

# SATISFY YOUR SENSES

THE ROYAL SENSES, CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON

The magic of Crete lies in its culture and community, something that is not only preserved but celebrated throughout our hotel. On the island's northern coast, the Mediterranean waves lapping at our doorstep, we welcome you to The Royal Senses Resort & Spa.

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\_\_\_\_\_ At our authentic, family-friendly hotel, nature's dramatic landscapes meet a warm and genuine Cretan hospitality. With expansive sea views to one side and a dramatic, rugged hillside on the other, a stay here will engage all your senses. Gaze up towards the craggy mountains, hear the sea-breeze whisper through the swaying palms, smell the salty air of the ocean, taste the freshness of Cretan cuisine and feel the freedom that true authenticity brings. At The Royal Senses Resort & Spa, we thrive on a sense of community: immerse yourself in shared experiences at Platia – a lively main square with pop up restaurants and coffee stops – and savour traditional Cretan tastes served in our restaurants; many inspired by the recipes of Greek grandmas (in Greece we call them yia-yia).



View life from a new perspective, the way that nature intended. Observe the colours of the sea and the sky as you appreciate their stillness.



# TASTE

Explore the authentic tastes in all our dishes. From traditional roast-lamb platters to fresh fruits and local herbs, food at The Royal Senses Spa & Resort is designed to be savoured.



# HEAR

Listen to the sounds of laughter and happiness as your family splash through our waterpark, enjoying life in a way only children know how and making memories to last a lifetime.

Breathe in the scents of a crisp, ocean air from all areas of the hotel.  
Best enjoyed over long, lazy lunches with loved ones.

## SMELL



## TOUCH

Feel the water flow across your fingers as you dip into swimming pools lit by sunset. There's no better way to end your day.

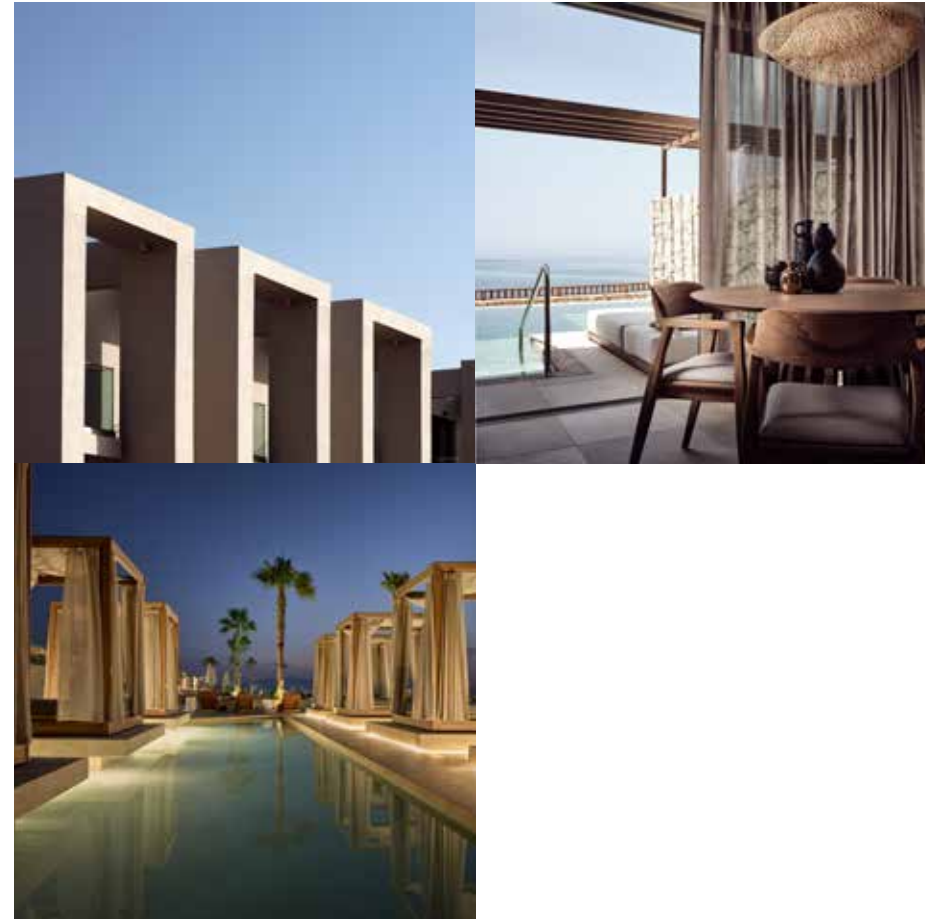


We're inspired by tradition and with us, life is lived in harmony with nature. From the soothing, organic tones of our interior design carefully paired with original art and mid-century furniture, to the herbal therapies used in our spa that are designed to heal; authentic, organic experiences form the foundation of everything we do.

Mindful connections mean everything to us. Spend languorous days soaking up the sun with loved ones at our pool bar, and long evening dinners that stretch into midnight cocktails, each lovingly mixed with local ingredients such as honey, berries and grapes. Or offer an outstretched palm to the world; meet like minded minds over lazy lunches at our community tables, or with coffee and snacks at our marketplace.

The entire island is yours to discover but nearby, discover the joy of local life with a stroll around Panormos, the charming fisherman's village on our doorstep, or take a leisurely, 15 minute drive along the stunning coastline to Rethymmo City to explore its mediaeval streets, their unique architecture inspired by Venetian and Ottoman design.

No matter how you spend your days – relaxing into our soulful spirit or exploring our beautiful island – do so with ease. Our thoughtful hotel is your holiday home from home.



LIFE IS ABOUT EXPERIENCES, AND WE HAVE PLENTY. BUT MORE THAN THAT, DISCOVER A PLACE THAT YOU'LL CALL HOME FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT THAT WILL STAY IN YOUR HEART FOREVER.



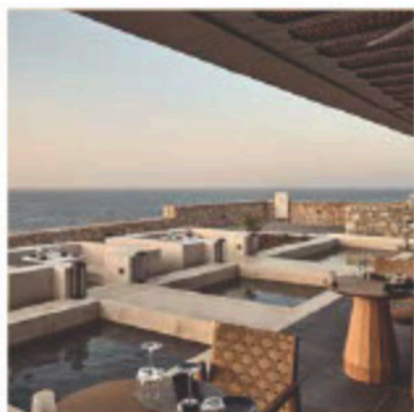


WILD AND GENTLE BEAUTY  
SEEPS THROUGH OUR SOUL,  
FROM FIRST LIGHT TO SUNSET  
WE INVITE YOU TO ENGAGE  
AND CONNECT, WITH BOTH  
YOURSELF AND WITH OTHERS.



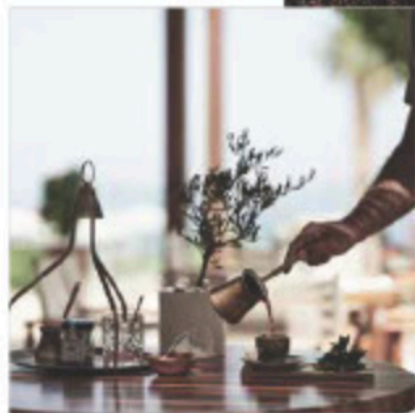
This page (clockwise  
from left): Gaze across  
never-ending sea  
views; splash down  
waterslides; soak up  
the sun; relish the  
sunset breeze.  
Opposite page: Ease  
into island life with  
style.





THEY SAY FOOD IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL, AND IT'S A PHILOSOPHY WE EMBODY.

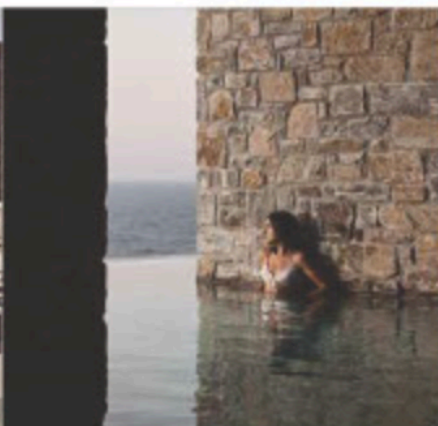
From platters of local lamb to fresh salads, and recipes inspired by grandma, Cretan hospitality runs throughout our restaurants and bars. With seven to choose from, you'll find a mood to suit you at any given time, on any given day. Savour fresh flavours at Cretamos as you dine on traditional-yet-elevated recipes paired with wines from our expansive cellar and impressive sea views. Share a grilled-meat platter with loved ones at Mitato, or discover an array of Cretan cuisine - mezze, gyro, sandwiches and more - alongside coffee and drinks at Platia, our community square made for mingling. Family comes first at Sphere, a water-side snack bar next to our splash park. Head to Gea for community, buffet-style dining on long, conversation-encouraging tables. By day, cool down with soft drinks mixed with local herbs or a frozen margarita at Euphoria pool bar, and as evening falls taste Cretan liquors at our stylish lobby bar, Zeno. Here, we recommend the flight tray, an assortment of local Raki paired with snacks and cake.



Every dish we serve is cooked and created with care (clockwise from left): morning coffee; al fresco dining; fresh, local ingredients; fine wines.



(Clockwise from right): workout at fresco; bathe in nature's beauty; recharge in our spa.



LIFE IS BEST LIVED WITH BALANCE. OUR PURE SENSES SPA, FOUR SWIMMING POOLS, FAMILY FARM AND CHILDREN'S WATER PARK OFFER PLENTY.

The magic of our spa comes from the cherished goodness of Cretan products - herbs, olive oil, honey and crocus - used in our treatments alongside ancient Cretan-Minoan wisdom. Soak up the nourishment as you relax into a massage or facial, breathing in nature's best scents, the sounds of rustling trees taking over your soul. Then sip on a Cretan mountain tea or make your way to the hammam, sauna or steam room.

Explore local produce further at our family farm; awaken your senses with a walk through the fragrant herb garden, or get back in touch with nature as you dig the rich soil to harvest your own fruit and vegetables.

Sip a frozen cocktail beside one of our four pools, or revel in family fun at Aqua Splash Park where kids (and big kids) can wade through water fountains, zip down slides and swirl in whirlpools at zones representing the sky, the sea and the earth. •