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FASHION'S NEW
ATTITUDE

starring

MODEL OF THE YEAR
DAMARIS GODDRIE



THE SCENE

In the unspoilt north-east corner of the beautiful island of Zakynthos, Greece, a stylish party is permanently on the go. Overlooking the sea, where paddleboarders, dinghy sailors and waterskiers learn their skills, the fashionably dressed lounge on day beds drinking rosé. It's like being in a SS17 Front Row – but wearing Havaianas instead of heels. Welcome to The Peligoni Club.

THE LOOK

The low-key clubhouse, with its spa, bar, restaurant, tennis courts, backgammon under the trees and watersports, is the hub for 48 luxury villas (and three B&Bs). These are scattered over the surrounding hills, so you can be as social (or anti-social) as you like. Ours, Villa Figari, is the showpiece. Built from honey-coloured stone, with blue shutters and nine bedrooms, it's perfect for a house party, with shady terraces for lounging, a swimming pool, and a private jetty for diving into the cool blue sea.



Right: A private terrace on the deck of Villa Figari. Left: a view of the villa, with its blue shutters

HOT HOTELS

This month's offerings take us from a glorious chill-out pad in Zakynthos to a chic London sanctuary (via the New Forest)



From top: Villa Figari's pool and outside dining area. Right: The villa's courtyard

THE VIBE

Chic but chilled, this is not for the Ibiza party crowd or the Tulum fashion set, but a slick, smoothly run, small-scale luxury escape with an airy and open atmosphere. The charming service, with everything orderable on an iPad, can be a touch haphazard, but you can overlook that with a location this good. Peligoni is a big draw for families, but outside school holidays it ticks all the boxes for couples and child-free groups, too.

THE FOOD

Villa Figari is just a few minutes' walk from the clubhouse, where lunch and dinner (Greek salads, freshly made pizzas and simple grills) are a laid-back, taverna-style affair. A five-minute drive takes you to the port of Agios Nikolaos, for restaurants so close to the water you can feed the fish from your table. For a more St Tropez vibe, and probably the best G&T on the island, Nobelos restaurant (nobelos.gr) is superb.



IN THE HOOD

Don't miss the boat ride to the Blue Caves, and shipwrecks on the spectacular Navagio beach. For sporty guests, the 30-minute sea swim along the coastline from Figari should be on life's must-do list. Book a trip on the elegant sailboat, where you get to see the best of the island, eat lunch on the wave while lying off-shore and, if you're lucky, spot loggerhead turtles.

GETTING THERE

British Airways (ba.com) has return flights from London Heathrow to Zakynthos Island from around £260.

VILLA FIGARI AT THE

PELIGONI CLUB Agios Nikolaos, Greece; 020 8740 3001; peligoni.com. Weekly prices range from £400 for Daisy Cottage (sleeps two) to £13,500 for Villa Figari (sleeps 20). Club membership is from £140 per week, inc. concierge service, gym and watersports.

