

Why would you ever leave? The big, beautiful Sani Resort has it all – with luxurious hotels on

Rise of the super resorts

Taking it easy has been taken to ever more luxurious levels with the new generation of 'super-resorts', where everything you could possibly need for the perfect holiday is all in one place. Here's our pick of the best...



◀ The family-friendly one SANI RESORT, GREECE

Situated on the Halkidiki peninsula, with its three elegant fingers of land reaching out into the Aegean Sea, Sani Resort is a stunningly beautiful, eco-friendly cluster of hotels, apartments and 'villages' set around a central marina and fringed by golden beaches and fragrant pine forests. As far as super-resorts go, it has all the luxury and awe-inspiring vastness of an oligarch's yacht (Sani stretches over 1,000 acres), but with a friendliness and level of service generally found only in smaller, more intimate high-end resorts – such as staff regularly wandering round with slices of watermelon, frozen yogurt and refreshing ice-cold face towels. There's even a complimentary poolside sunglasses-cleaner!

Why you'll love it Built around a marina chock-full of yachts that, if sold, could probably pay off the Greek national debt, the Sani Resort is in one of Greece's most beautiful spots and the fact it has a 70% repeat-booking rate gives an indication of the level of customer satisfaction. It's actually quite hard to meet someone here who hasn't been before! And little wonder. The beaches are among some of the best in Europe, the crystal-clear water just too tempting and the waterside classy without being uber-flashy.

Families are supremely well catered for – there's a crèche, kids' and teenagers' clubs, an outdoor cinema and even a football academy. Three-bedroom family suites mean you and the kids can all have your own space while, for luxe lovers, the latest addition to the hotel's extensive dining options, Byblos Caviar, is Greece's only Caviar restaurant. If you spent two weeks at Sani you could actually eat at a different restaurant every single day, and the half-board dine-around programme makes this super-easy. Don't miss Ergon in the Marina for modern Greek dishes such as truffle beef and baked Naxos cheese, or Ouzerie on the cliff top for its spectacular sunset setting.

There are four main types of accommodation to choose from at Sani, from the Beach Hotel to boutique suites, but spa and well-being fans should make a beeline for the Porto Sani Village, with its tailor-made aromatherapy treatments, personal trainers and one-on-one yoga lessons. If you're a culture or foodie fan, you might also want to consider booking for the Sani Festival (July through August, when the resort gathers some of the finest musicians from Greece and beyond) or in May for the Sani Gourmet extravaganza.

The lowdown ITC Luxury Travel (01244 355550; itcluxurytravel.co.uk) has prices from £2,355 per family in Porto Sani Village based on two adults and two children sharing an Upper Floor Garden View Suite for seven nights, including daily breakfast, return flights with EasyJet from London Gatwick and transfers. ▶