

Spring blossoms



Garden Midsummer Night's Dream



Autumn hiking and bathing holidays



Anti-winter blues in wintertime



The Carob Garden Guesthouse introduces itself

An extraordinary house in a great location:

- 3 comfortably furnished apartments for 1, 2 and 4 people each, with well-equipped kitchen, WC/shower, Wi-Fi, efficient air conditioning, solar power, furnished balcony and top view.
- Secluded garden seating area under the shady carob tree, with tables, chairs, loungers, and barbecue area.
- We are the top house of the central village quarter and quietly situated.

Highlights in the surrounding area:

- Sea in sight! A 5-minute walk (300 m) to the fine sandy beach with more than 15 bars and tavernas. Extensive, very clean sandy beaches and incredibly idyllic bathing bays within cycling and walking distance.
- Attractively designed waterfront promenade to the fishing harbour and into the next bay, with many cosy tavernas along the way.
- Various beautiful walks are possible on foot, directly from the house (e.g. Pefki Gorge, 7 beaches in one go).
- 4 adventurous gorge walks within two communities:
 - Butterfly Gorge
 - Pefki Gorge
 - Canyon of the Vultures (Moni Kapsa)
 - Death Valley Gorge
- Great mountain-bike tours!
- Excursions by boat to the neighbouring island.
- Water sports, especially for kids.



Makry-Gialos and its surroundings

Makry-Gialos (= long beach) is located in the very southeast of Crete and is thus one of the southernmost places in Europe. Protected by the mountain range, the climate here is mild, especially in the winter months (own temperature measurements in December 2020-2022: air 15-23°C, sea 19-21°C).

Makrygialos is a village that lives all year round and where you can find everything your heart desires. Our local partners are concerned about the well-being of the guests. Public services (e.g. bus, waste collection) are well organised by Mediterranean standards.

Around Makrygialos there are endless olive groves and vegetable crops in greenhouses. The biodiversity is remarkable, especially appreciated by botanists (180 endemic plant species) and ornithologists (e.g. larks, Eleonora's falcon, vulture colonies). With a bit of luck, you might come across a sea turtle while snorkelling or diving.

In the neighbourhood of Makrygialos lies the picturesque mountain village of Pefki, also directly accessible on foot through the charming gorge. From there, an easy mountain hike leads to the Orthodox chapel of Stavromenos, with wonderful views and two accessible caves.

After a short drive to the east, you reach the Moni Kapsa monastery, where you will also find the entrance to the very exciting Perivolakia Gorge. About an hour's drive further east is the dream beach of Xerokampos, and a little further on the famous palm beach of Vai. Towards the west, just before the provincial town of Ierapetra, lies the popular Mylonas waterfall.

Offers and prices 2024

Per apartment (price in Euro on request)

1 or 2 people
60 CHF
3 people
65 CHF
4 people
70 CHF

The prices are per apartment, regardless the season. Taxes, charges and additional costs are included. Min. 3 nights, discount from one week's rent.

Cleaning and laundry:

- Final cleaning: EUR 35 / 40 EUR (from 3 p.)
- Supplement for a pet: EUR 20
- Bed linen and towels: EUR 10 per person and change
- Washing machine (9 kg): 2x per week free of charge, additional use EUR 5 each

Families, friends, small groups...

...rent two apartments or the whole house. Price on request.

Hiking and biking

When I am on site, I offer my guests to join me on attractive hiking and biking tours (free of charge).

Beat the winter blues!

Are you also tired of the increasingly shorter days with fog and cold in autumn/winter? Enjoy a longer stay in the sunny south! In Apartment #1, a wood-burning stove invites you to stay cosy in the evenings.

Arrival

- March to November direct flights to Heraklion, then several daily connections with Aegean via Athens or Thessaloniki. Continue with:
 - Local car hire: PRIMA Cretcars, Motor Plan or Tourings (mention "Urs").
 - Taxi approx. 140 € (book via Bookings)
 - KTEL Bus from airport to Ierapetra and continue by local bus to Makrygialos, approx. 20 €. Or from Ierapetra by taxi, approx. 40 €.
 - Pick-up service also available by arrangement with Urs and his e-car (a Peugeot e208).
- Flight from Athens to Sitia (fast check-in) and further by rental car, taxi or bus.
- Ferry Piraeus (Athens) - Heraklion or to Sitia.

- Exact location on Google Maps (Keyword "Carob Garden Eco-House")



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See you soon, hopefully!

