

# Sani<sup>side</sup>up

Life doesn't get much sweeter than at Greece's Sani Resort, with its pristine beaches, plush rooms and gourmet food

Picture this – it's a balmy evening and you're walking along an endless white sandy beach, while across the water the sun sinks slowly below the horizon. Warm waves lap at your feet, and thoughts of the mouth-watering dinner just enjoyed fill your head; now it's time to slip between the cool sheets of a comfy bed, only one highlight of your five-star guestroom which even boasts its own private pool in some cases. Where are you? Paradise – that much is clear – also known as Sani Resort, a family-owned luxury getaway resting on Greece's Kassandra peninsula, and the ultimate destination for any traveller that takes holiday-making seriously.

The formula here is simple: a pristine location with unbeatable weather, elegant accommodation and cuisine to make even the most discerning of palates swoon. Sani Resort is a world unto its own; comprising four exclusive hotels, 16 tantalising restaurants, as many bars and a superb marina – all resting on 1,000 acres of an ecological reserve dotted with beaches and pine forests – this is a holiday in the sun with a difference. And with everything from the activities to the meals tailored to individual guest and family needs, service does not get better than this.

Food plays a starring role in life at Sani; this is not your average hotel fare, the restaurants are superb quality and offer both Greek and international cuisine. An homage to good eating, the annual Sani Gourmet festival may only be in its fifth year but it already boasts a reputation ranking it amongst the world's top culinary events. This year the festival takes place from 14-23 May, and is dedicated to all women chefs – especially mothers and grandmothers – who have contributed to preserving their traditional, national cuisines by passing on their passion for cooking and healthy eating to future generations. The line up is sure to be impressive: last year resort guests were spoilt with cuisine by the likes of Santi Santamaria, holder of three Michelin stars at the famed Can Fabes in Spain. But festival or not, Sani's guests always eat well, and a Dine Around options allows half-board guests to eat at almost all of the resort's restaurants.

An occasional pang of guilt accompanies feasting such as this, but with all the activities that Sani Resort has on offer, there's no need. Swimming, scuba diving, catamaran lessons, tennis, or even a stroll around the shops are just a few options to help you burn those calories – or to help work up an appetite for the next meal. In the afternoon relax on the pristine beach, where the most strenuous activity might be applying your sunscreen (though we're willing to bet there's someone at Sani happy to do that for you too).

After a day of sun and sea and an evening of fine dining, you're sure to sleep soundly, leaving you refreshed for another indulgent day. All four hotels are luxurious, but Porto Sani Village & Spa has the added appeal of the sumptuous Spa Suite by Anne Semonin and a jacuzzi in every room. Even the gods of Mount Olympus – which, incidentally, you can see from the resort – never had it so good.

For more information, visit [saniresort.com](http://saniresort.com)







CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: GUESTROOMS AT SANI BEACH CLUB; OUZERIE AT SANI BEACH CLUB AND ITS FINE CUISINE; THE SERENE MARINA; GOURMET CUISINE; BOUSOULAS BEACH;; PORTO SANI VILLAGE POOL



## Win a holiday to Sani Resort

See paradise with your own eyes: Sani Resort is offering one *Food and Travel* reader the chance to win a week's stay at Porto Sani Village & Spa during the acclaimed Sani Gourmet festival. The winner will spend the week soaking up the sun on the resort's beaches, enjoying the luxurious hotel and its facilities, and of course, sampling the cuisine of Michelin-starred chefs that have flown in specially for the food festival. Enter by answering the question below.

### The question

When does Sani Gourmet take place in 2010?

### The prize

Seven-nights' stay in a Porto Sani Village & Spa standard suite garden view room for two adults. Includes half-board accommodation, one dinner at Sani Gourmet, flights, airport taxes and transfers to and from Thessaloniki airport.

### How to enter

Email your name, address and telephone number to [competition@foodandtravel.com](mailto:competition@foodandtravel.com) with 'Sani' in the subject line. Alternatively, write your answer and contact details (including your phone number and email address) on the back of a postcard or sealed envelope and send it to Sani Competition, *Food and Travel* magazine, Suite 51, The Business Centre, Ingate Place, London SW8 3NS. Please ensure that you state clearly if you do not wish to receive details of other offers. Closing date: 30 April 2010. □

### Terms and conditions

1. Sani Resort reserves the right to allocate clients to rooms/tables/seats subject to availability and its own discretion. 2. Flight includes two economy class tickets from London Heathrow to Thessaloniki via Athens. Tickets are valid until 5 December 2010, excludes school and public holidays, and are subject to availability. 4. For full terms and conditions see page 107.

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