Dreaming of a sunny escape by the sea? Suzanne King suggests three BEACH DESTINATIONS with a difference.
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THE ACTIVE BEACH

At Elivi Skiathos, a chic new five-star hotel in the southeastern corner of Skiathos, you get not just one beach but several of the island’s best to choose from. Among them, near to the hotel, is little-known Ambelakia, with super-comfy loungers to retreat to when you’re not trying out the many activities on offer, from wakeboarding, water-skiing and parasailing to jumping aboard a yacht for a day’s island-hopping cruise. If you can tear yourself away from the water, you’ll also find tennis and basketball courts, bikes for hire, indoor and outdoor gyms and a range of treatments at the in-house Elemis spa.

Above: Balconies and terraces offer breathtaking views
Left and below: The eco-friendly hotel is set in 213 acres, with mountainous forests forming the backdrop

GETTING THERE

Kuoni (kuoni.co.uk) offers seven nights in a Xenia Deluxe Room including breakfast, British Airways flights from London City and transfers in resort. The price for selected departures in August based on two adults sharing is from £1,679 per person. To book, quote ref GR0349.