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DREAM ESCAPES

Home to unspoilt beaches, wondrous waterfalls and sleepy harbour towns, this alluring slice of Cyprus has it all

Akamas Peninsula

STAY

Dotted along a citrus-tree-strung hillside, whitewashed Anassa (3) is as sophisticated as they come. The warm, pellucid waters of Chrysochou Bay (2) are close enough for a pre-breakfast paddle and the stylish suites – some in fragrant gardens, others with their own plunge pools – are the perfect antidote to the scorching Cypriot sun. It's an utter haven for families, while being ever so romantic, with a split-level infinity pool and absurdly spoiling spa.

TASTE

Begin the day on Anassa's vast terrace with an ice-cold frappé and the morning papers and end it in elegant Helios (1), which turns out superb French-Mediterranean à la carte to the genteel sounds of a harpist. A short drive away, family-owned Pavlaras is a great little taverna for a laid-back supper with sigh-inducing views across the bay.

INDULGE

There's much to admire in the light-drenched Thalassa

Spa. From the sunny bougainvillea-draped courtyards to the Roman-style pool, every inch of it has been carefully thought out. Treatments draw on the mind- and body-bolstering benefits of the sea. Ease into the rhythm of it all with a soothing Osea Malibu Lavender Sea Soak before going all out with a glowing facial devised by sought-after skin maestro Tata Harper. If your little ones are keen to get in on the act, there's an all-natural menu of mini treatments, too.

EXPLORE

With its dramatic gorges, waterfalls and flower-strewn meadows, the Akamas National Park is perfect for hiking and biking; Latchi harbour's bobbing fishing boats and smattering of waterfront tavernas is well worth exploring; and the pristine shores of Lara Bay are home to loggerhead turtles. Back at the hotel, there are insightful wine tastings with the in-house sommelier as well as stargazing sessions down on the sand.

> Black Tomato offers five nights at Anassa from £3,250 for two people including BA flights from London, transfers and a stargazing session. Visit blacktomato.com. For up-to-date travel advice, visit gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.



Bond star Naomie Harris celebrated her 43rd birthday at Anassa



WHAT TO PACK

Little by Little Apple Nine Pip necklace, £130. Visit littlebylittlejewellery.com

Missoni Mare chevron bikini, £380. From matchesfashion.com

Aime Matcha Glow Sachets, £49. From libertylondon.com