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per person in a twin room – My Meric Hotel

2007 – Thursdays

May 3 £345

May 24, 31 £365 - Jun 7 £395

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Aug 9, 23 £395 - Sep 6, 13, 20 £415

Sep 27 £395 - Oct 4, 11, 18 £365

Supplements per person

Single supplement £95 (Jul/Aug £175)

Extra week £115 (Jul/Aug £165)

Half board £55

Optional excursion programme

Ephesus (including lunch) £60

Knidos & Kaunos (both including lunch) £75

Price includes: Flights from London Gatwick direct to Dalaman, UK departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, all transportation, 7 nights' accommodation, breakfast daily, services of guides and local representatives, guidebook. **Not included:** Travel insurance, optional excursions, gratuities, any government taxes or compulsory charges introduced after publication. Our current Conditions of Booking (on request) shall apply to all reservations.

Situating on the Aegean coast with dramatic, heavily wooded mountains plunging to the sea, this is the ancient Loryma Peninsula home to many former Hellenic towns, including Amos, Knidos and Kaunos and today to a scattering of coastal settlements, including Turunç with its bars and restaurants.

MY MERIC HOTEL: A modern 3-star hotel, built in 2006, well situated and in a convenient location close to the harbour and within walking distance of the beach. There is a restaurant and bar and a swimming pool situated on the 4th floor with views over the town and bay. All 91 air-conditioned rooms have private facilities, safe and satellite TV.

ITINERARY: Day 1 Fly from London Gatwick to Dalaman. Transfer to hotel. Day 2 At leisure. Day 3 Full-day optional tour to the ancient city of Kaunos includes a 45 minute cruise through a river delta, to the ancient city visiting its stone-cut tombs, acropolis and citadel. Day 4 At leisure. Day 5 Full-day optional tour to the spectacular and impressive ancient city of Ephesus. In the afternoon visit the Cathedral of St. John and the archaeological museum. Day 6 At leisure. Day 7 Full-day optional tour to ancient Knidos. After lunch there will be time to swim in Knidos' crystal clear waters. Day 8 Transfer to airport; return flight.

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THIS is the most interesting, and possibly the best B&B in the country. And it's come as a complete surprise. In fact, Ramsgate itself has come as a huge surprise – largely because I was expecting loads of popcorn and one or two pleasant buildings, when it turns out there are rows upon rows of fabulous Regency buildings and hardly any popcorn.

The Royal Harbour Hotel occupies two handsome town houses in Nelson Crescent overlooking the harbour, from where on a clear day you can see France on the other side of the Channel. What makes staying here so special – and what is immediately obvious on pushing open the door – is how this whole enterprise is one big labour of love from a talented, energetic man who never expected to anchor in Ramsgate.

James Thomas, who must be in his late 40s, was sailing with his father off the coast of Ramsgate a few years ago when bad weather forced them to come ashore. While Thomas senior kept an eye on the boat, James wandered into town to collect his thoughts and found himself in Nelson Crescent. A house was for sale. 'Do you think I'd be mad to buy it?' he asked his father when they met up a little later. 'Yes,' came the reply. But he bought it anyway. At the time, James was working with Tim and Kit Kemp, the couple behind the Firmdale group (Soho Hotel, Charlotte Street Hotel, Covent Garden Hotel and the soon-to-be launched Haymarket Hotel to name but four) and had just been made a general manager. 'It just seemed the right thing to do and the Kemps were very supportive,' says James, who didn't just buy one house in Nelson Crescent but went on to snap up three adjoining ones, two of which are now the Royal Harbour Hotel and one that's become home to his 74-year-old father. All of this – and a great deal more besides – we discovered at

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breakfast as the sun streamed through the windows on a glorious Saturday morning after what had been a supremely comfortable night in the Bob Hoskins suite, so named because the actor stayed here for a couple of weeks during the filming of Ruby Tuesday, out later this year.

Yes, views of the outside world from the hotel are spectacular, but what's happening on the inside is almost as impressive. We arrived around 7pm to be greeted by the smell of a wood-burning fire and the sound of Supertramp playing on an old gramophone record. James collects art — some of which is very good, and some very entertaining.

Downstairs there's a charming sitting room, with an honesty bar. There are books, a video library, a massive portrait of the Queen, sofas and vinyl LPs galore. But there's nothing ramshackle about it. Rather, it's all effortlessly stylish.

Our room, for which we are paying £115 (reduced from £195), occupies most of the first floor of one of the houses. Walls are powder-blue and it has an open fire that's ablaze as we arrive, prompting us to throw open the windows, which in turn signals the start of a seagull evensong. There's a balcony outside, with two Lloyd Loom chairs in pole position. Give me this view over Monte Carlo any day.

What we love is how there's nothing remotely grasping about the place. Our room has a

computer, with direct access to the internet, and next to the telephone is a note explaining that calls to dozens of countries, including the UK and U.S. are free.

We returned shortly before midnight to be met by the night porter who reminded us that if we were still hungry, a table had been set up in the breakfast room with some cheese and biscuits. Not half. We could have downed everything from ripened camembert to a massive array of chocolate treats.

This may be a B&B but our bed had been turned down while we were at dinner and someone had stoked the fire and checked that fresh milk was in the mini-fridge. And what made going to bed especially gratifying was knowing that we did not have to be downstairs for breakfast at any particular time. Indeed, it was 11am before we started picking away at fresh fruit, followed by poached eggs and our chat with James.

The Royal Harbour Hotel is a gem. In the height of summer it must get busy — so book early and ask for the Bob Hoskins suite. I dare say James will give you a special price. He seems that sort of chap.

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HOTEL RODIAN AMATHUS BEACH: A 5-star resort hotel in a quiet, wooded location on the coast at Ixia just 4 kms from Rhodes Town and easily reached by bus or taxi. A fine selection of restaurants, bars and outdoor pools, with a beach which is reached via a short tunnel. Fitness centre, indoor pool, spa, steam bath and jacuzzi. 327 air-conditioned rooms with private facilities, hairdryer, mini-bar, safe and satellite TV.

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Aug 16 £600* - Aug 23 £650* - Aug 30 £600*

Sep 6, 13 £600* - Sep 20, 27 £600*

Oct 4 £550 - Oct 11 £500 - Oct 18 £480*

Supplements per person

Single supplement £95 (Jul/Aug £125)

Extra week £195 (May 24 – Sep 27 £295)

Hotel Rodian Amathus Beach £170

Single supplement £145

Sea view £75; Half board £70

Extra week £365 (May 24 – Sep 27 £465)

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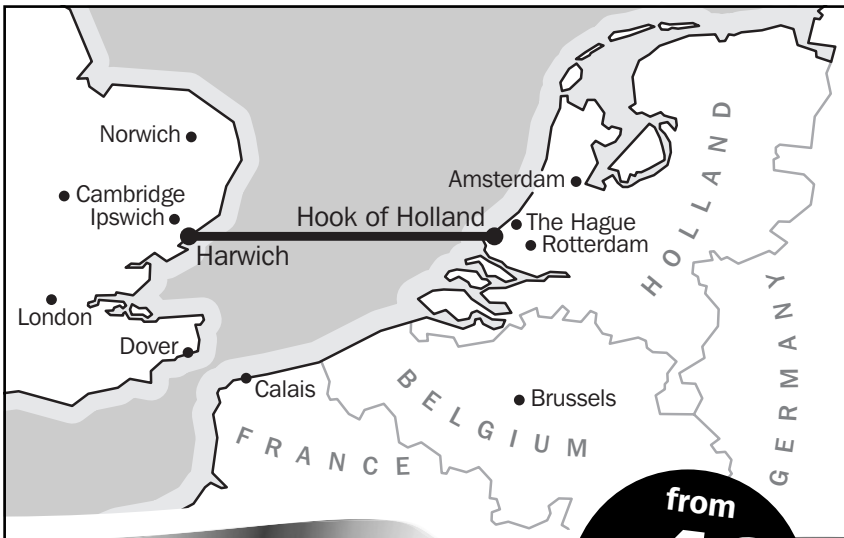
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