



Kyrimai Hotel, Gerolimenas, Peloponnese



Kinsterna Hotel & Spa, Monemvasia, Peloponnese



Aigialos Traditional Settlement, Fira, Santorini

# Boutique Greece

One of the attractions of a holiday in Greece has traditionally been the simple lifestyle – an 'away from it all' back to basics holiday which is reflected in comfortable albeit 'no frills' accommodation.

However, the past few years has seen a growth in smaller, deluxe properties which are at least the match of those found for many years in rural Italy, Portugal and Spain. This new breed of small upmarket hotels can be found in some unexpected places - often in locations of outstanding natural beauty away from the crowds.

So we are delighted to join forces with the Yades group of hotels - a consortium of rather special properties which, although each is very different, have much in common. All are privately owned and aim to combine a distinctly Greek heritage with an intimate atmosphere, five star rooms and a high level of personal service. Many have noted restaurants, which offer contemporary Greek cuisine and the finest Greek wines. Yades hotels are linked with Historic Hotels of Europe and 'Heritage and Hospitality' is the Yades motto.

The Yades Hotels you can find featured within our programme are Kyrimai in deepest Mani (Peloponnese); Serenissima in the heart of Chania's Venetian quarter (Crete); Avli Lounge in the historic town of Rethymnon, Crete; Aigialos and Esperas on Santorini.

Of course not all of Greece's best boutique hotels are necessarily members of Yades. Kinsterna Hotel and Spa near beautiful Monemvasia in the remote south west Peloponnese is equally fabulous and highly

recommended, as is the superb Imaret Hotel in the historic town of Kavala (see website). Other hotels in our programme which we would consider 'boutique' are Katikies and Sun Rocks on Santorini, the Aegean Suites on Skiathos, the San Nicolas on Lefkas, the Mare Monte on Thassos, Agnadi Suites on Lefkas, Niriedes Suites on Sifnos, Anemomilos on Folegandros (see website), and various in the Old City of Rhodes.

Please note it is not necessary to commit to a full 7 or 14 night stay. Nearly all are happy to offer short stays, so for that special occasion we can easily tailor-make a few nights, perhaps with a car, within a holiday elsewhere in the region and without breaking the bank, or incorporate them within a fly-drive on the mainland or Crete. Or you could split a one week stay between Kyrimai and Kinsterna.

One word of advice for short stays - if you can it is better to avoid Friday and Saturday nights as these properties are not large and are often busy at weekends with the Greek market.



Avli Lounge, Rethymnon Old Town, Crete



Anemomilos, Chora, Folegandros, Western Cyclades