



**ELITE RECOMMENDS**

MYKONOS STREET SCENE / GREECE

## TOP SUITES OF GREECE

From the seaside resorts near Athens to the rugged coastline of Crete, the luxury hotels of Greece provide a splendor fit for the gods as well as the scores of high-end travelers who flock here each summer.

BY SCOTT GOETZ

## TOP SUITES



GOLDEN VILLA PRIVATE POOL / CAVO TAGOO

## MYKONOS

### CAVO TAGOO

#### GOLDEN VILLA WITH PRIVATE POOL

**Key selling points** | This two-bedroom villa is great for people who want to be close to town and revel in the hip vibe of a trendy hotel. Featuring a large living room and two bedrooms, its white walls, rustic wood and contemporary gold-themed décor highlight the traditional minimalist character and architecture of the Cycladic Islands.

**Standout services** | From last-minute organizing of a private jazz performance to arranging synchronized swimmers in a private pool, no request is considered impossible.

**Style** | Mykonian chic, by Architect Paris Liakos and Designer Antonis Kalogrides, 2007

**Special amenities** | Paola Navone's linens, La Chaise chairs by Ray and Charles Eames, LG TVs, Philips CD/DVD players

**Square footage** | 1,292

**Nightly rate** | \$1,695 to \$3,495

**Number of rooms in suite** | Three

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Two

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 80 rooms, 11 Golden Villas

**Who's slept here?** | Former UK soap star Louisa Lytton has reportedly stayed here.

**Location** | Between Old and New Port

**Contact** | General Manager Tasos Didimiotis, 30-22890-20100; reservations@cavotagoo.gr; www.cavotagoo.gr



GOLDEN VILLA LIVING AREA / CAVO TAGOO



GOLDEN VILLA POOLSIDE / CAVO TAGOO

## TOP SUITES



HONEYMOON SUITE BEDROOM / MYKONOS GRACE

### MYKONOS GRACE

#### HONEYMOON SUITE

**Key selling points:** The ultra-private terrace on the suite's roof, the highest level of the hotel, is the reason to book this suite. The rooftop space offers a shaded lounge area, wet bar, a large temperature controlled plunge pool and views of Agios Stefanos Beach and Mykonos town. Inside you'll find a king-size bed, double sink bathroom, a walk-in closet and a living area with a French window opening onto a portico.

**Standout service:** When a group of VIPs couldn't get clearance to land their helicopter, the staff worked overnight to build a landing pad on the beach.

**Style:** Contemporary Cycladic style, by Divercity, 2008

**Special amenities:** Korres Natural products in bathrooms, NATURA lavender scented bags, Coco-mat beds and pillows, JBL iPod docking stations, LG 32-inch flat-screen HDTVs and IBM laptops.

**Square footage:** 400, plus 500 square feet of outdoor space

**Nightly rate:** \$1,350

**Number of rooms in suite:** One plus a large terrace

**Number of bathrooms in suite:** One

**Number of rooms in hotel:** 31, 15 suites

**Who's slept here?** Mykonos fans eager to check out this new entry will flock here.

**Location:** Agios Stefanos

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NOAH'S VILLA DINING AREA / KIVOTOS

### KIVOTOS

#### NOAH'S VILLA

**Key selling points |** This modern three-story villa, with its liberal use of exterior stone, glass and mirrors, allows for privacy by having its bedrooms on separate floors. The communal first floor exudes a bright and beachy aesthetic with a glass bridge over an indoor/outdoor private pool.

**Standout service |** A VIP was picked up from a deserted beach, checked in aboard the yacht and escorted to Noah's Villa.

**Style |** Modern eclectic Greek, by owner Spyros Michopoulos, 2008

**Special amenities |** Frette bed linens, Bang & Olufsen telephones, Miele kitchen appliances, Hermès toiletries, private sauna

**Square footage |** 1,076

**Nightly rate |** \$5,275

**Number of rooms in suite |** Three

**Number of bathrooms in suite |** Two and one half-bath

**Number of rooms in hotel |** 40 rooms, 24 suites, one villa

**Who's slept here? |** Greek-Egyptian singer Demis Roussos, Jean Paul Gaultier, Karolina Kurkova

**Location |** Ornos Bay

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## TOP SUITES



PENINSULA PALACE MASTER BATH / ELOUNDA PENINSULA ALL SUITE HOTEL

## CRETE

### ELOUNDA PENINSULA ALL SUITE HOTEL

#### PENINSULA PALACE SUITE

**Key selling points** | A combination of the hotel's Grande Suite and Peninsula Residence makes this "palace" purportedly the largest waterfront suite complex in the world. Located directly on the water's edge, the accommodation comprises six bedrooms, two outdoor and one indoor heated saltwater pools, a gym and Turkish *hammam*, expansive gardens with a seaside lounge bar and a private jetty.

**Standout service** | A guest requested a low fence be replaced with a railing to safeguard their children. The staff worked throughout the night and installed the railing by first light.

**Style** | Traditional Cretan, by Spyros Kokotos, 2004

**Special amenities** | Apivita cosmetic products, COCO-MAT bedding, LG and Dolby entertainment system

**Square footage** | 6,243

**Nightly rate** | Available upon request

**Number of rooms in suite** | 11

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Six and two half-baths

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 50

**Who's slept here?** | Harvey Keitel, Pamela Anderson, the former King and Queen of Greece

**Location** | Elounda

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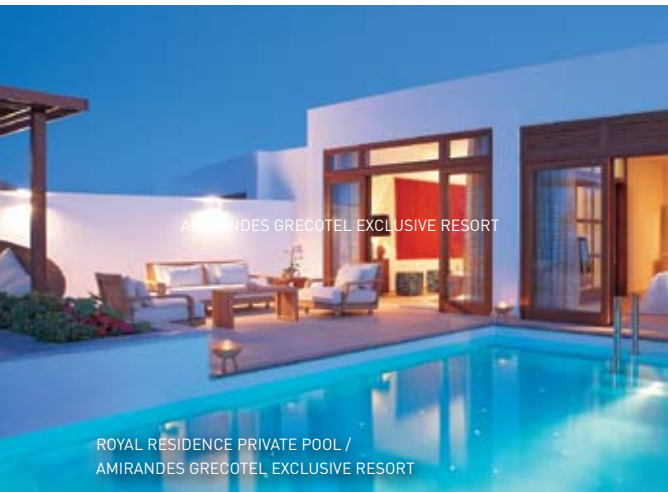


PENINSULA PALACE SUITE LIVING AREA / ELOUNDA PENINSULA ALL SUITE HOTEL



## TOP SUITES

ROYAL RESIDENCE MASTER BEDROOM / AMIRANDES GRECOTEL EXCLUSIVE RESORT



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ROYAL RESIDENCE PRIVATE POOL / AMIRANDES GRECOTEL EXCLUSIVE RESORT



KING MINOS SUITE LIVING AREA / ELOUNDA MARE, RELAIS & CHATEAUX

## AMIRANDES GRECOTEL EXCLUSIVE RESORT

### ROYAL RESIDENCE

**Key selling points** | Palatial privacy meets hip design at this elegant accommodation. Two separate buildings connected by a garden entry make this a perfect choice for families: The beachfront building invites entertaining, perfect for dinner parties, while the “cave building” acts as the ultimate playroom.

**Standout service** | Staff were able to track down hard-to-find Dom Perignon Rose 1996 Champagne for a guest.

**Style** | Cool contemporary, by W.A.T.G., 2007

**Special amenities** | Private beach access and towel station, pre-arrival shopping service, heliport landing service, Bang & Olufsen 50-inch LCD TV

**Square footage** | 15,069

**Nightly rate** | \$18,730

**Number of rooms in suite** | Five

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Three and one half-bath

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 212 rooms, 34 villas and suites

**Who's slept here?** | Greek politicians and local sports and entertainment celebrities

**Location** | Heraklion

**Contact** | General Manager Vassilis Minadakis, 30-28970-41103; gman\_am@grecotel.gr; www.amirandes.com

## ELOUNDA MARE, RELAIS & CHATEAUX

### KING MINOS SUITE

**Key selling points:** This bungalow suite designed with local stone and white plaster lies on a very privileged location, offering an enchanting wide view of the bay and the distant Sitia mountains. The view can be enjoyed from both bedrooms and the sitting room, as well as from the extended garden and sun terrace with a large private sea water swimming pool.

**Standout service:** One passionate windsurfing guest phoned in meal orders while on the water.

**Style:** Traditional Cretan, by Spyros Kokotos, 1987

**Special amenities:** Swiss linens, Apivita natural toiletries

**Square footage:** 1,600

**Nightly rate:** \$0,000

**Number of rooms in suite:** Four

**Number of bathrooms in suite:** Two and one-half bath

**Number of rooms in hotel:** 82, 36 bungalows

**Who's slept here?** H.R.H. Empress Farah Dibat, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Andreas Papandreou, designer Sergio Pinifarina, Bob Hoskins, Kathleen Turner and others.

**Location:** Elounda

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## TOP SUITES



THE ROYAL VILLA OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE / GRAND RESORT LAGONISSI



ROYAL SUITE MASTER BATH / HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE

## MAINLAND GREECE

### GRAND RESORT LAGONISSI

#### THE ROYAL VILLA

**Key selling points** | Book this enormous suite, and you'll have a 670-square-foot indoor heated pool, fully equipped gym and a personal trainer. With two master bedrooms, spacious living room with fireplace, a marble-lined bathroom and butler's quarters with separate entrance, this villa lives up to its royal name.

**Standout service** | A guest had requested fresh sea urchin salad after a dive and the kitchen staff collected a big sack and prepared the salad for him.

**Style** | Contemporary beach villa, by MKV Design, 2009

**Special amenities** | Satin linens, Bulgari toiletries, Sony entertainment technology

**Square footage** | 4,413, with 7,211 square feet of outdoor space

**Nightly rate** | \$46,705

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 275, including 95 suites and villas

**Who's slept here?** | Pierce Brosnan, Alain Delon, Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio, Mel Gibson, Jennifer Lopez

**Location** | Lagonissi

**Contact** | General Manager Nikos Tzimas, 30-22910-76000; grandresort@grandresort.gr; www.grandresort.gr

### HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL

#### ROYAL SUITE

**Key selling points** | Located on the fifth floor and boasting views of the Acropolis from every room, the palatial Royal Suite dazzles with its magnificent scale and lavish details. A triple living room serves as a grand entertaining area divided into three distinct sitting rooms.

**Standout service** | Hotel staff researched a guest's family and located Greek relatives the guest never knew existed.

**Style** | European traditional, by Hirsch Bedner Associates, 2003

**Special amenities** | Hermès bath amenities, cotton linens, private media room, wine cellar, stocked humidor

**Square footage** | 4,844

**Nightly rate** | \$21,750

**Number of rooms in suite** | Eight

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | One and three half-baths

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 321, 56 suites

**Who's slept here?** | Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Maria Callas, Brigitte Bardot

**Location** | Vas. Georgiou Street, Athens

**Contact** | General Manager Tim Ananiadis, 30-21033-30000; tim.ananiadis@starwoodhotels.com; www.luxurycollection.com/grandebretagne

## TOP SUITES



BUNGALOW SUITE MASTER BEDROOM / ARION



PINE HILL ESTATE LIVING AREA / GRECOTEL CAPE SOUNIO



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## ARION, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT & SPA

### BUNGALOW SUITE WITH PRIVATE POOL

**Key selling points** | A complete overhaul of this resort has drawn Athenian glitterati back to the coast, and the bungalow suites are as close as you can get to the center of the scene. Set apart from the hotel's tower and close to the beach, these bungalows look onto the bay and exclusive beach club.

**Standout service** | Carpenters constructed a small ramp for a disabled guest overnight in time for a special dinner.

**Style** | Beach chic, by Tasos Zeppos of ZEGE, 2008

**Special amenities** | Frette bed linens, Bang & Olufsen HDTV, LG LCD TV, Gilchrist & Soames amenities

**Square footage** | 1,291

**Nightly rate** | \$7,640

**Number of rooms in suite** | Two

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Two and one half-bath

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 123 rooms, 16 suites, 55 bungalows

**Who's slept here?** | Carmen Electra, Gianni Bulgari, Diego Maradona, Pele, Vittorio Missoni, Louis Vuitton

**Location** | Vouliagmeni

**Contact** | General Manager Gregory De Clerck, 30-21089-01702; gregory.declerck@starwoodhotels.com; www.arionresortathens.com

## GRECOTEL CAPE SOUNIO, EXCLUSIVE RESORT

### PINE HILL ESTATE

**Key selling points** | This sprawling 3,000-square-foot residential complex comprises two separate villas encircled by forest and sports two pools with sea views to Poseidon's Temple. It can accommodate up to eight in four bedrooms, each with walk-in closet and dressing room.

**Standout service** | The hotel arranged for a famous musical group to fly in for a surprise birthday.

**Style** | Minimalist elegance, by the Grecotel Interior Design Department, 2009

**Special amenities** | Marble bathrooms, separate dining room, Bang & Olufsen sound system, wine refrigerator

**Square footage** | 3,000

**Nightly rate** | \$12,935

**Number of rooms in suite** | Eight

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Four

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 153 bungalows, 29 villas

**Who's slept here?** | Greek film stars and politicians

**Location** | Sounio, Lavrion

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## TOP SUITES



WHITE VILLA PRIVATE POOL / DANAI BEACH RESORT & VILLAS

### DANAI BEACH RESORT & VILLAS

#### WHITE VILLA

**Key selling points** | This elegant all-white two-story villa sits atop a hill looking onto the sea and Mt. Olympus. The living room's modern appointments include a marble fireplace, and there are four Missoni-inspired bedrooms.

**Standout service** | An oenophile guest requested a rare vintage not in the cellar. A bottle was located and brought to him in time for his departure dinner the next day.

**Style** | Contemporary with antique finishes, by Danai Riefenstahl, 2000

**Special amenities** | Saarinen dining table and chairs, Bang & Olufsen technology, Missoni bed coverings and drapes

**Square footage** | 950

**Nightly rate** | \$12,500

**Number of rooms in suite** | Four

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Four

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 62 suites, six villas

**Who's slept here?** | Soccer players Thierry Henry and Roy Makaay, designer Kean Etro's wife Constanza

**Location** | Halkidiki

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WHITE VILLA DINING AREA / DANAI BEACH RESORT & VILLAS

## TOP SUITES



TC VILLA MASTER BEDROOM / THE TSITOURAS COLLECTION



MASTER SUITE CALDERA VIEW / SAN ANTONIO SUITES

## SANTORINI

### THE TSITOURAS COLLECTION

#### TC VILLA

**Key selling points** | Owner Dimitris Tsitouras has filled this private villa with priceless *objets d'art* dating from the 16th century that create an ode to the ancient, and tasteful modern appointments dress the three bedrooms, living room and 1,700-square-foot terrace and private pool in modern luxury.

**Standout service** | A staffer once disabled the camera of a lurking paparazzi to protect a VIP guest.

**Style** | Blend of ancient and modern, by owner Dimitris Tsitouras, 2001

**Special amenities** | Korres bathroom amenities, Tsitouras Collection linens and towels, Philips music system with iPod connectors, LG 37-inch LCD TV and DVD

**Square footage** | 861, plus a 1,722-square-foot terrace

**Nightly rate** | \$4,955

**Number of rooms in suite** | Five

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Three

**Number of rooms in hotel** | Five suites, one villa

**Who's slept here?** | Gianni Versace, Joan Kennedy, Harvey Keitel, Jean Paul Gaultier, Hugh Jackman

**Location** | Firostefani

**Contact** | General Manager Eleni Tsitoura, 30-22860-23747; reservations@tsitouras.com; www.tsitouras.com

### SAN ANTONIO SUITES

#### MASTER SUITE

**Key selling points** | Set upon the edge of the caldera in a remote part of the island to ensure privacy, this accommodation is the newest suite at the newest hotel on the island. A breathtaking route through a curved stairway leads to the Master Suite's private garden with an outdoor Jacuzzi, a sunbathing terrace and a dining area under the pergola.

**Standout service** | Enjoy a couple's treatment in the hotel's private spa for two.

**Style** | Cave luxury, by D. Tsitsos, 2009

**Special amenities** | White cotton linens, Greek olive-oil toiletries, Samsung HDTV

**Square footage** | 538

**Nightly rate** | \$1,320

**Number of rooms in suite** | One

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | One

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 24

**Who's slept here?** | Asian singer Namie Amuro, Greek politicians

**Location** | Imerovigli

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## TOP SUITES



GOLDEN ECHO SUITE MASTER BATH / ABOVE BLUE SUITES

## ABOVE BLUE SUITES

### GOLDEN ECHO SUITE

**Key selling points:** This suite makes the most of Santorini's traditional cave-home atmosphere with its imposing five-meter high domed ceiling. A secluded, grotto-like Jacuzzi is bedecked in gold mosaic and a king-sized daybed is strategically placed in the front of the room for gazing on the panoramic views of the Aegean.

**Standout service:** Book a private candlelit dinner on your balcony.

**Style:** Cave elegance, by Alina Tsolakaki, 2009

**Special amenities:** Dunlopillo Talalay latex mattress and pillows, Korres bathroom amenities, LG laptop, Samsung 32-inch LCD flat-screen TV and home theater, iPod charger with speakers

**Square footage:** 950

**Nightly rate:** \$910

**Number of rooms in suite:** One

**Number of bathrooms in suite:** One

**Number of rooms in hotel:** 10, one villa

**Who's slept here?** C-level executives, fashion industry pundits

**Location:** Imerovigli

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AIR OF MYSTERY VILLA POOL / MYSTIQUE



AIR OF MYSTERY VILLA MASTER BEDROOM / MYSTIQUE

## MYSTIQUE

### AIR OF MYSTERY VILLA

**Key selling points:** The only villa on Santorini with its own gym and spa area combines an airy open-plan, a steam bath and al fresco dining area with inspired caldera views. Painted in natural beige tones, the suite is accented with handcrafted driftwood furniture that warms up the traditional island cave-style architecture.

**Standout service:** The hotel offers vineyard tours and private tastings of famed Santorini wines with a top sommelier.

**Style:** Nature elegance, by Frank Lefebvre of Bleu Nature Company, 2008

**Special amenities:** Anne Semonin bath amenities, Luxury Collection beds, cotton satin bed sheets, pillow selection, Santorini wines and welcome platter upon arrival, fresh fruit basket

**Square footage:** 754

**Nightly rate:** \$2,450

**Number of rooms in suite:** One

**Number of bathrooms in suite:** One

**Number of rooms in hotel:** 18 rooms, two villas

**Who's slept here?** Singer Christopher Cross, violinist Renaud Capucon, journalist Laurence Ferrari

**Location:** Oia

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## TOP SUITES



PRIVATE VILLA LIVING ROOM / ASTRA APARTMENTS AND SUITES

## ASTRA APARTMENTS AND SUITES

### DELUXE ASTRA PRIVATE VILLA

**Key selling points** | This brand new freestanding accommodation is an ideal residence for those who want a private villa experience with hotel amenities. With one master bedroom, a cozy living room with fireplace, separate dining room and two additional bedrooms, it's a secluded paradise of white-washed walls and bright accents.

**Standout service** | One guest decided to surprise his girlfriend for her birthday and propose to her by sunset. The staff arranged for live music, flowers and everything else.

**Style** | Cycladic Island style, by Nickos Tsempelis, 2009

**Special amenities** | Complimentary rental car and mobile phone, COCO-MAT linens, Molton Brown toiletries

**Square footage** | 1,300

**Nightly rate** | \$2,800

**Number of rooms in suite** | Six

**Number of bathrooms in suite** | Two

**Number of rooms in hotel** | 28 plus one private villa

**Who's slept here?** | The Greek Prime Minister, Hollywood A-listers

**Location** | Between Imerovigli and Oia

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PRIVATE VILLA MASTER BEDROOM / ASTRA APARTMENTS AND SUITES

## Greek Pros

Follow the footsteps of Sarah Jessica Parker, Goldie Hawn and David Boule and trust your Greek itinerary to American-born specialist Lorrie Croze, owner of **Med Collection**. After 22 years developing the Eastern Mediterranean luxury travel market, she knows the intimate details of each hotel and how to match the perfect suite and yacht to her client's personality.

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