

The pool at Villa Leonidas at sunset

Arriving via Kalamata airport

Kalamata is the nearest airport to Villa Leonidas, roughly an hour to an hour and a quarter by road depending on who is driving. Most of its flights run in the warmer months, so check your route first. Collect a hire car at the terminal, do a big first shop in Kalamata, then follow the road south along the gulf to Kardamyli.

To the villa

About 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes, around 50 km.

Flights

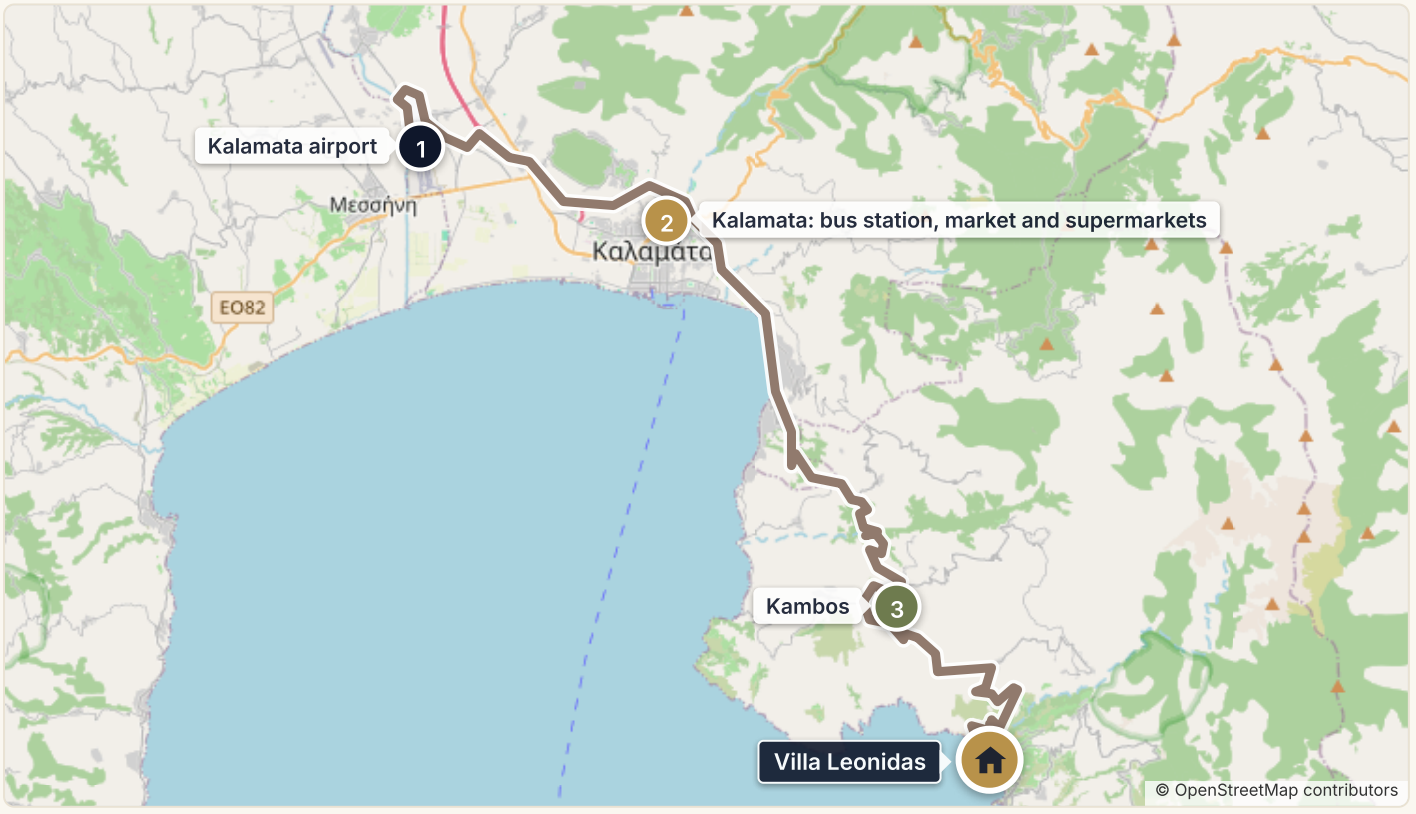
Mainly May to October; few in winter.

Car hire

Desks in the terminal. Reserve early for July and August.

Buses

None from the airport itself; local buses start in Kalamata town.



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1 Kalamata airport ↗

2 Kalamata: bus station, market and supermarkets ↗

3 Kambos ↗

A car for the whole party

- **You will use it daily.** The village, beaches, coves and hill villages are all a drive away: the road from the villa is busy and has no pavement, so please do not walk it.
- **Larger groups:** two compact cars are often easier than one big vehicle on narrow Mani roads, and they let the party split up for the day.
- **Reserve early** for summer, especially automatics and seven-seaters.

Why a car matters

- **Collect it at the airport** and drive straight to the villa; buses do not reach it and taxis are few, especially late.
- **Everything is a drive:** the road from the villa to the village is busy and has no pavement, so please do not walk it.
- **Reserve before you fly**, with the major firms in the arrivals hall; automatics sell out first.

Welcome and departure

- **Let us know your flight** and roughly when you expect to arrive. Michael, our local manager, meets you at the villa, takes you through check-in and is a phone call away for the rest of your stay.
- **Flying home:** leave the villa at least two and a half hours before departure.
- **Winter travel?** Our Athens airport guide covers the longer drive.

The road to the villa

- **From the terminal** the route passes the edge of Kalamata and then turns south onto the road towards Areopoli.
- **The second half** climbs through olive country by Kambos, crosses the high bridge over the Koskaraka gorge and then winds down to the sea.
- **Arriving after dark?** Drive gently; bends are tight and street lights are few.

Before you leave Kalamata

- **Stock the kitchens:** the large supermarkets in Kalamata are the place for a first shop for a group.
- **Fill the tank** on the way out of the city.
- **Cash:** machines in Kalamata and in Kardamyli.



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