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IZMIR RESORTS

BA's new route is just one more reason to visit these resorts, writes **Alice Barnes-Brown**



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TUI BLUE ANGORA BEACH

This May, an all-new resort is coming to İzmir's sandy shores. The Tui Blue Angora Beach is exclusively for adults, with 115 stylish rooms set within gorgeous Ottoman-style houses, complete with semi-private pools. There's a trio of tasty restaurants to pick from and guests can also float over to the main pool bar or stretch out on the beach directly in front of the hotel.

Book it: Tui offers a seven-night stay from £713 per person, based on two sharing a double room with garden view, on an all-inclusive basis. Includes flights departing from Gatwick on June 4 and transfers.

tui.co.uk

PALOMA PASHA

Near the resort of Özdere is the Paloma Pasha. 'Pasha' is an honorific term in Turkish, and clients will live like lords here: the Iznik tile-style rooms are spacious, the gigantic lazy river pool winds around the hotel in a W shape, and the circular bar offers panoramic Aegean views on all sides. There's also a private sandy beach and a jetty for clients who can't get enough of the crystal-clear sea.

Book it: A seven-night stay on an all-inclusive-plus basis is available from easyJet Holidays from £1,141 per person, including transfers and flights from Luton on September 2.

easyjet.com/en/holidays



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EUPHORIA AEGEAN RESORT & SPA

Sitting pretty on a sea-lapped peninsula near Siğacık is the luxurious (and large, at 423 rooms) Euphoria. It boasts its own private island with turquoise coves as well as a plunge pool filled with water from a subterranean spring.

Book it: Mercury Holidays sells an all-inclusive seven-night stay for £1,399 per person (based on two sharing), including British Airways flights departing Heathrow on May 18 and luggage. mercuryholidays.co.uk

SUNIS EFES ROYAL PALACE RESORT & SPA

Set on a Blue Flag beach, this resort has plenty of watery attractions. There's a vast outdoor island pool, two kids' pools with waterslides for different age groups, watersports, plus 10 private overwater cabanas where couples can enjoy quiet time. If hunger strikes, there are 10 restaurants, with Turkish kebabs sitting happily alongside Japanese sushi and Mexican wraps.

Book it: Jet2 Holidays offers a seven-night stay on an all-inclusive-plus basis from £779 per person, based on two sharing. Includes flights departing on May 8, baggage and transfers. jet2holidays.com



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BIBLOS RESORT, ALAÇATI

The Biblos exudes understated luxury. Succulents and topiary adorn the sleek grounds, from the alfresco restaurant to the jungle-like outdoor massage cabana. Wellbeing facilities are top-notch, with Himalayan salt saunas, an ice room and multisensory showers. Fine fabrics make for uber-comfortable lounging, and relaxing on the overwater nets as the sun sets is pure bliss.

Book it: Exsus sells a seven-night stay in a Superior Room on a B&B basis for £2,149 per person, based on two sharing. Includes flights on June 5, transfers and luggage.

exsus.com



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