

# Iconic ideas for a Greek island escape

Plan a Grecian escape in style with these unbeatable picks, taking in everything from cliffside clubs to private chef villas

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Wherever you're heading next in the sparkling splendour of the Greek islands, getting the itinerary right is essential.

Here are some top-drawer destinations where comfort, culture and clever design collide - each with peerlessly sunny Greek hospitality thrown in as standard.

## Bask in minimalist luxury on Crete's north coast



(Grecotel LUXME White)

With its alabaster styling, chic lagoon pools and bracing sea views, Grecotel LUXME White is the Greek island getaway of your dreams.

Perched prettily beside a Blue Flag beach near Rethymno, this all-inclusive gem balances barefoot luxury with proper gourmet indulgence. Seven a la carte restaurants serve everything from lobster feasts to Cretan farm-to-table fare, with a dedicated on-site patisserie and gelateria for keeping things sweet.

Architecture-lovers will swoon over the clean, glassy lines and serene garden paths, ranged enticingly against the backdrop of the glimmering Aegean. The new seafront suites with private pools add an extra splash of indulgence — perfect for a romantic retreat, or push-the-boat-out family holiday.

With yoga at sunrise, sunset cocktails and a Hippie Spa, this is where warm Greek hospitality meets trendy elegance.

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## Enjoy a legendary getaway on Rhodes



(Grecotel LUXME Dama Dama)

The indigenous European fallow deer (Dama dama) — the emblem of Rhodes since ancient times — still roams parts of Rhodes.

And now its kindly lent its name to this discreetly gorgeous, all-inclusive spot near Kallithea. Grecotel LUXME Dama Dama nods to the location's storied past with classical good design and a vibe that sits well with the easy-going rhythms of island life.

The rooms are crisp and modern, with terrazzo-style floors, geometric prints and generous balconies made for morning coffees or post-pool naps. Down on the beach, it's all easy breezes and iced coffees, while kids merrily zigzag between the slides and the snack bar while adults peruse the wine list or retreat to the spa.

No need to plan much — the days here unfold in sun-kissed serenity, much as they have forever.

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## Get lost in lush gardens on Corfu's northern coast



(Grecotel LUXME Costa Botanica Costa Botanica)

Set between the Ionian Sea and a freshwater lake where otters play all day, LUXME Costa Botanica — a nature-first resort on Corfu's north coast — feels like a gentle escape from modern life.

Gorgeous gardens, cool canals and shady pathways crisscross the lowrise, village-like resort, punctuated with verandas and open-air courtyards. The beach here is long, natural and blissfully undeveloped just soft sand and shimmering views on a clear day. Rooms lean into the setting, with earthy tones, breezy layouts and plenty of space for families.

You'll find The Elixir Botanical Spa tucked among the trees and a lively piazza where every afternoon drifts inevitably from coffee to ouzo. There's even a new gym with a boxing ring and a revamped lobby. Truly, it's a knockout.

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