

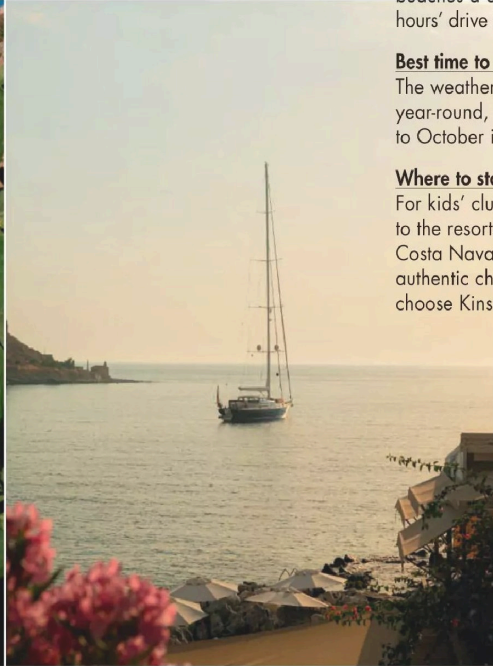
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to beach breaks with a difference



A quiet beach in the Peloponnese, Greece



Why the Peloponnese?

Rich in history, the peninsula has calm beaches a couple of hours' drive from Athens.

Best time to go

The weather is pleasant year-round, but May to October is warmest.

Where to stay

For kids' clubs, head to the resorts of Costa Navarino. For authentic charm, choose Kinsterna Hotel.

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The Greek Islands can be overcrowded in summer, so consider instead a trip to the Peloponnese, within driving distance of Athens for families who wish to combine a coast and city break. Or you can fly direct to Kalamata and spend at least a week exploring the beaches, medieval towns, fishing villages and the ancient ruins of Mycenae, Olympia and Messene. Split into three 'fingers' that extend south from mainland Greece, the Peloponnese covers a large area, so it is best to concentrate on one part. The middle finger, the Mani Peninsula (above right), has an off-the-beaten-track feel, with lovely beaches and stylish but inexpensive hotels such as Korona, Ippola and Kyrimai. Through Villa Collective, it is possible to rent all or part of the estate belonging to the late writer Patrick Leigh Fermor. Less intrepid families should consider Costa Navarino in the western finger, where five-star resorts range in price from the new Mandarin Oriental to The Westin Resort and W Costa Navarino. On the easternmost finger, Kinsterna Hotel is our pick; it is well located for a visit to the fortress town of Monemvasia (top left and above left) – built on a tied island connected to the mainland by a 400-metre-long narrow strip of land. koronahotel.gr | ippolahotel.gr | kyrimai.gr | villacollective.com | mandarinoriental.com | costanavarino.com | kinsternahotel.gr