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The ABCs of

GREECE

Antiquities, beaches and cuisine are just a few reasons to visit this historically important, naturally beautiful and culturally rich country.



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Ammoudi Fish Tavern with a view of Oia above on Santorini

ate, all of which have been sourced from local produce suppliers, including the hotel's own gardens. Among the main course options are lamb with artichoke and ancient grains and sea bass with fennel. Also designed to face the setting sun, the al fresco Pacman near the hotel's infinity pool offers drinks and sushi. For another view of Santorini's sunset and the chance to look up at Oia terraced above, Ammoudi Fish Tavern in Ammoudi Bay is the spot. You'll sit alongside the Aegean Sea, where you can see the small fish swimming. Time it right for dinner for a front-row view of the boats making their way into the bay to see the sunset. Start your meal with toasted bread dipped into fresh tzatziki, and enjoy seafood dishes such as linguine and shrimp with fresh tomato sauce and a large selection of grilled fish, including grouper and bass.

Whether on the islands dining in a local taverna, exploring the beaches that hold such natural treasures as black sands and moonlike settings, or in such places as Athens or Crete walking amid ancient dwellings, it's as easy as A-B-C (antiquities, beaches and cuisine) to understand the magic that lures visitors to Greece's

GREEK ISLAND RETREATS

Seeking a luxury resort off the beaten path? Look no further than these private hideaways.

Andronis Arcadia Hotel

Part of the Andronis Exclusive properties on Santorini, this new five-star hotel features 53 spacious suites, each with its own infinity pool and a deck ideal for watching the sun set over the Aegean Sea. A two-bedroom, two-bathroom two-level villa is perfect for families or two couples traveling together. A five-minute walk from the cliffside shops and restaurants of Oia, the property offers an expansive infinity pool facing the sea, two restaurants and a sushi bar, and a spa. Andronis Arcadia's service is also impressive, starting with personal check-in with staff outlining all there is to do on the island. During the included daily breakfast, the superior service continues with a concierge stopping by your table to offer assistance in planning the day's activities. andronisarcadia.com



Mykonos Theoxenia Hotel

Steps from the white windmills and Little Venice, this historic 50-room Mykonos hotel overlooking the Aegean Sea provides a private haven away from the island's pulsating nightlife. Designed by famed architect Aris Constantinides, the hotel uses stone from the nearby island of Delos. Its décor is inspired by the clean look of the 1960s, with sleek wood furniture and patterned and solid fabrics on chairs and sofas. Perfectly situated with a view of the sun setting into the sea, patio dining at the hotel's Mediterranean restaurant, The Plate, is a relaxing experience enhanced on select nights by saxophone music. (Moussaka is a must-order from the menu.) The hotel's large outdoor pool and a beach located a few minutes' walk from the property provide delightful spots for cooling off. Spa services and a fitness center offer more spaces for relaxation. Breakfast is included in the rate, and a half-board option of breakfast and dinner is available. mykonostheoxenia.com