



SCORPIOS MYKONOS

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INTRODUCTION

Scorpios was created in 2015 on a sun-drenched southern tip of Mykonos and built around a contemporary interpretation of the ancient Greek agora. A gathering place meant to galvanize the artistic, spiritual, and social life of the community, Scorpios was born of the love of the open sky, long, shared meals, and the dazzling azure of the Aegean Sea.

Part ceremonial, part cerebral celebration, Scorpios brings the mystical charge of after-dark rituals into the daytime, slowed by a pace or two. At one of the very rare beach locations on Mykonos offering uninterrupted views across the open sea, Scorpios encompasses a sandy beach, a whitewashed stone house and restaurant, custom-built stages for sunset rituals, and ample open-air terraces spilling out onto the Cycladic coastline.

Together with the Athens-based award-winning architects Dimitris and Konstantinos Karampatakis of K-studio, interior designer Annabell Kutucu and creative director Michael Schickinger of Lambs and Lions developed a holistic design treatment for Scorpios, placing an emphasis on the essential and the celebration of traditional craftsmanship that fosters an environment of effortless ease. Pure settings, cultural interactions, and the magic of connecting in a foreign yet familiar place are fundamentals at Scorpios—a place designed for those who seek simple pleasures like waking up to views of the sea, sharing good food prepared with love and care, and feeling the ritualistic energy of a crowd dancing under a starry sky.



“I loved this idea of re-imagining the Greek agora—a place where thought is cultivated and the soul nourished by sublime surroundings, fresh food and inspired cultural programming.”

– Thomas Heyne, Co-Founder of Scorpios Mykonos

THE MODERN-DAY AGORA

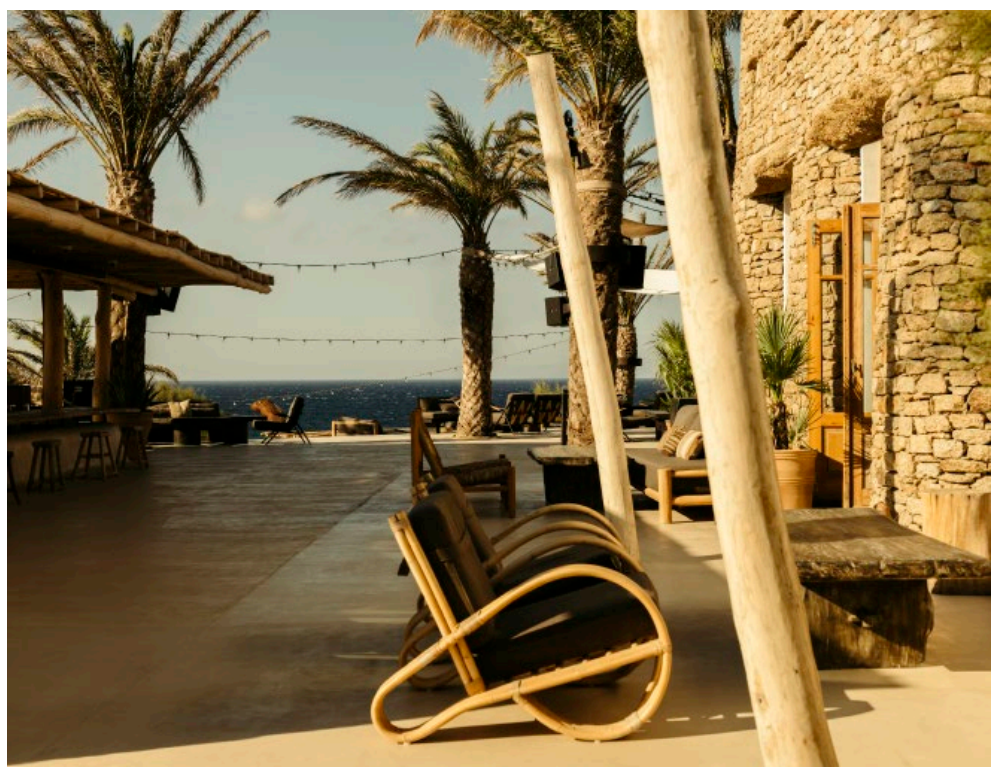
In Ancient Greece there was the agora, the literal meaning being “a gathering space”. The agora was the meeting point for the athletic, artistic, spiritual, and political—the Community. Scorprios is a re-imagining of this notion: Taking the ancient ritual of gathering for shared synergies and the free-flowing exchange of ideas and energy. A sensory experience for the like-minded to engage, inspire and revel. An inclusive atmosphere and a full range of family-friendly activities add to the all-around easy going aura.

SLOWED SIMPLICITY

With today's hyper-accelerated pace, the need for slowing down and restoring balance takes on a newfound relevance. Equally essential is an understanding of the tastes of an ever evolving, style-savvy traveler forever in search of unique experiences—ones where ritualistic relaxation is nurtured through transcendental music and soul-nourishing exchanges. In a clear invitation to unwind, let go, and reconnect, a perfect mix of rural charm and understated elegance sets the tone in this natural paradise.

Scorprios is spearheading the cultural shift from night clubbing to afternoon ease—taking all-day lounging, al fresco dining, and sunset marvelling to a holistic new level.

Perched on a ridge between two stunning sandy beaches, hugged by the wild wonder of a protected nature reserve, Scorprios is the setting for a feast of the senses where horizons of blue mix with the yellows, golds, and pinks of the generous Cycladic sun. The sun-blessed peninsula offers panoramic views over the crystal-clear Aegean Sea, with the precious luxury of an eastern sunrise and the day's closing sunset over the southern cliffs.





CYCLADIC SENSIBILITIES

The spacious location organically spans three areas: from the western sunset lounge, beach and sun bed area, the eastern terraces and sunrise beach, to the restaurant, music lounge and bar area at the heart of the space. Catering to the many unwinding whims of its guests, a personal touch, intuitive service, and an engaging cultural program are the guiding forces at work here. The cool and airy weather-worn stone clubhouse and bar serve as the central hub of social activity—a welcoming place where time relents, favoring easy interactions and sheltered moments away from the heat.

Knowing the value of working with top talent, Heyne and Hertel continue their collaboration with the design team responsible for the visual identity of the former San Giorgio Hotel Mykonos (now Soho Roc House). Interior designer Annabell Kutucu and creative director Michael Schickinger of Lambs and Lions, have teamed up with award-winning architects Dimitiris and Konstantinos Karampatakis of K-studio, Athens—a visionary team for a holistic approach. Central to the 6,000-square-meter property is the gently weather-worn stone house with classic whitewashed stone accents. Simultaneously evoking 1960s Greek glamour and contemporary modernism, the structure consists of a 274-square-meter main floor with a lower level, and 2,500 square meters of outdoor terraces, as well as a picturesque private beach. The entirety exudes a sense of ease and lightness.

A harmonious relationship between land and architecture sets the tone at Scorpios, with natural and earthy hues throughout. With an emphasis on simplicity and an ode to local Greek culture, the Lambs and Lions design studio pioneered their ethos of subtle sophistication, timeless beauty, and a value for the imperfect at Scorpios. The materials and textures of the island sit side-by-side with a well-curated selection of timeless, artisan-made items—objects, lighting, and artworks found in far-flung places, from traditional Berber rugs to weather-worn furniture with wabi-sabi simplicity—bringing character and atmosphere to the spaces.





RITUALS

Scorpios nurtures a diverse creative community, from healers and visual artists to renowned DJs, experimental musicians, virtuosos of ancient instruments, teachers, taste-makers, friends, family, and those souls who escape all labels.

With the day's events revolving around sunset rituals, each day of the week is tuned to a unique rhythm—musical journeys guide guests through the ceremony of sundown. On multiple custom-crafted stages, Scorpios residents and a curated crop of diverse international DJs blend a heady mix of electronic and analogue sounds, a musical alchemy sourced and distilled from the trodden sands and dance floors of Burning Man, underground Berlin, and the mystical shores of Tulum. From acoustic and experimental sounds to down-tempo techno and crossovers between indie and electro, old and new, we bring the island together to appreciate creativity in its many forms.

During the day, mindfulness rituals of the “Inner Gardens” program give a platform to healers and practitioners from all over the world to share their wisdom, from breathing exercises and yoga sessions to sound baths, shamanic ceremonies, and more.



FRESH TO TABLE

The rustic-chic restaurant at the center of Scorpios comfortably seats 200, spilling onto an outside terrace overlooking the sea. The ideal place to gather under a shady canopy, long, leisurely meals can stretch into the afternoon or evening. With a daytime ambience reminiscent of a good friend's living room, nightfall gives way to a more festive energy transforming the space into a venue for special events and live music.

"Cooking is art... all cooking that aims higher than a boiled egg is an attempt to create an art piece. It's an invention. You try things, different combinations—it's a creative game. How to become Leonardo Da Vinci? Start and keep inventing." – Alexis Zopas, Chef

Chef Alexis Zopas' focus on fresh and regional ingredients means an easy and light-hearted approach in the kitchen, with a modern mind-set at the forefront. Reflecting the belief that we are what we eat, the dining experience aims to physically energize while an appeal to the senses nourishes the soul. Relying heavily on fresh seasonal produce from the fertile land, the top-level culinary talent lets the quality of the ingredients shine – blending Greek flavors with modern musings. The result is a confident cuisine that strips away the unessential and focuses on purity, authenticity, and the reinterpretation of iconic recipes. Plate after plate is laden with unreal delights: sun-ripened tomatoes, goat cheese and thyme; ouzo-stewed shrimp and tangy avocado tzatziki. Fresh fish is brought in daily from local fishermen, charcoal-grilled alongside quality cuts of local meat like tomahawk steak with zucchini, mint, lima beans and cinnamon, and served on a platter meant to be shared. Friends arrive—some old, some new. You sit together. You eat, you drink, you laugh. The sun moves across the sky.

SCORPIOS BAZAAR

Those who wish to own a small piece of the Scorpios spirit are encouraged to step inside The Scorpios Bazaar, located under a canvas tent on Mykonos and online. Offering a curated collection of artisanal objects — from fashion and jewelry to accessories, home-ware, and miscellaneous things of beauty — The Scorpios Bazaar brings together a select handful of trusted brands and artisans who share the same values of craftsmanship, environmental consciousness, design heritage, and timelessness. Both the physical and digital bazaar are curated by Caravana, an artisan collective based in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula that gives a platform to Maya craftspeople.





HERITAGE

The island of Mykonos is seeing a clear shift from thumping beats to balance-restoring cultural gatherings, opening up a niche for a nomadic enclave where design and simple pleasures attract in equal measure. This is why the hotel San Giorgio Mykonos and Scorpions were created on the island's sun-drenched southern coast.

Originally a summer pop-up for 2012, San Giorgio Mykonos was an instant hit that introduced its very own design-driven spin on Grecian hospitality. Situated in one of the most scenic areas of the island between Paradise and Paraga beaches, the 33-room hotel is surrounded by picturesque white houses, craggy shorelines, and bottomless blue. Proprietors Thomas Heyne and Mario Hertel collaboratively conceived the hotel by intuitively forecasting the island's evolving needs.

Created in 2015, Scorpions is intended as a place from which to appreciate the open sky, the spiritual potential of its beach location and the artistic talent that Mykonos has both nurtured and attracted. Bringing the mystical charge of night-time rituals into daytime, Scorpions is a gathering place for such a tribe, offering transcendental experiences through a carefully curated music and mindfulness program.

"We wanted the essence of San Giorgio and Scorpions to mirror the evolution of the 'new' Mykonos itself. There's an overall movement taking place here—the island is growing up, and so are the tastes of those spending time here." — Thomas Heyne



Mario Hertel,
Thomas Heyne

Some years ago, two nightlife impresarios from Southern Germany met on the shores of Ibiza. After years of traveling and sharing ideas, Thomas Heyne and Mario Hertel decided that Mykonos was missing a space where like-minded individuals from all over the world can come together and feed off the exhilarating energy of the island, but to also be a haven of peace, of friendship, of community, and of memorable new experiences. Scorpions and San Giorgio Mykonos Hotel were born, and the pair never looked back.

Many moons later, the acquisition of Scorpions marks the first step in Soho House's plans to build on the existing global network of Houses and its membership community, by creating a new pillar of the business centred around "experiences outside of the Houses". Soho House and Scorpions are looking at other beach-front sites around the world to bring similar immersive, barefoot spaces that offer a way of living focused on community, connection and creativity to Soho House members and like-minded friends.





SYNERGY

In 2019, Scorpios joined the Soho House family. This partnership grew naturally out of a shared vision and values. Though two distinct brands, Scorpios and Soho House share a singular approach to hospitality that nurtures community, collaboration, and creativity. As a gathering place and digital platform for new ideas, synergies and artistic experimentation, Scorpios is a natural fit for Soho House's nomadic tribe of global changemakers.

Soho House members now have priority entrance to Scorpios, as well as exclusive access to the nearby Soho Roc House, the new hotel and members' club by Soho House, which reopened after a holistic makeover in summer 2020. Built around a love of food, music, art and design, both venues reflect a strong sense of place and a relaxed spirit of radical togetherness, just like Soho House's members clubs, restaurants, and event spaces worldwide.

Scorpios and Soho Roc House mark Soho House's first foray into Greece. This new chapter also marks the start of a plan to recreate the Scorpios experience in other seaside locations around the world. The vision is to create a constellation of gathering places in sublime natural surroundings, where their diverse creative community can connect through immersive events and meaningful experiences that inspire, engage, and uplift.

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Scorpios is situated in the south of Mykonos, on a peninsula flanked by Kavos and Paraga Beach, 5 km from the center of Mykonos Town and 3.5 km from the airport. Public transport from Mykonos Town to Paraga is every 30 minutes.

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