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'As dawn swallows the night, painting the sky pale orange, we head off to spot leopards'

Louise Roddon enjoys an adventure in Sri Lanka



2 A church in Oia, Santorini

50 best holidays in Greece

From chic hotels in Corfu to cycling breaks in Rhodes and ancient sites on the mainland, **James Ellis** knows where to go

Best for families

1 Family activities in the Peloponnese

Those with teenagers looking to let off steam should head to the Peloponnese for a family activity holiday, including white-water rafting on the Lousios River, sea kayaking around Kalamata and gorge walking through deep ravines. There's a free day to pack in a bit of history too, from the ancient stadiums at Olympia and Nemea, through learning about the fearsome warriors of Sparta. Accommodation is in three-star hotels in the towns of Tripoli and Nafplio.

Details Seven nights' B&B costs from £637pp (01273 823700, responsibletravel.com), including activities. Flights to Kalamata cost from £74.98 return (easyjet.com)

2 Island-hopping in the Cyclades

Give the children a first taste of Greek island-hopping with this superb nine-night family holiday covering Athens, Santorini and Mykonos. Accommodation is in typical whitewashed hotels on the two islands and four-star hotels in Athens, while additional activities can include trips on traditional fishing boats, with the chance to stop-off at remote, hidden coves and swims in hot springs.

Details Nine nights' B&B costs from £2,095 an adult, with children under 18 paying half-price. The price includes three dinners, some sightseeing and flights (0800 5335619, trafalgar.com)



Ekies All Senses Resort, Halkidiki

3 Kid-friendly Halkidiki

Get a traditional hotel-resort holiday with a touch of barefoot boho-chic styling at the lush Ekies All Senses Resort on secluded Vourvourou Bay on the leafy Sithonia peninsula.

The family suites feature rainfall showers, Nespresso machines and iPod docks. Children's offerings include everything from English-speaking babysitters to a kids' club, playgrounds and treehouses. There are five restaurants and an expansive spa.

Details B&B family suites (sleeping four) cost from £322 a night; certain dates have 20 per cent off seven-night stays (i-escape.com). Thessaloniki flights cost from £116 (ryanair.com) ▶