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'Rio's glamour is no longer faded — she's hip, edgy and bohemian'
Kirsty Lang on Rio de Janeiro

20 best boutique hotels in Greece

From a cool beach retreat to a hideaway in the countryside, **Annabelle Thorpe** picks her favourite stylish stays on the Greek islands

1 Ostraco Mykonos

Spend lazy afternoons curled up on giant sofa cushions beneath bamboo pergolas, sip cocktails beside the pristine pool, or luxuriate in the elegant rooms, and although there's no restaurant, lavish breakfasts are served till 12.30pm — giving plenty of time to recover from the night before.

Stay Doubles from £119 B&B through i-escape (i-escape.com). Easyjet (easyjet.com) flies direct to Mykonos from Gatwick, Luton and Manchester.

2 Perantzada 1811 Art Hotel Ithaca

Steeped in myth, Ithaca is an atmospheric island with the beautiful neo-classical town of Vathi at its heart. Perantzada is a carefully converted 19th-century mansion a short walk from the centre of the town on the quieter side of the bay. Rooms mix up white minimalist decor with splashes of colour, poetry inscribed on the walls, and art dotted throughout. Breakfasts are served on the terraces or the airy dining room, where fresh fruit and cakes are left out to graze on during the day.

Stay A week at the Perantzada Art Hotel costs from £1,182, including flights and B&B accommodation through Simpson Travel (0845 1543178, simpsontravel.com).

3 Melenos Lindos Rhodes

There's something rather magical about the village of Lindos, where no cars are allowed and donkeys carry tourists up to the ancient acropolis. The Melenos Lindos has just 12 rooms spread across four terraces overlooking the sea, each beautifully decorated with flower-filled pots, fountains and cushion-filled alcoves in the white walls. At night, the open-air bar is lit by paper lanterns; impossibly romantic.

Stay A week's B&B is from £1,390pp, including flights and one dinner through Elixir Holidays (020-7722 2222, elixirholidays.com) ▶



Kyrimai House on the Mani peninsula (15) has one of the region's best restaurants