

Many hotels claim uniqueness, but few can compete with Nafplia Palace. It's the only five-star hotel in Europe situated in an ancient acropolis, for one thing, and its eclectic style defies categorisation — Sixties modernism cohabits with neoclassicism; wood and stone blend with twenty-first-century technology.

The hotel's villas are the last word in luxury, with touch-pad controls, private pools and bathroom fixtures worthy of the most exclusive spa. Speaking of which, the hotel now boasts a new spa by the Institut Dominique Chenot in Merano, Italy. Then there's that epic view, over the town to the Argolic Gulf beyond.

By day, guests lounge on the hotel-managed beach or explore the sights (Mycenae and the ancient theatre of Epidavros are nearby); at night, they visit the hotel's gourmet restaurant, Amimoni, its glass walls offering the best view in Greece, or take the lift down the hillside to the beautiful city of Nafplion.

Both ancient and modern, and open all year, Nafplia Palace is the best of both worlds – and just an hour and a half's drive from Athens.

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