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Candia Park Village

Crete, Greece

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8/10

Telegraph expert rating

" Buried in lush greenery with panoramic views of Mirabello Bay, the heart of this delightful, family-friendly resort near the seaside town of Agios Nikolaos is a Provencal-style village square with its own clock tower, but the main hubs are the two pretty pools and a glorious, pine-fringed beach. "

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Telegraph Review



Heidi Fuller-Love TRAVEL WRITER

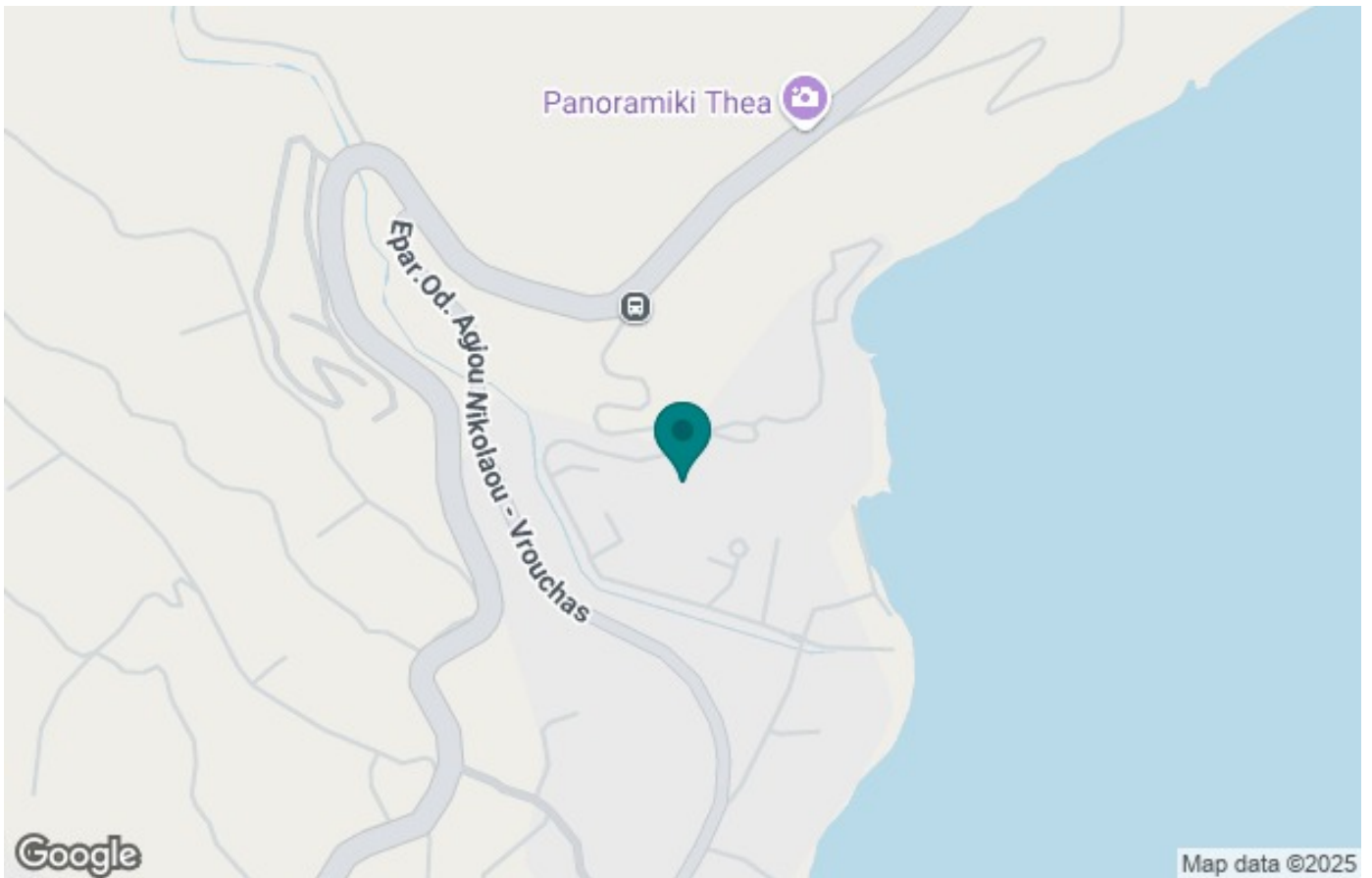
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Location

A (peaceful) private road snakes away from the main Elounda-Agios Nikolaos main road and down through a jungle of lush foliage to this sprawling resort above Mirabello Bay. There are plenty of buses to Elounda and Agios Nikolaos which are both around four miles (6 km) away. Boats from Elounda's small fishing

port make the 15-minute trip to Spinalonga, the island of Victoria Hislop's eponymous novel.



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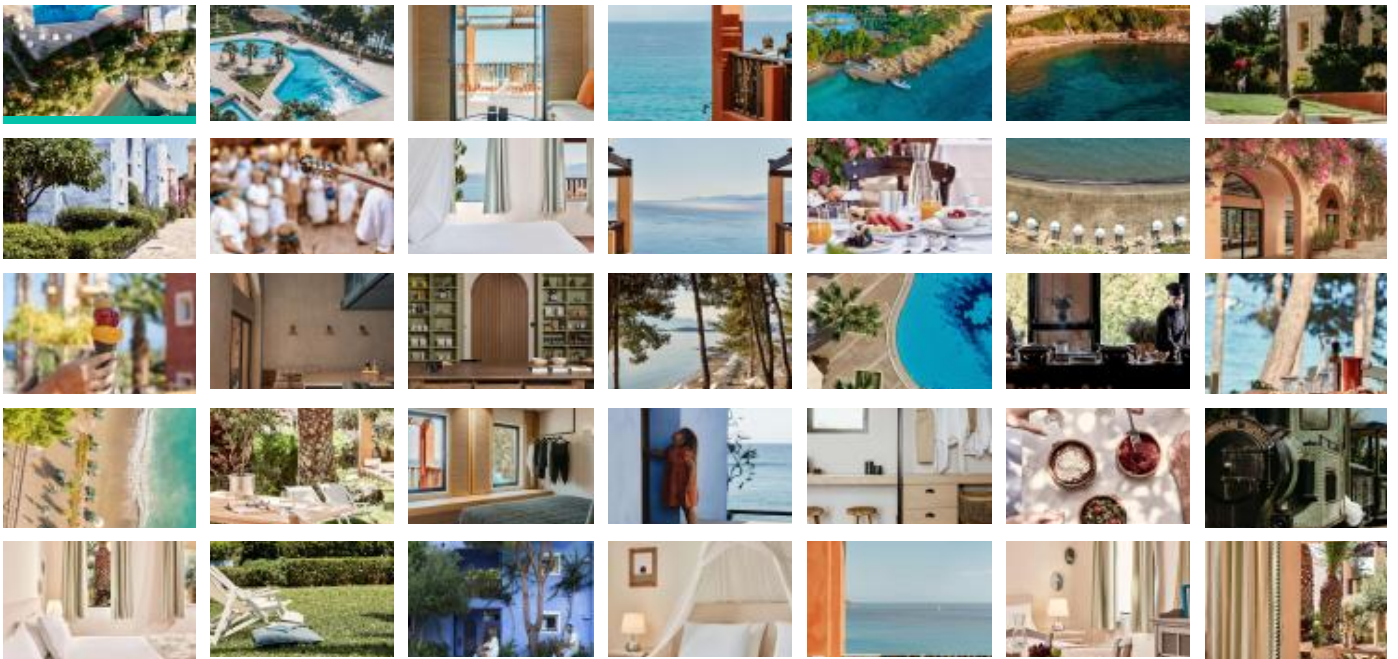
Style and Character

Winding paths lead past two-storey houses whose pastel-tinted lime exteriors (muddy ochre, sunset pink, delft blue) peek out from a jungle of bougainvillea, palm trees and fruit trees (children can pick their fill). The resort sprawls across a small hill and most rooms have wraparound views of the island-strewn curve of Mirabello Bay below. The heart of the resort is the village square (complete with clock tower) overlooking the main pool.





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Service and Facilities

Most of the staff have been here for years and it shows: service is family-style and attentive. At breakfast the waiters hurry over with extra paper napkins, cheerily

mop up after the children and are always on hand with fresh pots of coffee. When my husband slipped (see note about slippery steps further down) the busy waitress dropped everything to find plasters and a bandage for his scraped knee.

One large and very pretty main pool, split into two areas by a palm-shaded island reached via a narrow bridge, includes a dedicated kids' pool; from here a grassy slope tumbles down to a glorious strip of sandy beach fringed with pine trees. Beware of dangerously wobbly wooden railings near the seafront and slippery steps near the pool. A path leading further along the rocky coastline has a sprinkling of private jetties with sun beds (ladders descend to the sea), though some sun beds had thin, badly stained upholstery when I stayed.

A shop sells suntan lotion and local treats. There are also volley ball, tennis courts and a well-equipped gym, and a small but gleaming spa offering a range of treatments and wellness rituals curated by local company Aegeo, using Cretan herbs, saffron from Kozani and other local products.

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| ✓ Bar | ✓ Beach |
| ✓ Fitness centre | ✓ Laundry |
| ✓ Parking | ✓ Pool |
| ✓ Restaurant | ✓ Room service |
| ✓ Spa | ✓ Tennis court |
| ✓ Wi-Fi | |

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Rooms

There are 222 apartments and suites in five categories – all have self-catering facilities (two-ring hotplates and plenty of cooking utensils) and rain showers. Family Apartments and Seafront Suites have a main bedroom and living area, whilst Superior Family Apartments have larger living rooms with pull-out sofa beds and bigger bathrooms. Seaview Suites are like studios, with living rooms, spacious bedrooms, large sea-view balconies with old-fashioned deckchairs, and kitchens.

Décor in some rooms is chintzy vintage, with antique furniture, flowery quilts, olive-green furnishings and tiled floors, whilst other rooms, including the 16 Serenity Seafront Suites, have blond-wood shelving, plump mattresses, walk-in

wardrobes and organic décor (wicker lampshades, linen throws). Strung out along the rocky coastal path and further from the main resort, these rooms are best for privacy.

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Food and Drink

From self-catering to all-inclusive there's something for every budget. Restaurant Agapi (which means "love") is the main spot on the pretty central square where breakfast and dinner are served. There's a small à la carte menu but it's hardly worth bothering with because the buffet has a good choice of starters, salads and hot dishes (from moussaka to spaghetti bolognese). Breakfast is fairly limited but features cereals, olives, cheeses, meat cuts, all the hot staples (bacon, eggs, beans) and some fresh fruit; also a hot station for pancakes and omelettes. Coffee (served in insulated jugs) is strong and hot.

Lunch is served at Filli tavern which is fringed by sweet-smelling pine trees (and within refreshing seabreeze distance of the sandy beach). A small but balanced Cretan menu includes dakos rusks topped with pulped tomato and white cheese mizythra and drizzled with olive oil; velvety fish soup kakavia; Greek salad; pork gyros, in a pitta bread oozing tsatsiki and onions; several protein-based vegetarian options; and seafood, including fish and chips dished up with a garlicky beetroot spread. There's also a traditional kafenion where they serve carafes of the local white spirit raki, along with a selection of meze finger food. Pizza, pasta, burgers and other snacks are also served (by unsmiling staff) at the Plori Bar near the pool.

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Value for Money

Double rooms from €113 (£97) in low season; and from €315 (£270) in high. Breakfast included.

Access for guests with disabilities?

There are 18 rooms adapted for guests with disabilities and ramps throughout the property.

Family-Friendly?

Yes. Children up to 11 years old stay free and staff are endlessly patient. Self-catering facilities make this a good choice for budget-conscious families. There's also the Mini Blues Kids Club for children between the ages of four and 12.

About our reviews

Who we are: All our reviewers are either resident destination experts or travel writers that specialise in hotels. Often they will have stayed at the hotel in question many times and so can see how it has changed for better or worse over the years. They know what makes a great hotel in that particular destination and will compare it contextually against local competition.

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How we score: After their stay, our reviewers then give the hotel six scores out of 10, rating its location, style and character, service and facilities, rooms, food and drink, and value for money. The average of these scores then determines the overall score.

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