



CRETA MARIS

## ◀ Malia and Crete: Creta Maris Beach Resort

If you have to ask where or what Malia is you're probably not the sand and surf type, and legendary beach parties are a distant and foggy recollection for you. Malia makes Cancun seem like a lonesome beach stroll. However, even the diehard party down jet setter needs a comfy place to crash in between. Non-stop music, dancing, and friction in between the sexes are a drain. The Creta Maris Beach Resort is distant enough from the revelry of Malia, yet close enough to enjoy the party without the continual noise.

The resort is actually quite massive, with 675 rooms spread out into bungalows, family rooms, suites, and ultra exclusive VIP suites. Situated outside Hersonis-

os in the village of Creta Maris, this stunning beach resort is a whole rack of picture postcards—a stay for just about any traveler fantasy getaway, from family vacation to the aforementioned beach and clubbing stint.

The quaint twisting paths of the village flow seamlessly into the Aegean architecture of this lush landscape. Five-star amenities, famous Cretan hospitality, culinary experiences, even a burro ride in the hills, the traveler is inundated with endless possibilities. Jet ski in the morning; relax at the Hammam Spa before lunch; party at the resorts discos and events; or plunge down the beach at Malia. Stay in the bungalows with a sea view for about \$250 a night, or live the luxury life in the TOP VIP Suite "On the Rocks" for just over \$800.

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The Creta Maris, an expansive resort on the Cretan Sea is in itself, a garden playground within an Island paradise.

## New Zealand Festival 2014: Wharekauhau Lodge

February 21 – March 16, the New Zealand Festival 2014 is the biggest arts event in Wellington, or New Zealand for that matter. Anyone visiting this unbelievably picturesque country down under, who's got an eye or ear for the creative, will certainly be hunting chic hospitality to go along. To that end, Wellington has a superb selection, but none more elegant than Wharekauhau Lodge.

Sitting on 5,500 acres of magnificent New Zealand countryside, this is about as rich a Kiwi adventure as there is. World-renown for their artisan foods and boutique wines, the trekking guides do not

outdo the chefs here. A world of outdoor sports is also afoot, including jet-skiing, archery, and clay targets. When muscles tire at the end of an eventful day, world-class day-spa and other relaxing amenities are at arms reach.

While the five-star luxury and service here is its own reward, the real pleasure of this place is the farmland, seashore, and pristine countryside. Of all the places on this bucket list of "to die for" destinations, New Zealand is unsurpassed in natural beauty. And this hotel fits seamlessly into the landscape. The Lodge Suites here offer the most individualized and exclusive value, these run from \$600 to \$800 per night, depending on the season.

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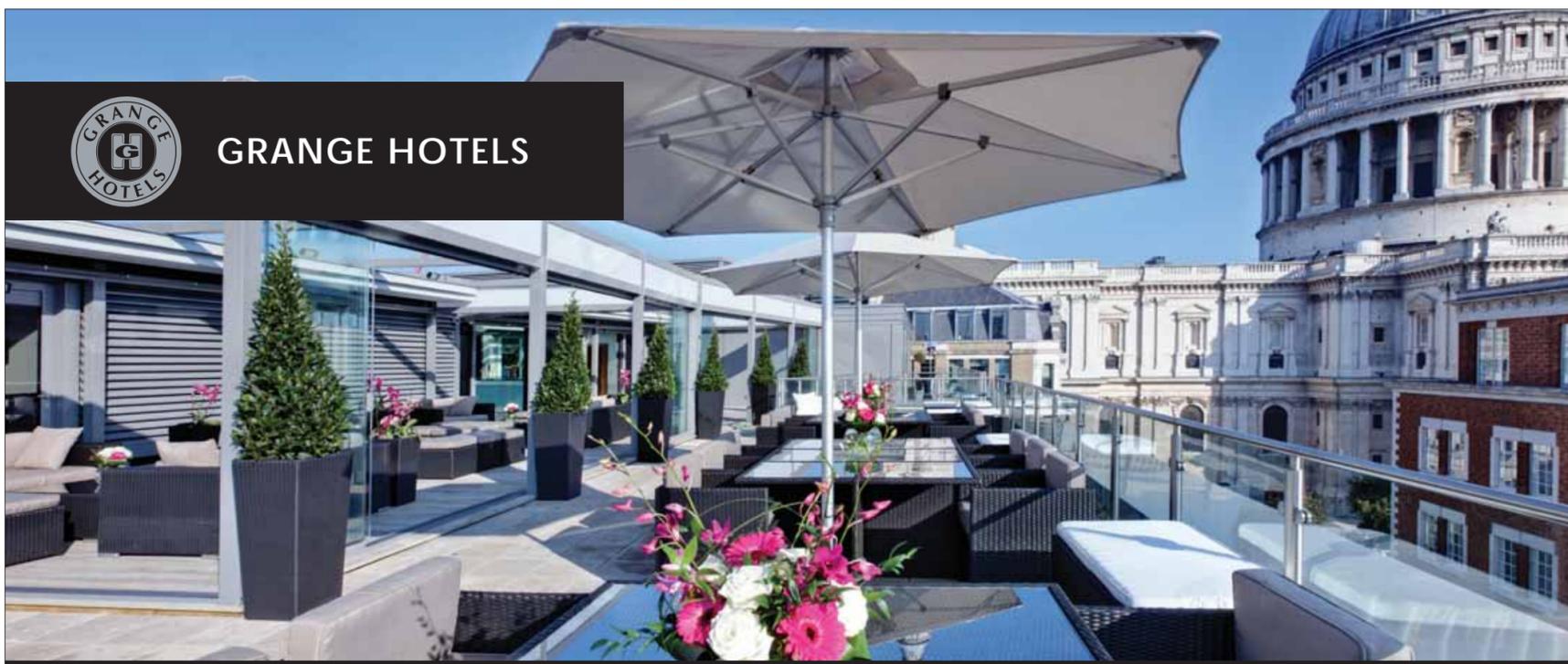


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