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You'll have heard of the Spartans – the strict warrior community that once roamed Greece's Peloponnese peninsula – today they're the inspiration for the sweat-pumping programmes at Euphoria Retreat.

Thankfully, there's nothing Spartan about our surroundings: plush cream and pine rooms and suites equipped with yoga mats, underfloor heating, minibars and top-spec mattresses, set in stone cottages tucked between evergreens and olive trees.

Retreats start with a consultation to check fitness levels and set your goals, before your group embarks on two-tothree hours a day of vigorous, outdoorsfocused exercise – running, hiking, rock

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