

## A 160-year-old stone residence reimagined for contemporary living

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Drakoni House, a 160-year-old residence in Elounda, Crete, bears the mark of Doriza Design's sensitive revival, preserving its rich heritage while embracing modern comfort. Constructed entirely from local 'Akoni' stone, this historic home has stood since 1864, with a strong connection to the village's Venetian roots. The design process honored the original architecture by preserving the stone masonry and the striking pointed arch, a relic from the 15th and 16th centuries, which remains the focal point of the home. Thoughtfully introduced modern elements, such as discreet metal structures, enhance natural light and ventilation, while ensuring reversibility and minimal impact on the building's history. Inside, the juxtaposition of the time-worn stone and sleek contemporary features, including a striking metal staircase, creates a harmonious dialogue between past and present, offering a serene holiday getaway that tells the story of its enduring legacy.







