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To: *Departures*

From: **Alessandra Scifo,**

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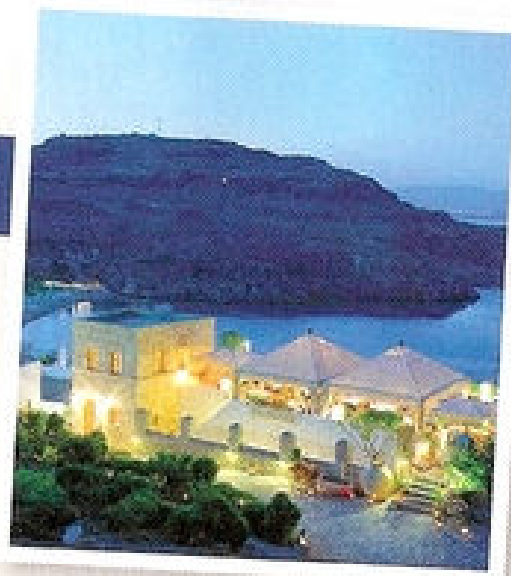
Re: **Melenos Lindos hotel**

I am writing to you at sunset from the shores of an amazing Greek island. There's total silence. I was swimming in the sea all day—sunny as if it were Capri in June.

I really want you to check out and stay in the place I am now, one of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World with only 12 suites. It's owned by the sweetest Greek man, Michalis Melenos; he's a fantastic host and the friend of a friend.

I know how much you enjoy the family atmosphere in very special places like the Sersales' Le Sirenuse in Positano, and here you find that translated into Greek. (The Web site, melenoslindos.com, gives you an idea of what it's like, but the reality is a dream!)

I care deeply about sharing this Mediterranean jewel—the quintessence of Greece—with you because I am sure you'd love it, too. Amazing location, just below the island of Rhodes's ancient acropolis and facing the Lindos Bay. Perfect service, as if it were a great private mansion, and very discreet. Incredible, authentic



atmosphere. Melenos has exquisite taste in furnishing, using antique details that reflect the aesthetics of 17th-century Lindos, Byzantium, the Ottoman Empire, and the great merchants of old Venice.

The hotel will take you deep into the heart of the Mediterranean, in the most dreamy Greek gods' lifestyle. Hope to see you soon! *From \$500 to \$1,200; 30-224/403-2222*



The exterior of the Honey Moon

Suite and the Melenos

Lindos at dusk, above