

Try your hand
at catamaran
sailing



The Sani Resort
Water Bar

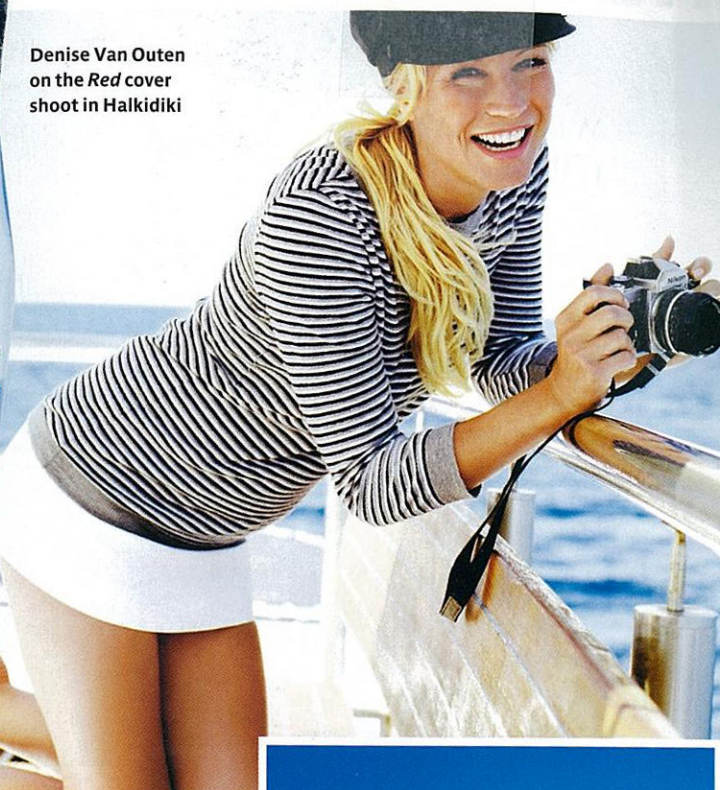


WHERE TO EAT

● Ouzerie (Sani Marina, (00 30) 237 403 1221) is a typical Greek taverna, serving fresh fish and seafood and, of course, the infamous Greek ouzo.



Denise Van Outen
on the *Red* cover
shoot in Halkidiki



BEACH LIFE

Calling all Greek goddesses – a luxe stay at the Sani Resort will leave you feeling immortal **Words** Eleanor Welsh

WHERE WE STAYED

The beautiful **Kassandra peninsula in Halkidiki**, Greece, was the perfect backdrop for a *Red* cover shoot. Located directly on the beach with views over the private Sani marina, The Boutique Hotel's Sani Asterias Suites (630 77 Kassandra, (00 30) 237 409 9400; saniresort.gr) are the ultimate in luxury. Stretch out on your huge private balcony, wander down to the beach, or charter a boat to take you to your very own isolated stretch of golden sand.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

● Start the day with a game of tennis on one of the eight clay courts at the resort's Sani Beach Club and Sani Beach Hotel. The hotel hosts the International Sunball tennis school; visit sunball-tennisschule.de for details.
● Visit MySpa (Sani Beach Hotel, (00 30) 237 409 9400) for a blissful Queen Bee facial, using products formulated with natural Aegean

ingredients. Or, while away an afternoon in the sanctuary of day spa The Spa Suite (Porto Sani Village, (00 33) 237 409 9520), where therapists specialise in aromatherapy treatments.

● Explore the Greek countryside by bike on one of the resort's mountain-biking tours, or hire a bike for the day and set off on an adventure on your own.
● Try your hand at windsurfing, sailing, waterskiing, canoeing – whatever adrenaline rush you're looking for, it's here.

● Join an underwater excursion to a shipwreck at the bottom of the Aegean. Super-qualified PADI instructors cater for beginner divers, too.

● Spend your evening wandering around the bustling marina, or catch a late screening of your favourite movie at the open-air Cine Orpheus (June-September).

● Music lovers and theatre buffs should plan their visit to coincide with the Sani Festival

(July to September 2008), one of Greece's major cultural events. The programme includes performances from internationally acclaimed artists, and the stage is housed in a medieval castle atop a hill, with breathtaking views over the sea.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

● Head to the Bousoulas Beach Bar (Northern Beach) after a long day in the sun, to wind down with an iced coffee and some chilled tunes.

● Specialising in delicious Mediterranean and seafood dishes, Tomata Restaurant (Sani Marina, (00 30) 237 409 9465) was named one of the 25 best restaurants in Europe by the *Financial Times*.

● Great for sushi, Sea You Up (Sani Marina, (00 30) 237 409 9518) is the place to see and be seen at. Order a cocktail and indulge in some serious people-watching as the sun goes down. ■

WHAT TO BUY

● Traditional charms made from turquoise stone and silver bring good luck.
● Stock up on top-quality olive oil at bargain prices and take the taste of holiday back home.

