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The Terrace of Lions on Delos, a UNESCO-protected island and an important archaeological site



featuring waterslides – in eye-watering silver, fiery red and volcanic black – lines the bay at popular Psarou, and a man on a jet ski zooms by trying to take a selfie.

Psarou is where the style-conscious disembark to mingle with celebrities, to unwind at Nammos restaurant and to peruse Psarou Beach Mall, where the international designer stores are open until 11pm each day.

Further up the coast, the fashionistas that this dreamy island attracts spend languid days at bohemian Alemagou on the remote Ftelia beach while those in the know dine inside a natural cave at Spilia restaurant next to Kalafatis beach, before heading into the capital each night.

On my last evening back in Mykonos Chora (town), I join the crowds along the waterfront vying for the perfect spot. Snaking from the water's edge, Chora was designed to disorientate invaders centuries ago, but now visitors revel in

“The passionate crew love to show you an untouched island every day”

getting lost among the Grecian blue doors and white walls. It's a dreamy labyrinth of jewellery stores and designer boutiques framed by vivid bougainvillea.

Unperturbed by the frothy waves lashing at their ankles, the audience of tanned families, voguish couples and Instagram starlets is gripped: it's sunset in Alefkandra, the colourful Venetian artists' quarter, a coveted stretch of ramshackle, 16th-century pirate houses, overlooking the bay.

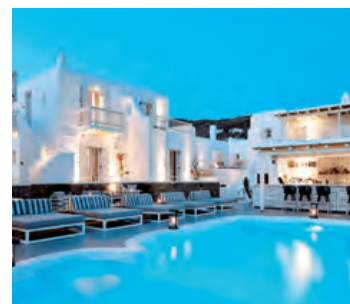
As the vermillion sun slips into the cobalt waves, a round of applause erupts and the sound of whooping and clapping sweeps through Galleraki, Caprice, Sea Satin Market and the other chic cafés and restaurants fringing the shore. Whether you're aboard a yacht, on a beach or up in the hills, whichever sunset panorama you find yourself enchanted by in Mykonos, it will undoubtedly deserve a standing ovation. loyachting.com

WHERE TO STAY



Keshō Boutique Hotel & Suites

The smell of lavender suffuses the air at this fashionable, one-year-old, hillside retreat set amid olive trees, whitewashed buildings and photogenic design features. Poolside cabanas and sunloungers overlooking Ornos bay are flanked by a pair of swings and a shisha lounge. The hotel's Greek fine dining restaurant serves fresh Cretan and Mykonian cuisine. Each of the 35 boutique bedrooms has a unique design with the majority featuring a water element such as a hot tub. Guests can unwind at the hotel's hammam and spa by day, or to the soundtrack of live jazz singers by night. keshomykonos.com



Mykonos Princess

Blissfully laid-back, Mykonos Princess, with its spacious, nautical-inspired suites and a swimming pool with sunbeds overlooking the sea, is the perfect base for relaxation. The 34-bedroom boutique hotel in white Cycladic architecture is five minutes from Agios Stefanos beach and an easy car journey to Chora. Friendly staff serve delicious Grecian fare at the restaurant. Suites feature balconies, a lounge, a bathtub and separate shower, as well as a bedroom filled with thoughtful extras such as a pillow menu and a classic Greek myth book. preferredhotels.com