

# A blast in the past

Introducing undeniable glamour to one of Greece's most historic regions, the Nafplia Palace brings together the best of past, present – and future



Greece boasts some of the most remarkable history in the world. So there could be few more appropriate, or memorable, ways to experience it than at the one-and-only Nafplia Palace, located just one and a half hour's drive from Athens (so perfect for a long weekend) and situated in the heart of third-century BC ruins – Greece's only hotel set within a historical site.

With such a setting comes a truly unique atmosphere – further enhanced by its fabulous new Bungalow Villa Wing, where ancient beauty rubs shoulders with 21st-century brilliance: think heated floors, touch-screen electronics, sound-proof walls, remote-controlled mattresses, aerospa bathtubs and huge private pools within reach of the castle walls. Take an Exclusive Club Ambassador Spa Villa Sea View, and you also get pivoting fireplaces, and a home cinema; take a Platinum Club Presidential Villa Sea View, and you won't even need to move from your bed to regulate the pool's temperature. And spectacular views of the sea, the Nafplio coastline, the Old Town and the castle of Palamide come as standard – in many of the suites, as you soak in your giant tub you can soak up the views of the idyllic harbour, dominated by the ancient Bourtzi castle.

Feeling inspired? There's an elevator direct from the hotel to the centre of the Old Town, transporting you back in time in minutes. Perhaps to the Palamide Castle, the ancient protector of the city, perched at the top of 999 steps. Or to the winding, stone-paved streets, lined with traditional cafes, designer stores and neo-classical houses, and leading to the piazza-style Syntagma Square, perfect for a long, Greek-style lunch.



The beautiful modern harbour, lined with gleaming yachts, invites a post-lunch wander. Or head further afield and discover a wealth of year-round attractions: beautiful beaches, historic vineyards, sleepy villages, remote islands and even an ancient 2,400-year-old theatre, in which classics are still played out almost every summer weekend.

**For further details, call Nafplia Luxury Hotels on 00 30 27520 70800 or visit [www.nafliapalace.gr](http://www.nafliapalace.gr)**

**Clockwise from left:** Ambassador Villa, with highly individual interiors; Ambassador Villa exterior, with ancient ruins; bathroom with a sea view; Executive Villa Sea View