



THE ROYAL BLUE RESORT & SPA

# GRECIAN BLUE

Nature sets the tone at The Royal Blue Resort & Spa Crete; our design-led hotel slips seamlessly into the expansive blues of the sea and the sky. Welcome to your home away from home, amidst the charm of Cretan beauty.

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The modern and stylish interior design at The Royal Blue Resort & Spa, framing the Aegean Sea.

From morning through night immerse yourself in our quiet corner of Crete, a place where sandy beaches and craggy rock faces meet the bright and brilliant blues of the Mediterranean Sea. Experience the magic of our island – from sunrise to sunset and in every moment in between – from our secluded setting on Crete's northern coast, and settle into a life in tune with the elements.

Sweeping sea views may steal the show but with us, details lead the way. Each and every corner of our hotel has been carefully considered to bestow comfort, style and sophistication: from the chic design of our bedrooms to the elegant ambiance in each of our four restaurants and four bars. For something really special, opt for a room with private pool: the ultimate in solitude and serenity.

By day, settle into a sunbed on a private beach, cocktail or book in-hand; savour long lunches of freshly-caught seafood,



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SURROUNDING  
COUNTRYSIDE.



Gaze out across the expansive sea and sprawling mountains (top); soak up the sun with loved ones by your side (bottom). (Opposite page): Sink into inviting beds surrounded by nature.



comforting Cretan pastas or other local recipes with loved ones; take in the Cretan landscapes and meet your fitness goals with a workout in our open-air gym; satisfy mind, body and soul in our sumptuous spa; discover on-trend Greek designers in our boutique store; or hire a car and hit the open road to explore our stunning surrounds. Smaller members of the family may want to join you, but if not they'll be thoroughly looked after and entertained, at our welcoming Kids Club. As night falls, dress up for dinner under the evening sky and revel in the best the island has to offer: fine dining paired with local wines and an evening of wholesome indulgence before retiring to your room after a day well spent. Tomorrow brings yet more endless possibilities.

Relax in a poolside cabana as you listen to the sounds of the ocean. (Opposite page): Absorb the calming elements of the Cretan wild, from sea views to flowering shrubs.





Sink into a sunbed on our private beach (left) or reserve an evening table for two (right) and spend time relaxing at our beachfront oasis.



FROM DAYBREAK TO DUSK, WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE A SEAT AND ABSORB THE STUNNING BEAUTY OF OUR ISLAND, STARTING WITH THE EVER-CHANGING COLOURS OF THE SUN AND SEA.



THROUGHOUT TIME, FOOD HAS BEEN CENTRAL TO THE GREEK WAY OF LIFE AND IT'S A PHILOSOPHY WE EMBODY.

\_\_\_\_\_ A celebration of Cretan ingredients, recipes and wines runs through our restaurants, alongside a celebration of life. Our main restaurant, Symposium, welcomes you for breakfast lunch or dinner and invites you to experience a communal way of dining, one that echoes the lauded banquet of ancient Greece. Here, discover local recipes such as Skiofihta, a Cretan pasta, and Gamopilafo, a rice-based dish served at local weddings. Choose from a delicious à la carte menu including grilled seafood, fresh feta, homemade breads, and burgers at poolside Alati or the more rustic Elia, followed by beachside cocktails or coffee at Thea or Ammos Bar. As sunset falls, there's no better place to enjoy it than at Elixir Bar, with 360° views of the surrounding seas, before dressing up for dinner at Asterias where seafood, fresh from the Aegean, is served with quality wines from local producers. Continue your wine discovery at Enoteca, a wine cellar with more than 80 labels from within Greece and further afield.



Uncover a world of Cretan cuisine (top and bottom) and indulge in local, wholesome dishes with loved ones (top).

FROM PRIVATE BEACHES AND POOLS TO AN OUTDOOR GYM AND SPA, WELLNESS TAKES PRECEDENCE AT THE ROYAL BLUE.



\_\_\_\_\_ Much like the rest of the hotel, our signature massage treatments take inspiration from our surroundings. Thalassa, Ammos and Kyma – meaning Sea, Sand and Wave – use shells, starflower or seaweed to soothe, moisturise and remove toxins from the body. But there's plenty more to choose from, too, including treatments designed for pregnancy, couples, and even for children. Stay a little longer and get yourself evening-ready with a blowdry, mani-pedi or make up session. Spa aside, there's plenty to keep your soul happy and our holistic offering is designed to enhance everything already found within our natural paradise. Enjoy a workout in the great outdoors at our open-air gym, soak up the sound of the waves on our private beach, admire the open skies above our shared swimming pools, or bask in the peaceful indulgence found in the private pools within many of our rooms.

Take care of you at the Pure Blue Spa with time out in a relaxation room (top) or poolside (bottom).

