain village beneath Mount Zas. A perfect stop during a day exploring inland Naxos. No reservations required.

Rotonda Café-Bar Restaurant (45 min drive) | +30 22850 61254 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Ai Giannis, Apeiranthos, Naxos 843 00

Perched on a hill with incredible panoramic views. Ideal for lunch after exploring the marble streets of Apeiranthos. The views alone are worth the visit.

Taverna O Efthimis (45–50 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Abram, Naxos 843 02

Taverna with its own private beach on the quiet northwest coast. Come for the grilled fish, stay for the crystal-clear water. A wonderful day-trip destination. No reservations required.

Naxos Town Favorites

Labyrinth Wine Restaurant (30–35 min drive) | +30 22850 22253 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Old Town (Kastro), Naxos 843 00

Romantic wine bar tucked into the maze-like streets of the old town. Perfect for date night. Their Greek wine pairings and small plates are exceptional.

Boulamatsis (30 min drive) | +30 22850 24227 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Naxos Town (behind port promenade), 843 00

Family-run and beloved by locals. Despite its humble appearance, it serves some of the best authentic Greek dishes on the island. Try the yellow split fava and the slow-cooked veal with aubergine and feta.

Ta Filarakia (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Behind Naxos Castle, Naxos Town 843 00

A no-frills local gem tucked in the backstreets behind the castle. The best budget restaurant in Naxos Town—simple Greek food without tourist prices. Where the locals actually eat.

Metaxi Mas (30 min drive) | +30 22850 26425 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Old Market, Naxos Town 843 00 (150m from port)

A wonderful ouzeri-mezedopoulion in the charming alleys of the old market. The Flerianos family has been serving traditional Naxian flavors for over a decade, focusing on fresh local ingredients.

Typografio (30 min drive) | +30 22850 22375 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Faraggas, Castle Area, Naxos Town 843 00

One of the best on the island. A modern interpretation of Greek traditional cuisine using quality Naxian products—fresh seafood, local meats, vegetables, and dairy.

Bakeries & Markets

Naxos' Bakery Mikri Vigla (10 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Mikri Vigla, Naxos 843 00

Charming local bakery perfect for fresh bread and morning pastries. Their spinach pies and honey-drenched pastries are local favorites.

Supermarket Gratsias (5 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Glyfada, near Alyko, Naxos

Your closest and most convenient grocery option. Stocks all essentials including local cheeses, fresh produce, and wine.

Super Market Koutelieris (15–20 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Andrea Papandreou, Naxos Town

Larger supermarket with a wider selection. Ideal for a big stock-up shop, especially if you're self-catering for part of your stay.

BEACHES

Naxos has over 150 km of coastline with beaches ranging from popular and well-serviced to wild and completely deserted. Here are our favorites, starting from those closest to the villa.

Near the Villa

Alyko Beach (2 min walk from your backyard) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Your home beach! Wild, unspoiled paradise surrounded by cedar trees and dunes. Turquoise waters and white sand make it one of the most stunning beaches on the island. Explore the abandoned hotel ruins nearby, now covered in striking street art.

Hawaii Beach (5 min walk from Alyko) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A hidden gem just west of Alyko. This remote strip features smooth rock formations, striking reddish cliffs, and a wildly romantic atmosphere. No facilities—bring water and a towel for a perfectly secluded escape.

Pyrgaki Beach (5 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Beautiful and uncrowded with shallow, crystal-clear waters—great for families. Perfect for a morning swim or sunset dinner at the beachside taverna.

Worth the Drive

Agiassos Beach (10–15 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Peaceful and uncrowded with crystal-clear water. A local taverna nearby keeps things simple. Great for a calm swim or quiet afternoon with a book.

Mikri Vigla Beach (15 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A more lively beach popular for windsurfing, kitesurfing, and people-watching. Several tavernas and a beautiful stretch of sand that connects to Kastraki Beach—nearly 4 km of undeveloped dunes.

Psili Ammos Beach (East coast, 30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

One of the few beaches with truly powdery-soft sand. Located on the quieter eastern coast, it's a dream destination for those seeking shallow, clear waters far from the crowds.

Agia Anna Beach (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Trendy beach scene with bars, music, and chair rentals. Fun for an afternoon cocktail. Busier in peak summer.

Mikra Bay (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Small, hidden beach on the west coast—ideal for a quiet, secluded swim. Few amenities, lots of peace. Bring your own snacks and enjoy the solitude.

Abram Beach (Northwest coast, 45–50 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A lesser-known gem popular with locals, backed by dramatic mountains. Much quieter than the southern beaches. Combine with lunch at Taverna O Eftimis nearby.

HISTORY, CULTURE & VILLAGES

Naxos has been continuously inhabited for over 5,000 years and is steeped in mythology—according to legend, it’s where Zeus himself grew up. The island’s rich history is visible everywhere, from ancient temples and unfinished colossal statues to Byzantine churches and Venetian towers scattered across its mountainous interior.

Historical Sites

Temple of Apollo (Portara) (30–35 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

The most iconic landmark on Naxos—a massive marble doorway standing alone on a small islet connected to Naxos Town. Best viewed at sunset. A perfect photo opportunity to cap a day exploring the old town.

Temple of Demeter (20 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A beautifully restored sanctuary dating to 530 BC, built entirely of Naxos marble. Peaceful, photogenic, and set in a landscape of rolling hills. Great for a short visit with scenic views. An easy hike leads here from Ano Sangri village.

Kouros of Melanes (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

An unfinished 6th-century BC statue lying in a lush garden—one of Naxos’s famous ancient kouri. An easy 10-minute walk from the road. Kids love spotting the giant stone figure among the greenery.

Apollonas Kouros (1 hour+ drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A massive 10-meter, 80-tonne ancient sculpture carved directly into the hillside near the village of Apollonas. Worth a full day trip—combine with the scenic coastal drive and lunch in the fishing village below.

Apano Kastro (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

The ruined Byzantine-Venetian citadel known as the “Mystras of the Aegean.” A gentle hike from Ano Potamia village leads to the hilltop fortress, where the 360-degree views are absolutely breathtaking.

Panagia Drosiani Church (Near Halki, 30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

One of the oldest churches in the Balkans, dating to the late 6th century. Beautiful Byzantine frescoes in a serene setting among olive groves. A short detour from Halki village.

Charming Villages

Halki (Former Capital) (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

The island’s former capital is a must-visit. Wander pastel neoclassical buildings and marble-cobbled lanes, visit the Vallindras Kitron Distillery (operating since 1896—free tasting included!), explore the Fish & Olive art gallery, and try the galaktobourekos at Café Galani. Don’t miss the famous “black pizza” with squid ink at Mitos ARTernative Bar.

Apeiranthos (The Marble Village) (35 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Perched high in the mountains, built almost entirely of marble. Wander stone-paved paths, visit small folklore museums, browse artisan shops, and enjoy a meal at a family-run taverna with views over terraced hillsides.

Filoti (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

The large, lively mountain village beneath Mount Zas. Great tavernas, shaded cafés, and scenic views. The perfect base before or after the Zas summit hike.

Koronos (50 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

One of the highest and most remote mountain villages on the island, perched on the edge of a gorge. Known for its strong winemaking traditions. Visit for breathtaking Aegean views, locally produced wine, and a meal at Mrs. Matina's Tavern.

Apollonas (55 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A remote fishing village turned peaceful resort on the north coast. The scenic drive alone is worth it. Combine with the Apollonas Kouros for a perfect day trip.

HIKING & OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Naxos is one of the best hiking destinations in the Cyclades, with more than 30 marked trails passing through ancient villages, along beaches, and up mountainsides. The island has seven officially designated wildlife refuges, and its green, well-watered interior is a world apart from the typical Cycladic landscape.

Best hiking months: *April, May, September, and October offer ideal temperatures. Summer hiking is possible but start early to avoid the midday heat. Always carry water and wear good shoes.*

Top Hikes

Mount Zas (Zeus) Summit (Trailhead at Agia Marina Chapel, near Filoti) | [View on Google Maps](#)

The highest peak in the Cyclades at 1,003 meters. A moderate circular route (approximately 3–4 hours round trip) rewards you with breathtaking 360-degree views—on clear days you can see up to five islands! Along the way, pass the Zas Cave where, according to mythology, Zeus spent his childhood. Start from Agia Marina Chapel where there is parking nearby.

Halki to Panagia Drosiani Monastery (Start in Halki village) | [View on Google Maps](#)

An easy, scenic trail through olive groves and citrus orchards leading to one of the oldest churches in the Balkans. Perfect for beginners or a gentle morning walk. Combine with exploring Halki village and the Kitron Distillery.

Melanes – Myli – Kouros Village Trail (Near Melanes, 30 min from villa) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A short, easy walk connecting several quaint villages with gorgeous landscape. Visit the ancient Kouros statue, explore the watermill village of Myli, and enjoy the lush Tragea Valley—Naxos's fertile heartland.

Skado to Apollon Bay (Northern Naxos, full day adventure) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A challenging but spectacular 4.5-hour trail through the wild northern interior. Pass stone shepherd's huts, a Mycenaean tomb, and arrive at the Kouros of Apollonas overlooking the sea. Reward yourself with lunch and a swim at Apollon beach.

Apiranthos to Azalas Beach (Start in Apiranthos village) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A unique trail following old cobblestone paths through varied vegetation, past the historic emery mines of Naxos and two Byzantine churches, ending at a beach. A wonderful combination of history, nature, and a refreshing swim.

Ano Sangri to Temple of Demeter (Near Sangri village) | [View on Google Maps](#)

A peaceful route through fields and a ravine leading to the beautifully restored 6th-century BC temple. One of the most rewarding easy hikes on the island.

Guided Hiking & Tours

Naxos Hiking with Stella Korre | naxoshiking.com

Stella is an exceptional guide and nature educator with deep knowledge of local plants, Greek history, and Naxian culture. Many visitors say her guided hike was the highlight of their trip.

Off the Beaten Trail | offthebeatentrail.gr

A private adventure tourism company based on Naxos offering hiking, e-mountain biking, and sailing tours. Certified guides, small groups, year-round availability.

More Activities

Eggares Olive Oil Museum (35 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Eggares, Naxos 843 00

Free tastings and fascinating exhibits on olive oil production in a traditional setting. A fun and educational stop, especially for families.

Vallindras Kitron Distillery (30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Halki (Chalki), Naxos 843 02

Tour the historic distillery (operating since 1896), learn about the traditional citron liqueur production process, and enjoy a free tasting of all three Kitron varieties. The €2 entrance fee is well worth it. Open Mon–Sat, 9:30 AM–2 PM and 5:30–8:30 PM (April–October).

Saint Anna Winery (Varies) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Near Naxos interior

A tiny, family-run winery where Manolis Petrakis does everything himself—from the fields to bottling. He also produces cheese and olive oil. A truly authentic, off-the-beaten-path experience.

Go Karts Naxos (Varies) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Near main road, Naxos

A well-managed karting track that's great fun for adults and kids alike. Inexpensive and a perfect change of pace.

Naxos Horse-Riding Centre (15 min drive) | +30 6942 822710 | [View on Google Maps](#)

Kokkino Spitia, Naxos 843 00

Beach treks and riding trails with local guides. A wonderful way to see a different side of the island.

Real Bike Naxos (25–30 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Naxos Town (near port)

Bike rentals for exploring on two wheels. Ask about scenic routes through local villages or along the coast.

Routsouna Waterfalls (40 min drive) | [View on Google Maps](#)

Interior Naxos

A rare sight in the Cyclades—lush greenery and cascading water in the island's green interior. Especially magical in spring when the water is flowing strongest.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR YOUR STAY

What to Pack

- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat—the Greek sun is strong!
- Water shoes (optional but useful for rocky beaches and sea urchins)
- A long-sleeved shirt or light sweater—evenings and boat trips can be breezy
- Good hiking shoes if you plan to explore the trails
- European Plug Adaptors – Greece uses southern European (type C/F, 230V) outlets. We usually have a few U.S. adaptors at the house, but we highly recommend that you bring your own. Here's an example of a good [Type C adaptor](#).
- Passport (must be valid 3+ months beyond your arrival date)
- Snorkel gear if you have your own—or pick up an inexpensive set in town

Local Customs & Tips

- Tipping is appreciated but generally not as high as the US. If you're just having a coffee many people just round up. For meals it's customer to leave between 5-15% at restaurants
- A large majority of places take credit card, however there are some smaller shops and tavernas are cash-only, so it's a good idea to keep some euros on hand
- Siesta time (roughly 2–5 PM) is still observed—keep noise down in residential areas
- Water from the tap is generally safe but not ideal for drinking. Bottled spring water is inexpensive and widely available
- Cell service is excellent throughout the island
- Greek time is Eastern European Time (EET/EEST)—typically 7 hours ahead of US Eastern Time

Emergency Information

European Emergency Number	112
Police	100
Ambulance / First Aid	166
Fire Department	199
Coast Guard	108
Naxos Health Center	+30 22850 23333
Nearest Hospital	Naxos General Hospital, Naxos Town

We hope you have an absolutely unforgettable stay!

If you need anything at all during your visit, don't hesitate to reach out.

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