

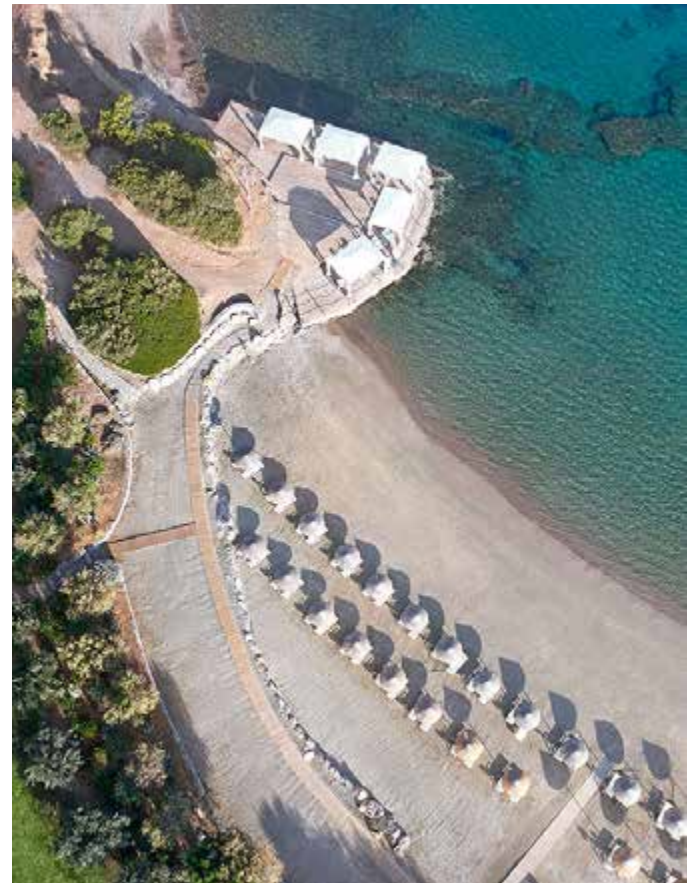


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MINA'S FAVOURITE HOTELS WEEKLY

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1 CAPE SOUNIO GRECOTEL EXCLUSIVE RESORT

ATTICA, GREECE

Surrounded by vast terraces and mystic gardens, Cape Sounio resort is built along the cosmopolitan coastline of Athens Riviera, on a unique beachfront location, facing the ancient Greek Temple of Poseidon. Bathed in natural light, its bungalows, family rooms, suites and villas are an ode to comfort and laid back luxury. A swim in the calm waters towards the cape can prove to be unbelievable refreshing, while a dinner at the gourmet rooftop restaurant overlooking the floodlit Temple of Poseidon is simply enchanting. Two more restaurants serving delicious Greek and international dishes based on the finest ingredients, an Elixir Spa Retreat, a sandy beach and outdoor activities for kids make this resort perfect for both couples and families.

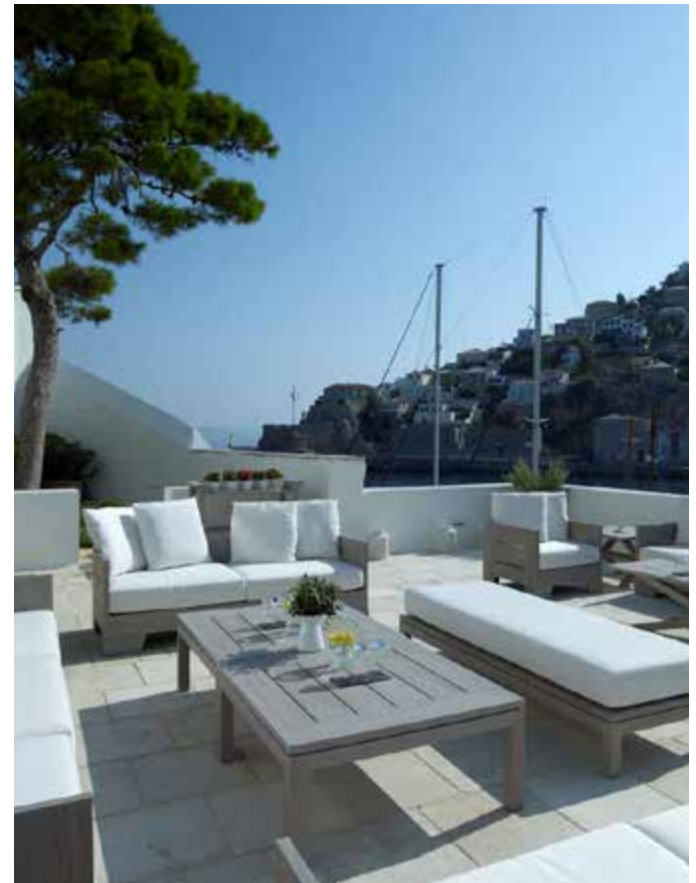
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2 | KIVOTOS HOTEL & VILLAS

MYKONOS, GREECE

Discreetly glamorous and built in complete harmony with nature's handiwork and the classic Cycladic design, Kivotos Hotel & Villas is located at the end of the wind-protected, powder-soft sandy beach of Ornos. This sophisticated boutique hotel is designed as an ingenious blend of postmodern and classic, featuring quirky hints, contemporary paintings, artworks and an impressive collection of Louis Vuitton trunks. As such, it addresses the needs of art connoisseurs and modern travel aficionados alike, by creating a blissful retreat full of character, vitality and Mykonian allure. Kivotos' exclusive dining options are characterized by superb aesthetics, delicate flavours and stellar service, while the spatial layout of its luxurious SPA creates an atmosphere of calmness and peace.



3 | HYDREA EXCLUSIVE HOSPITALITY HYDRA, GREECE

Originally built in 1803 as the home of Frangiskos Voulgaris' family, this mansion is also where the rebellion against Governor Ioannis Kapodistrias was signed in 1831. The historic building was restored in 2010 to all of its former glory and, since then, it has been inviting guests to enjoy the exclusivity of staying in one of Hydra's most impressive 'archontika'. Hydrea's location provides guests with direct access to the center of the town, as well as with the privacy needed for a romantic getaway. Its eight suites are a blend of elegance and simplicity, offering sea or port views. Similarly charming, the hotel's partner restaurant Castello is a renovated 18th-century fort-like building at Kamini, where one can savour delicious Mediterranean dishes.



4 | BELMOND GRAND HOTEL TIMEO

SICILY, ITALY

Steeped in century-old history, Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo was the first hotel to be built in the beautiful town of Taormina, on the Sicilian coastline. Serving views that have enchanted many literary greats through the years, it is one of those hotels which effortlessly evoke the grandeur of bygone times. From the rich wood panelling of its storied bar, the scenic Timeo Restaurant and the Michelin-starred Otto Geleng Restaurant to the ornate writing desks, the marble bathrooms and the Sicilian ceramics that adorn the rooms and suites, everything exudes Italian finesse and sheer elegance. Staying here, it is almost impossible not to be seduced by the lemon-scented gardens, the volcanic energy of Mount Etna and the hypnotic vistas.



5 | HOTEL ARTS BARCELONA, SPAIN

Towering 44 floors above the sea, Hotel Arts, a Ritz-Carlton luxury hotel, embodies all that which make Barcelona a world-class destination: iconic design, incredible culinary experiences and the sparkling Mediterranean. This stunning tower of blue glass and steel is one of the city's two tallest buildings, offering panoramic views over Barcelona's skyline and the sea. The beautifully designed accommodations exude understated elegance, while its seven restaurants – among which the two Michelin-starred Enoteca Paco Pérez – delight guests with their culinary offerings. Featuring over 1,000 sq. m. of gardens and terraces, two outdoor pools and a luxury spa in a spectacular setting, Hotel Arts is truly an awe-inspiring 5-star establishment.

hotelartsbarcelona.com



MINA'S SUITCASE

In this column, Mina shares a curated collection of her favourite products from around the world for women and men. The collection includes not only new brands, but also older gems by designers, which have remained unaltered over time.

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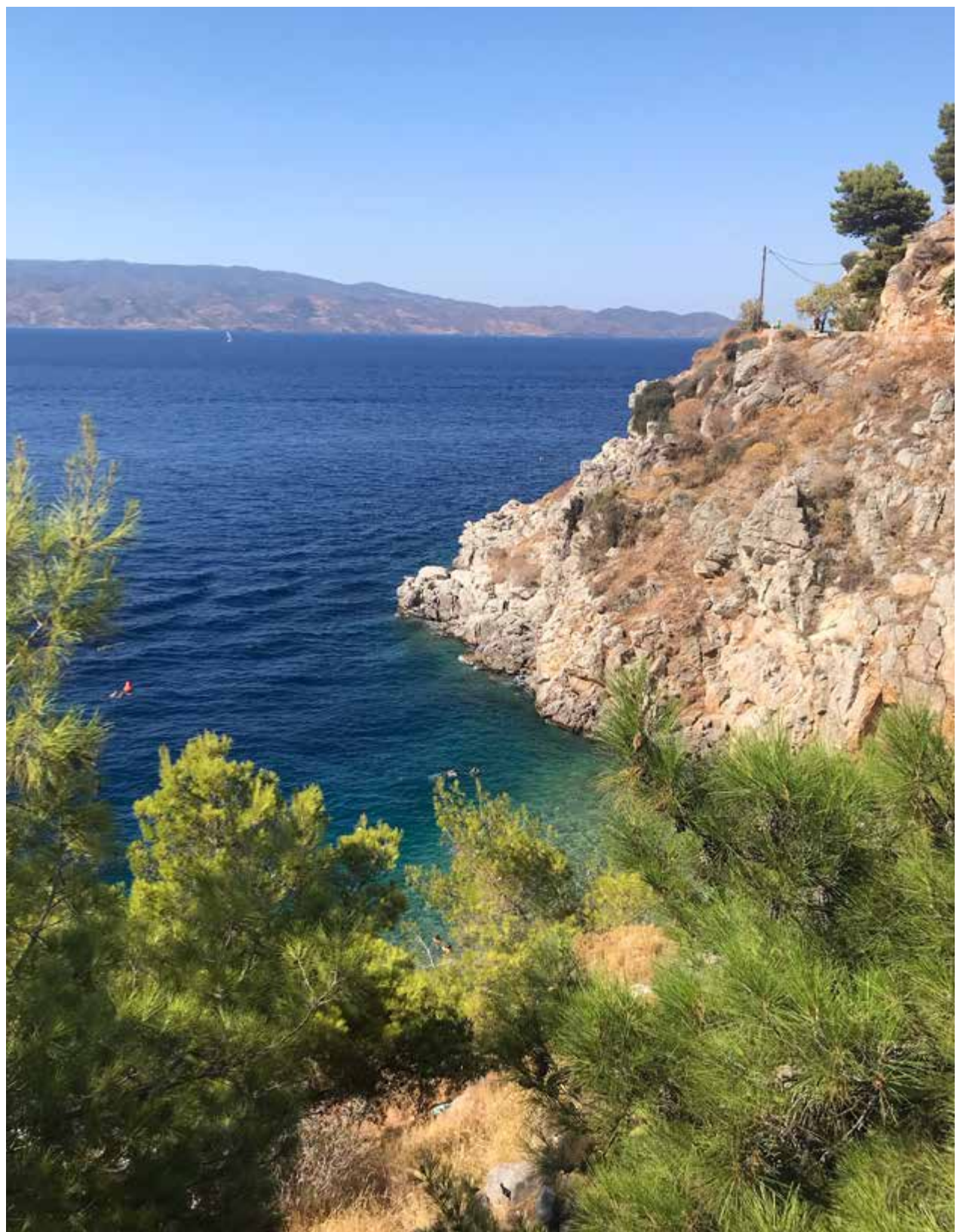
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IN GREECE WITH MINA

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This is an island with a great nautical history, and a favourite destination for all seasons of the year. Hydra is the most cosmopolitan island in the Saronic Gulf, with a very special architectural charm to its city. Mansions of captains alongside simple houses made of stone or white, with tiled roofs and small flowering courtyards, as well as, cobbled alleys, where cars are prohibited, gives the island its unique atmosphere. It may not have long stretches of sandy beaches, but visitors to this island can enjoy diving in small coves surrounded by pine trees and crystal blue waters, delighting in the sensation of having your own 'private' paradise. It is a place of worship and inspiration for painters and poets. Hydra has an artistic soul, as well as a cuisine starring fresh fish and seafood and of course their famed 'Moist Marzipan', sweet mouthfuls that linger in the pallet.

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MEET THE CHEF

Tasos Stefatos

Having grown up on an island, specifically on Kefalonia, Tasos Stefatos is well aware of the wealth of raw materials that the Greek land and sea offers. He believes that the flavours of the Cyclades and the Ionian Sea and the variety of products -each one with its own unique characteristic- provides the best combination that can be presented in a dish. Having apprenticed at major restaurants abroad, such as Vendome in Germany, Martin Berasategui in Spain and Atera in New York, he collaborated with significant Athenian restaurants, including the 2-star Spondi, Hytra and Botrini's with a Michelin star, respectively, before he made his way to Santorini and Elements Restaurant & Bar Canaves Oia Epitome. There, as executive chef, since 2018 he expresses his perfect technique, his creativity and his flavourful finesse against the background of a magical setting.

Elements Restaurant & Bar

Simple lines, volcanic rock, Cycladic white and a stunning view of the Aegean Sea. The luxury-style Zen air that characterizes the Canaves Oia Epitome blows in the award-winning Elements Restaurant & Bar, with every detail contributing to the creation of the ideal setting for an experience that captures all the senses. Here Tasos Stefatos is inspired by the special products of Santorini and its island flavours, in order to present a menu of contemporary European Cuisine with strong Greek elements. At the peak of this gastronomic philosophy and the priceless value of simplicity, every meal is reduced to a holistic experience, full of flavour, sensations and essential Greek hospitality, accompanied, ideally, by a signature cocktail or a glass of wine from the specially catered to wine list. It should be noted that from the Elements Experience Tables, on the floating deck, the view of the famous sunset of Oia is one of the best you have ever seen.





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