

Kalesma Mykonos: Where Quiet Luxury Meets the Island's Vibrant Soul

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Mykonos, Greece beckons this summer with its irresistible blend of sun-drenched beaches, crystal-clear Aegean waters, and legendary energy that effortlessly shifts from laid-back daytime lounging to vibrant nightlife under the stars. Whether you're wandering the charming, whitewashed alleyways of Chora, savoring fresh seafood at a seaside taverna, or soaking in the scene on the island's world-famous beach clubs, the island delivers a perfect mix of relaxation and revelry. Add in luxury accommodations, designer shopping, breathtaking sunsets, and a dash of Cycladic magic, and Mykonos remains one of the most iconic and unforgettable summer destinations in the world.



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For travelers seeking the ultimate Mykonos experience – a blend of effortless luxury, warm authenticity, and proximity to the island’s famed energy – the five-star **Kalesma Mykonos** delivers in spades. This exceptional boutique retreat, whose name fittingly means “invitation” in Greek, offers a rare sense of belonging, as if you’ve arrived at a private hillside home overlooking the endless blue of the Aegean Sea.



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What sets Kalesma apart is its rare and effortless balance of scene and sanctuary. Just a short drive from the buzz of Mykonos Town and the island's legendary day clubs, it offers seamless access to the best of the island's vibrant energy and sun-soaked shores. Yet tucked gracefully into the serene hills of Ornos Bay, Kalesma feels like a world unto itself—a quiet haven where the sea breeze carries away every care, the horizon stretches endlessly, and time seems to slow. Here, you can breathe deeply, surrender fully to the moment, and gently recharge between your island adventures, from dawn's first rainbow sky to the magic of midnight.



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The design of the property is sublime... a modern interpretation of traditional Cycladic architecture, blending whitewashed walls with raw stone, wooden pergolas, and gentle curves that reflect the island's natural beauty. Each suite and villa boasts private terraces with plunge pools, outdoor showers, and sweeping sea views, ideal for savoring the golden light of a Mykonian sunrise or sunset in utter privacy. Interiors are warm and inviting, layered with natural textures – light woods, linen fabrics, hand-crafted ceramics – creating an atmosphere of understated elegance. The aesthetic feels more like an artful private residence than a hotel, with thoughtful touches that make each space feel personal.

Service at Kalesma is exceptional – attentive but never intrusive, personal but perfectly polished. The team exudes genuine warm Greek hospitality, anticipating your every need while making you feel as though you are part of the family. Whether it's arranging front row beach beds, securing the best dinner reservations, or organizing bespoke excursions, no detail is overlooked, and no ask is too tall for the concierge team and dotting staff.



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The hotel's restaurant, **Pere Ubu**, has quickly become a destination on its own. Here, elevated Mediterranean cuisine showcases the freshest local ingredients with surprising and delightful twists. The open-air setting, with panoramic sea views, is the perfect backdrop for leisurely breakfasts (by far the best avocado toast I've ever had, hands down!) or sunset star lit dinners that linger late into the night.



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Should you be able to pull yourself away from the tranquil elegance of Kalesma, Mykonos reveals a culinary landscape as captivating as its sun-drenched shores. In the heart of Chora, **Noema** serves as both a gastronomic and social epicenter — where inventive Cycladic cuisine meets an effortlessly chic crowd beneath twinkling lights and the beats of live music. For an authentic seaside meal, **Apaggio** in Ornos Bay delights with fresh, locally sourced seafood and timeless Greek recipes passed down through generations (open year-round and a top choice for locals and tourists alike!). Meanwhile, **Remezzo**, an enduring icon perched above the port, strikes the perfect balance of scene and substance, blending jet-set glamour with Mediterranean classics and breathtaking sunset views. Each offers a distinctly different but equally unforgettable taste of the island's vibrant spirit.



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While Mykonos is famed for its glamorous beach clubs, with names like Nammos and Scorpios drawing the global jet set, some of the island's most rewarding seaside escapes lie off the well-trodden path. Tucked away from the crowds, **Solymar** on Kalo Livadi offers a laid-back yet luxurious vibe with pristine waters and impeccable service. **Kuzina**, set on the golden sands of Ornos, effortlessly blends barefoot charm with elevated Greek cuisine, perfect for a long, lazy lunch that lingers into sunset. Then there's **Hippie Fish** on Agios Ioannis, where bohemian spirit meets understated elegance... a place to sip, savor, and soak in uninterrupted views of Delos while feeling worlds away from the island's buzzier haunts. The expert concierge team at Kalesma can effortlessly secure coveted sunbeds and restaurant reservations at each of these hidden gems, ensuring your Mykonos beach day is as seamless and chic as the island itself.



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Kalesma Mykonos is set to unveil an exciting expansion for Summer 2025, introducing 21 additional accommodations — including 10 spacious deluxe rooms and 11 elegantly appointed junior suites — along with a stunning new pool and a charming, all-day traditional Greek taverna. This thoughtful growth will nearly double the resort’s footprint, offering guests even more space to unwind, dine, and soak in the sweeping vistas of Ornos Bay shimmering below. While the beloved Pere Ubu continues to delight with its elevated modern Greek cuisine and sophisticated ambiance, the addition of the taverna promises a more intimate and authentic culinary journey, where guests can savor timeless mezedes like dolmades, golden saganaki, and crisp dakos salad in a relaxed, al fresco setting.

Beyond the expanded dining offerings, the new pool area will create yet another sanctuary for sun-drenched lounging, cocktail sipping, and effortless island living — further cementing Kalesma’s reputation as one of Mykonos’ most luxurious and thoughtfully curated retreats.



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In a destination famed for its high energy and non-stop glamour, Kalesma Mykonos offers a refreshing and sophisticated alternative... a sanctuary that feels peaceful, intimate, and stunningly beautiful, yet never disconnected from the island's unmistakable sparkle. It is the rare kind of place that lingers in your memory long after you've left, weaving itself into your travel stories like a treasured secret. The true magic of Kalesma lies in its effortless balance: it captures the essence of Mykonos without overwhelming it, inviting you to savor the island's vibrant spirit on your own terms. Whether you choose to slip into the heart of the bustling scene within minutes or remain blissfully cocooned in your private suite – where the gentle, warm breeze carries the subtle scent of the Aegean – every moment here feels curated for calm and connection. From sunrise breakfasts overlooking Ornos Bay to moonlit evenings by the firepit, Kalesma crafts an experience where luxury meets laid-back elegance, making every stay feel both rejuvenating and unforgettable.



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