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★ Melenos Lindos, Rhodes, Greece

An Aegean clifftop aerie secreted out of the way of the day-tripping crowds.

Location A 45-minute drive from Rhodes airport, on a promontory that juts from the eastern side of the island and plunges into the sea. The village is crowned by a world-class Greek-Byzantine medieval acropolis.

Pedigree Michalis Melenos, a native of the town of Lindos, spent nearly 15 years assembling the multilevel property.

Style + Design Created as a village within a village, with stairs and passageways, the 12 white stucco rooms and suites open onto terraces hand-set with pebble mosaics. Local craftsmen carved the wooden doors and sleeping platforms, artfully placed pottery and copper pieces from Greece and Turkey abound, and bathrooms have stone basins for sinks.

Service + Amenities Up-to-date luxury hotel appointments are a given, and should you decide to climb to the acropolis, there are hand-carved walking sticks to borrow. The dining area, outdoors but shaded by latticed vines and fabric tents, makes a fine setting for the hotel's modern Greek-Mediterranean cuisine.

Needs Work Mattresses on broad platforms enclosed with spindle railings pay homage to Greek tradition and provide sleeping comfort, but crawling in and out of them is better suited to toddlers than adults.

Value for Money Prices are highest in July and August, when prices go up to \$470 or more—but if you want to be on Rhodes, the price is fair.

30-22440/32222; www.melenoslindos.com; doubles from \$360.