



39 Hotel Livadaki Village Kefalonia

Children have their own section of the lagoon-style pool at this small hotel, a 15-minute walk from Skala's sand and shingle beach on the south coast. The 32 rooms are decorated in neutral tones with french doors leading to a balcony or terrace with garden or sea views. Tuck into a continental buffet breakfast overlooking the pool where music is played throughout the day. A bar serves burgers and meze. See the dramatic stalactites at the Drogarati Cave and visit Antisamos beach, immortalised in the film of *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*. **Details** Seven nights' B&B is from £638pp (based on four sharing) including flights (0871 2302555, thomson.co.uk)

40 Amanzoe Porto Heli, Peloponnese

A shuttle bus will whisk you to a stylish beach club from this hilltop resort inspired by classical Greek architecture. The reception overlooks an expansive reflection pool lined with a colonnade, while a secondary area houses the Aman Spa and another pool. All the 38 high-ceilinged suites have pools and acres of marble and wood. Enjoy alfresco dining in the restaurant with three walls of floor-to-ceiling windows, or have a drink around the fire in the outdoor lounge. Bustling Porto Heli, with boat trips to Spetses, is a ten-minute drive away. **Details** B&B doubles are from £572 (00800 2255 2626, amanresorts.com)

41 Elounda Gulf Villas and Suites Crete

April marks the launch of an Ofsted-standard crèche and kids' club at this upmarket hotel offering stupendous views across the bay of Mirabello. As well as baby gear from nappies to sterilisers, there's a new outdoor play area, kids' menus and a weekly entertainment night with barbecue. Accommodation ranges from one-room suites sleeping three plus a cot to glamorous four-bedroom spa villas with their own pools, saunas and hot tub. **Details** B&B doubles cost from £94 based on two adults and up to two children under 12 sharing a one-bedroom deluxe suite (020 3603 1160, babyfriendlyboltholes.co.uk)

42 The Royal Paradise Beach Resort and Spa Thassos

Built above a beautiful curve of fine sandy beach, this modern hotel is set around four low-rise buildings overlooking gardens, mountains, the pool or sea. Rooms are furnished with wood floors and sleek en suites; the best have hot tubs on the terrace. There's an adults-only spa, seawater and separate kids' pools. Hire a car to explore the island and its miles of sandy beaches, mountain villages and dense forests. **Details** Seven nights' B&B is from £766pp including flights to the mainland airport of Kavala and ferry transfers (020 8758 4758, sunvil.co.uk)

43 White Orchid Sivota

Guests often spot dolphins from this tiny, adults-only hotel above the Ionian Sea overlooking Corfu and Paxos. Acres of glass maximise the sense of light in eight contemporary suites. All have a terrace or balcony. Take a dip in the 12m infinity pool or walk to a nearby secluded cove. The dramatic gorges of Zagoria and the



monasteries at Meteora are within easy reach, with traditional tavernas a five-minute drive.

Details Seven nights' B&B is from £866pp including return flights to Corfu, ferry transfers and car hire (020 3627 4822, simpsontravel.com)

44 Ionian Sun Kefalonia

This chic hotel overlooking the unspoilt south coast beach of Lourdas is set to open in July. Acres of glass, stone and wood will be used in the 27 light and bright rooms, which include 12 suites. Original art will adorn the walls. Set in 20 acres of lush gardens, a pool restaurant will offer grilled fish and fresh pasta. Have a moonlit massage or try yoga classes overlooking the sea.

Details B&B doubles are from £114 (020 7183 5383, uniquekefalonia.com)

Elsewhere in the Med

45 Londa Beach Hotel Limassol, Cyprus

Local antiques, Cypriot lace and olivewood door handles add character to the rooms at this stylish hotel on its own private beach near buzzing Limassol. Built in the 1980s, the hotel has been given a chic overhaul by Milanese designers. The Italian influence extends to the glass-fronted restaurant,



which serves modern dishes including seafood, pasta and colourful salads. After dinner, have a cocktail at the poolside bar.

Details Five nights' B&B costs from £449pp including flights (01204 821419, destinology.co.uk)

46 Hotel Juliani St Julian's, Malta

Watch the colourful fishing boats bobbing on the water from your balcony at this family-run seafront townhouse. There are 44 contemporary rooms decked out with chocolate and pale-blue furniture. The pièce de résistance is the rooftop pool terrace with superb views. Try Zest, the hotel's east meets west fusion restaurant, or explore the town's lively bars and restaurants. The baroque capital of Valletta is 25 minutes' drive away.

Details Doubles are from £72 room only (00 356 2138 8000, hoteljuliani.com)

47 Thirtyseven Hotel Gozo, Malta

Retired Milanese fashion designer Giuseppe has made his mark on this bijou hotel created from two stone farmhouses on the tiny Maltese island of Gozo. Bold modern art adorns ten eclectic rooms, some with exposed stone walls, Kerala teak beds and designer furniture. Lush courtyard gardens host exotic plants. Guiseppa's



wife Patti prepares fresh pasta and the day's catch. Descend to a Napoleonic fort or follow the path to Dwejra Bay on the island's emerald-coloured "inland sea".

Details Seven nights' B&B is from £1,160pp including five dinners, picnics and return ferry/taxi from Malta airport (01653 617000, inntravel.co.uk)

48 Villa Orsula Dubrovnik, Croatia

Set in pretty terraced gardens cascading down to the sea, this 1930s red-roofed villa is the perfect retreat from Dubrovnik's bustling Old Town. All 13 rooms have been given a boutique overhaul and are decked out with rich chocolate fabrics and furnishings. The public areas still have a glamorous air with soaring arches dominating the lobby and old pictures capturing the city's distinctive medieval architecture.

Details Five nights' B&B costs from £1,107pp including flights (020 3642 2595, simpsonexclusive.com)

49 Bracka Perla Brac, Croatia

Reached via a 45-minute ferry ride from Split, this tiny hotel is on the edge of the port town of Supetar where 18th-century baroque buildings cluster around a horseshoe-shaped harbour. The 11 simply furnished rooms are brightly decorated and have lovely terraces overlooking the lush gardens and sea. Tuck into a buffet breakfast of cold meats, yoghurt, cheeses and fresh rolls in the glass-roofed restaurant before exploring the island.

Details B&B doubles cost from £91 (00 38 521 755 530, perlacroatia.com)

50 Forza Mare near Kotor, Montenegro

Watch colourful shoals of fish from the romantic over-water restaurant at this delightful little hotel on the Bay of Kotor. The ten country-themed rooms are reached via a sleek staircase spiralling around a chandelier. There's a bijou spa, secluded pool and private pebbled beach. Explore the walled city of Kotor or head into Lovcen national park.

Details B&B doubles cost from £152 B&B (i-escape.com)

