



GREEK ISLAND HIDEAWAY

## KALESMA

Mykonos



It's apposite that the name of this cluster of 25 suites and two villas — which descend, like tiered giant marshmallows, down a slope to Ornos Bay in Mykonos's southwest translates as "inviting".

Kalesma evokes the spirit and congeniality of a traditional Cycladic neighbourhood. All communal areas are adjoined, from the walled firepit beloved by preprandial cocktail sippers to the Aloni Sunset Lounge via the Pere Ubu restaurant (try the roast octopus with spicy house-made sausage, black garlic, onion-vinegar syrup and black hummus) and spacious bar area: effectively the resort's plateia, or town square, flanked by an elongated infinity pool overlooking Ornos Bay. A jasmine-like olfactory chorus, meanwhile, emanates from the 26,000 local plant species on the property.

Besides the three-bedroom Apollon Villa and the four-bedroom Artemis Villa, all suites are identical in size (63 square metre by 90 square metre terraces) and share a geometric layout with traditional Mykonos homes. They all have plunge pools plus alfresco showers and, because the resort rests on the spine of the Aleomandra Peninsula, views of both sunset and sunrise.

Decor-wise, whitewashed walls juxtapose elegantly with dark tiles, timber beams and bamboo ceilings, a muted overall colour palette interrupted here and there by cautiously outré marble and lava-stone tables.

As in Venice, arriving by boat at this convivial, pulse-slowing resort bolsters your all-important first impression — and there are yacht-mooring opportunities in the bay. *Rooms from £1,450*