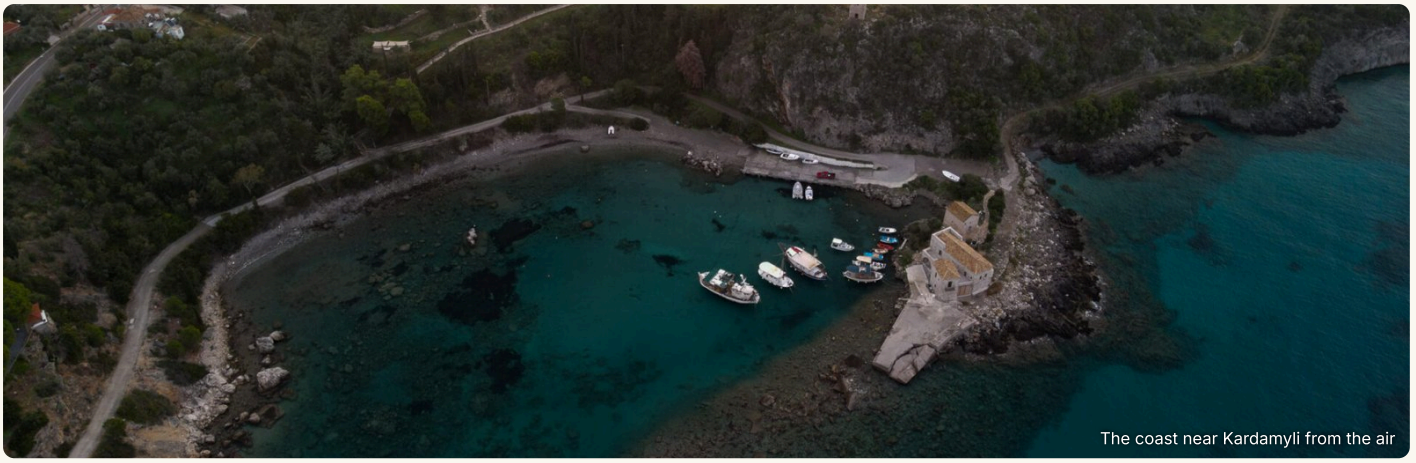


The coast near Kardamyli from the air

Travelling from the UK

The UK has more direct flights to Kalamata than anywhere else, so from spring to autumn you can leave home in the morning and be on the villa's terrace by late afternoon. Flights take around three and a half to four hours and the drive from Kalamata airport about an hour to an hour and a quarter. Here is what to know about flights, passports, driving and money.

Direct to Kalamata

Seasonal flights from Gatwick, Stansted, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and Edinburgh.

Flight time

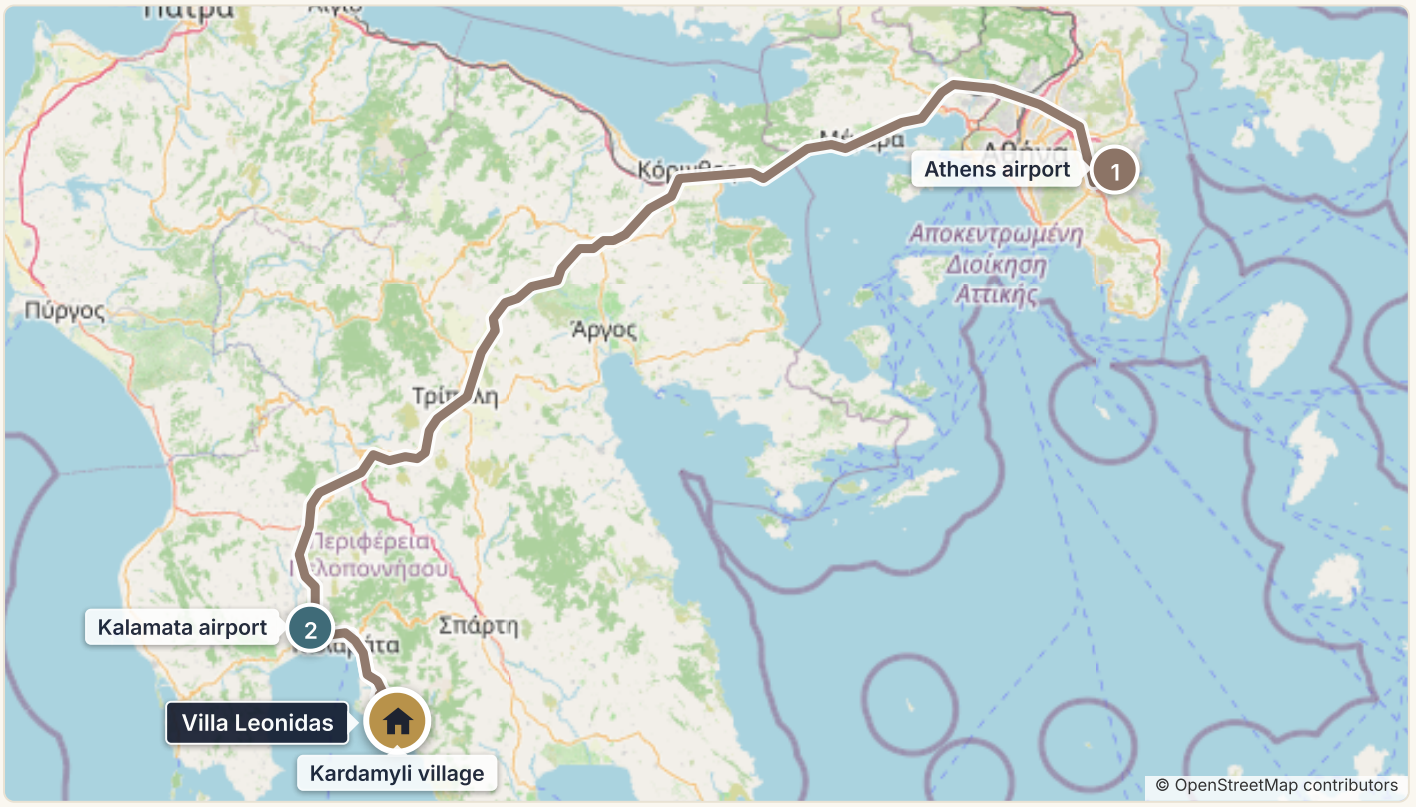
About 3½ to 4 hours.

Time difference

Greece is 2 hours ahead of the UK.

Driving

A UK photocard licence is all you need.



Tap a place to open it in Google Maps

1 Athens airport ↗ 2 Kalamata airport ↗ 3 Kardamyli village ↗

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Flights

- **Direct to Kalamata**, roughly April to October: Jet2 from Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Stansted, Gatwick and Edinburgh; easyJet from Gatwick and Manchester; British Airways from Gatwick.
- **Schedules change** each season, so check the latest timetables when you book.
- **Outside the season**, fly to Athens and drive 3½ to 4 hours; see our Athens arrival guide.

Passports and entry

- **Passport:** issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after the day you leave the EU.
- **Up to 90 days** in any 180 across the Schengen area without a visa.
- **EES:** the EU Entry/Exit System records fingerprints and a photo at your first entry, so allow extra time at passport control.
- **ETIAS:** not needed yet. The EU will give several months' notice of its start date; the fee is planned at €20.

Driving

- **A UK photocard licence** is accepted in Greece without an International Driving Permit. Paper licence? Check GOV.UK before you go.
- **Drive on the right;** roads near the villa are narrow and winding, so take the first drive in daylight.
- **A credit card** in the main driver's name is needed for the rental deposit.

Money, phones and health

- **Euros:** cards are widely accepted; keep a little cash for small tavernas.
- **Roaming:** many UK networks now charge for EU roaming, so check your plan or use an eSIM. The villa has Wi-Fi.
- **Health:** carry your GHIC and take out travel insurance as well.
- **Plugs:** European two-pin; bring adapters.

Making the most of it

- **Shoulder months:** late April, May, June, September and October bring warm days and direct flights without the August crowds.
- **Usual minimum** 5 nights; a week suits most couples.
- Michael, our local manager, meets you at the villa, walks you through check-in and is a phone call away during your stay.
- **Book direct** for our best available rate: message us with your dates.



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