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From spas to bars, ocean views to OMG rooms, *THIS is your kind of bliss*



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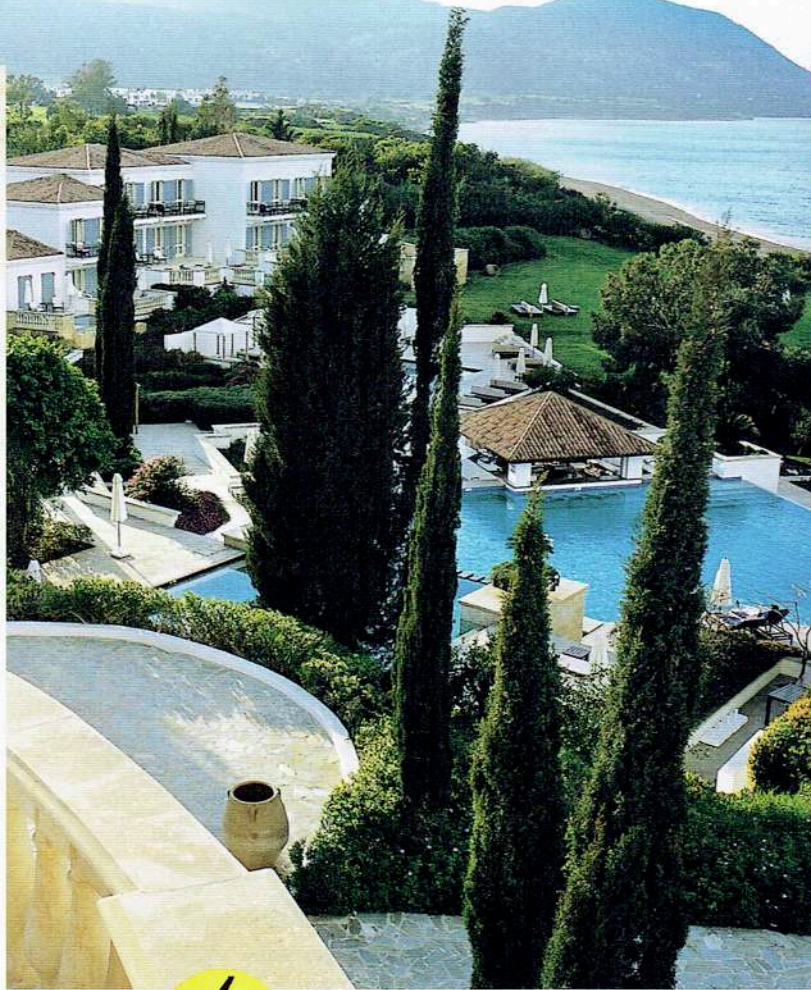


ANASSA HOTEL NEAR POLIS, CYPRUS

IS SQUIRRELLING YOURSELVES AWAY IN ROMANTIC FIVE-STAR SURROUNDINGS within skipping distance of a beach/infinity pool/bars your idea of bliss? Then this place should definitely be on your honeymoon shortlist. One of three sister hotels in Cyprus owned by the family-run Thanos Hotel Group, the Anassa is perched on a hillside overlooking its own private beach. Slick and super-sexy, it has the feel of a large, stylish Malibu mansion – big enough that you can retreat into your own loved-up world, yet small enough for faultless, five-star service. The interior is a marble-clad oasis of sophistication and the sea view from the suites is magical. Early morning, open your shutters and step onto your veranda to sip coffee with the chirping crickets, before taking breakfast on the pretty terrace under the shade of an olive tree. There's no need to leave the hotel during your stay; three pools (plus villas with private pools), tennis courts, water sports, as well as four restaurants and four bars, mean every need is catered for. There's also a designer boutique for those honeymoon essentials.

OUR KIND OF LUXE Time spent in the award-winning, Roman-style Thalassa Spa. If the wedmin got too much, book The Serenity Of Cyprus, a collection of no fewer than five treatments that will send your body and mind into a heady state of relaxation.

GO Scott Dunn (scottdunn.com) offers seven nights from £1,900 per person based on two sharing a Studio Suite on a half-board basis, including return flights and private airport transfers.



BLUE WATERS RESORT & SPA ANTIGUA, CARIBBEAN

THIS APPROPRIATELY NAMED RESORT perches majestically on the northernmost tip of Antigua – and the water here is *properly* stunning (be sure to organise a trip out on the hotel's speedboat, the Monterey Blue – nothing beats the feeling of zipping across the bay with the wind whipping your hair). Blue Waters has 116 rooms and suites, plus four villas, but as it's spread out over 17 acres, nowhere feels crowded and it retains a refined and personal touch. All of which means you can get down to the serious business of relaxing into island life. Flop onto one of the beautiful beaches, hop between the nine pools (our favourite is the infinity one) or just explore the lush tropical grounds, where you'll stumble upon pairs of sun loungers, which are nifty spots to tuck yourselves into for immediate seclusion. The decor is stylish throughout – think soft taupes and dove grey, with

a few pops of gorgeous turquoise to echo the shimmering sea outside. Once you've worked up an appetite from all that lounging around, the standout dish at Bartley's restaurant is the delicious, locally caught corvina fish, wrapped in a banana leaf and served with coconut rice. Or venture to the wonderfully dramatic cliffside Cove restaurant for heavenly vistas and sublimely delicate tuna tartare. Finally, kick back with a (surprisingly strong) rum punch and exhale into the mellow rhythm of the Caribbean.

OUR KIND OF LUXE Seek out one of the nine pretty wooden gazebos that are dotted around the grounds and staff will arrange a candlelit dinner for two – so romantic and spoiling.

GO ITC Luxury Travel (itcluxurytravel.co.uk) offers seven nights in a Superior Hillside Room from £2,145 per person, on a B&B basis, including flights and transfers. →

