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in the world
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Lindos Blu, Rhodes

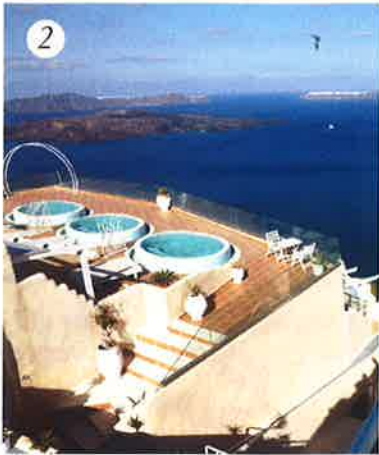
1 In the top spot for the second year running, it's not surprising discerning clients fall in love with this adult-only property. Perched on a hillside overlooking the Aegean Sea, it's just a short distance from the ancient village of Lindos with its picturesque cobbled streets. Agents commented on the stunning views, impeccable service and contemporary decor in this 70-room property, which is perfect for romantic getaways. Natasha Coxon, from Thomson in Kinnaird, says: "The location is the best and the two infinity pools merge with the scenery and make the most of this beautiful setting."

“ South Africa offers some of the best-quality boutique accommodation, ranging from private game reserves and fine country houses to city hotels and charming guesthouses. Guests can choose an establishment for its ambience, atmosphere and warm hospitality, with a choice to suit every discerning traveller. ”



Brad Bennetts
Agency Sales
Executive





Suites of the Gods, Santorini

2 The name says it all, and readers agree that this is a heavenly hotel. Set above the picture-postcard island's famous caldera, a water-filled crater formed by volcanoes, it's in a prime spot to provide one of the best views of Santorini's legendary sunsets. "The hotel has just 21 rooms, breathtaking views and a really intimate feel," says Stacey Hall, from Stoke's Thomson Superstore.

Likya Residence Hotel & Spa, Kalkan, Turkey

3 Small is also beautiful at this 24-room property situated in relaxing and peaceful surroundings, with uninterrupted views out to sea and towards the historic small harbour town of Kalkan. "The infinity pool is amazing and it's in an absolutely lovely location," says Michelle Calvert of Thomson in Birchwood.

So White Boutique Suites, Cyprus

4 Representing the new generation of cool hotels in Cyprus, this striking property – with white rooms adorned with splashes of colour and an all-white swimming pool lit by a changing spectrum of lights – is chic and minimalist. "It's not for everyone," says Debbie Hammond, from Designer Travel in Polegate. "But it's exquisite, ultra-modern and spectacular."

Troulos Bay, Skiathos

5 On an island renowned for its beautiful beaches, Troulos is one of the best. Agents say this hotel makes the most of its setting, offering idyllic spots to relax and unwind or enjoy watersports. "It's a family-run hotel with only 43 rooms and the staff always go out of their way for guests," says Michelle Woods, from Thomson in the Wirral. "It has a fabulous pool and brilliant views."

Zoëtry Paraiso, Riviera Maya, Mexico

6 This luxury hideaway is set in 14 acres next to an isolated stretch of beach on Cancun's Riviera, close to the largest barrier reef in the Americas. The 90 spacious suites, with sunken marble baths and large showers, combine contemporary style with local art and crafts that add a real flavour of Mexico.



La Residencia, Majorca

7 Tucked in the foothills of the Serra de Tramuntana mountains on Majorca's northwest coast, this Orient-Express hotel is a world away from the island's busy resorts. The spa boasts open-air terraces, allowing guests to enjoy a soothing treatment while admiring the spectacular surroundings. "An oasis of peace and calm, beautiful views, great food with a short flight and short transfer, what more could you want?" says John Hall of Carrick Travel in Warwickshire.

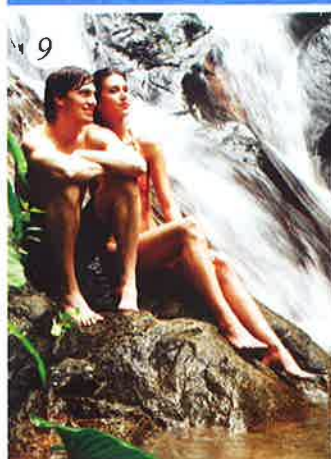


Restia Suites, Corfu

8 Elegant design and discreet charm merge in this adult-only hideaway located on the white-sand stretch of Almiros Bay. Some suites are nestled in gardens with their own private swimming pools and a secluded terrace where guests can enjoy breakfast or a candlelit dinner. "It has a great personal feel with stylish rooms and a fantastic view," says Sophie Wilson of the Thomson Superstore in Gateshead.

The Sarojin, Thailand

9 The Sarojin is a top pick for honeymooners and romantics. Rooms are luxurious and couples can even be 'shipwrecked' in style on the hotel's private island. "It's one of our best sellers and we get really good feedback from it," says Becky Price, from STA Travel in Cardiff.



Tigerlily, Edinburgh

10 On the home front, readers have been dazzled by Tigerlily in the heart of Edinburgh's historic city centre. Behind the facade of a Georgian townhouse is a chic hotel with shimmering mirror mosaics and glittering chandeliers. "It's really impressive when you walk in," says Thomson agent Rachael Clarke. "It's really modern and all the staff are great."