

MELENOS LINDOS, RHODES

The vibe Urban Londoners on a beach. A sultry, sassy, chic hotel.

Who comes here? David Gilmour from Pink

Floyd has a house in Lindos. It's all Greek to me... Helios, the god of the sun, fell in love with the daughter of Poseidon and named this island after her. The lowdown The ancient town of Lindos is classic stuff: all vine-clad whitewashed houses and sleeping dogs. It now has one of Greece's coolest retreats. In keeping with local architecture, the hotel is a lace of simple geometric cubes branching from steep stairs. Turn a corner and there's a sweeping view of the pretty bay below; turn another and find a labyrinth of private terraces, all trailed with hot-pink flowers. Aussie artist Donald Green has decorated the 12 rooms with quirky artefacts. In Suite One, the bed is raised on a mezzanine and old metallic needlework embroideries are on the walls. In Suite Three, 19th-century Armenian doors open into a boudoir with silk cushions on harem-style daybeds. In the divine rooftop restaurant, wooden platters overflow with colourful Turkish beads. The terrace bar has a vine-covered pergola with hundreds of small lanterns. A sensuous, earthy, decadent place. Suite, from £180 a night. Contact Your Greece (00 30 21066 40077; your greece.gr). Fly with Olympic (olympicairlines.com).