



GREECE

Claire Bloomfield escaped to the Costa Navarino for a romantic break steeped in history and sophistication...

Set in the Messinia region of Peloponnese in Southern Greece, Costa Navarino offers unspoiled seaside scenery and over 4,500 years of history. Easily accessible via direct international flights to nearby Kalamata Airport, the destination offers luxury resort hotels, private residences and signature golf courses. Down on the Navarino Dunes, set in an exclusive secluded location, The Romanos is the perfect place to forget those pre-wedding worries, so that's where we checked in...

BLOW THE BUDGET

The award-winning Royal Villa Koroni covers a whopping 660 square metres and even has a private infinity pool. As if the lavish décor, facilities and astounding views of the Ionian sea weren't enough, you'll also have

a dedicated butler service, private terrace and Jacuzzi in the master bedroom.

Alternatively you could opt for a more modest option and book an Infinity Room. Also with sweeping views of the Ionian sea or The Dunes golf course, it comes with its own infinity pool – perfect for those moonlight dips!

There are almost 20 different dining options here. All the favourite Greek dishes are available at Souvlakerie and the traditional souvlaki wrapped in pita bread or



THIS IS A GOLFER'S PARADISE WITH CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES AT EVERY TURN





THERE ARE MANY LOCATIONS – INSIDE AND OUT – IN WHICH TO HOLD A CHIC RECEPTION



on a skewer is a delicious lunchtime treat. Set on The Dunes Beach, Barbouni serves freshly caught fish, grilled meat and the finest Greek wines. At Da Luigi, exquisite Italian cuisine is served with a time-honored Greek tradition of outdoor cinema so you can eat while watching a romantic flick on the Agora movie screen.

RELAX AND UNWIND

Anazoe Spa offers treatments based on ancient local practices that were discovered at the nearby Palace of Nestor. The signature Oleotherapy treatments are out of this world. Be sure to make time for a Healing Massage Remedy by Hippocrates and a traditional Olive Nourishing Facial. You're in for a whole new spa experience!

Soak up the sounds of Costa Navarino with panoramic sunset views from the Anax terrace and let the mixologists rustle up a cocktail. There is a vast selection of sweet Greek wines on offer, too. Why not book an exclusive wine-tasting class?

OUT OF TOWN!
WHY NOT HIRE A CAR AND TAKE A SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO NEARBY ATHENS?

WHAT IS THERE TO DO?

The resort offers a Navarino Racquet Academy, Navarino Outdoors, Navarino Sea and a Recreational Park with ten-pin bowling, basketball court and a video game arcade. The scenic guided 12km bike ride to the secluded Voidokilia Beach is highly recommended and even suitable for the novice cyclists. If you fancy treating yourself to a round of golf you have two signature championship golf courses to choose from. Both the par 72 Dunes Course or par 71 Bay Course offer an exciting challenge for all golfers.

CAN YOU GET MARRIED THERE?

Whether you choose one of the many event rooms for your reception or an outside space, you're sure to get the day of your dreams here. Religious weddings can take place at St Sampson chapel. And if you fancy heading back to the greens, you certainly wouldn't be the first to request a wedding among the bunkers!

Greece Fast facts

Currency

Euros

Flight Time

Around four hours from London Heathrow to Athens.

Airlines

Aegean Airways offers flights from London Heathrow to Athens, as well as daily flights from Athens to Kalamata.

Latest offers

An Infinity room at The Romanos, A Luxury Collection Resort, Costa Navarino, starts from 315 euros per night (approximately £251). For more information about the resort and to see the latest offers go to costanavarino.com

