



ALAVYA

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A DECLARATION OF LOVE

"I love you." You only have to say these three words with a bit of a mumble to know where the name "Alavya" comes from. This enchanting hotel truly is a declaration of love: to the picturesque little town of Alaçatı with its cobbled alleys and Greek-style façades, to its timelessly beautiful summer-house atmosphere, and to Turkish art. In one new building and five historic houses of stone, the interior designer Hakan Ezer has combined the past and present by means of pastel-colored window frames, wrought-iron balconies and tiled roofs. He has carefully restored the old building, furnishing every room individually with custom-made furniture, design accessories and works by the country's great artists. The paintings from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s by Zeki Faik İzer, Cihat Burak and Bedri Rahmi Eyüboğlu are from the private collection of the hotel owner, who is an architect and art lover. Each of the 25 rooms has a luxurious bathroom of white marble and a view of the windmills of Alaçatı, the idyllic courtyard or gardens

full of palm, olive and fruit trees. Here the mood is perfectly relaxed, everywhere and at all times – by the pool, which is tiled with colorful lengthwise stripes, in the spa, at the yoga and pilates sessions, at the opulent breakfast with pastries from the hotel's own patisserie, or over a glass of wine in the evening at the bar beneath a mulberry tree. Alavya, I love you. ♦ Book to pack: "Three Daughters of Eve" by Elif Shafak

DIRECTIONS In the heart of Alaçatı on the Çeşme peninsula, 85 km/53 miles from İzmir airport · **RATES** €€-€€€ · **ROOMS** 25 rooms, suites and lofts in 6 houses, ranging in size from 18 to 75 square meters/200 to 800 square feet. Some rooms have a small balcony or terrace · **FOOD** "Mitu" is a café, bar and bistro all in one, serving breakfast and lunch. "Agrilia" is regarded as the best Turkish restaurant in the town · **HISTORY** Opened in June 2013 · **X-FACTOR** A favorite place. The only reason to leave is so that you can come back