

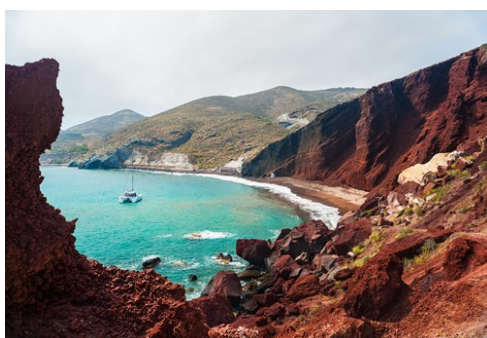


Santorini

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Rising out of the crystalline waters of the Aegean Sea, Santorini is the result of the erupting mouth of a volcano that has left a dramatic legacy of black and red-sand beaches and an enormous caldera draped by white-washed houses and blue-domed churches.

A harmonious Mediterranean backdrop, shaped by the sharp contrast of the ivory village clashing with the bold black of the volcanic soil, opens up to the traveler, in an awe-inspiring paradise that is Santorini.

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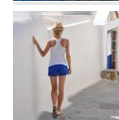
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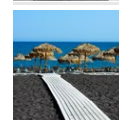
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THE ISLAND



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The island's beauty has been waxed lyrical over the years, fully earning the epithet "kalliste" (the most beautiful). Along with "Strogili", this was one of the former names lent to the island over its troubled history. Its history is one of battles and conquests, of a tragic eruption and a blossoming renaissance - events that haven't altered Santorini's charm but that undoubtedly scarred it.

Together with the inhabited Thera and five other smaller islands, Thera (Santorini's Greek name) belongs to the namesake archipelago which is the vestige of a volcanic caldera. Places of unspoiled nature and postcard-like views, the islands are reachable by boat and bear the original appeal of the old-fashioned Santorini.

The main island is split further into picturesque villages masterly painted in dazzling blue and white hues, outlining the holiday resort's multi-faceted personality and its extraordinary variety of landscapes.

DO & SEE



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The scent of wine grapes and vineyards stretching lazily down Santorini's unrefined hills; the unique taste of tomatoes grown solely on volcanic soil and the soaring temperature of the island; the subtle sand or the smoothness of white pebbles and turquoise waters of some of Europe's most suggestive beaches; the upbeat sound of the buzzing nightlife; the spectacle of the sun setting behind the village of Oia and the caldera to finally plunge into the skyline. Santorini gratifies all 5 senses, treating the traveler to enchanting views and thousands of colours.

Oia Village



The village of Oia is the island's most iconic, and equally touristy, destination. Reflecting perfectly the idea of Santorini that dwells in everybody's mind, the settlement sits 150m above the sea level developing down the slope of the volcanic caldera. The postcard-like view of the village is characterized by its peculiar white and blue houses and cave houses dug on the caldera cliff, originally owned by fishermen. From here, the vantage location offers a sweeping view of the volcano as well as one of Santorini's most suggestive sunset spots. Shops,

museums and art galleries line up neatly down Oia's main road and its narrow crescents that can be easily explored on foot. The village is surrounded by vineyards, providing wine to the local restaurants and bars which are particularly renowned for their fresh seafood.

Photo: Son10/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oia Village, Santorini

Public Transport: Reachable by bus from the central bus station in Fira.

Red Beach (Kokkini Paralia)



The unique colour of the sand and the breathtaking volcanic landscape make this beach an attractive destination for the

thousands of tourists that flock to the island every year. Its particular rock formations treat travelers to stunning views, and the smooth, mirror-like sea creates a contrast with the bold red of the shore. The beach is pebbly and not ideal for lying, though its rock formations make it perfect for snorkeling.

Photo: Dan Breckwoldt/Shutterstock.com

Address: Red Beach, Akrotiri, Santorini

Public Transport: A bus service connects Fira with Akrotiri (Ακρωτήριο), from where you can either hike for 15 minutes or take a boat to the beach. Alternatively, boats from Perissa or Kamari to Red Beach are quite frequent.

More Info: The beach is small and tends to get crowded.

Fira



Fira is the cultural and commercial center of Santorini, renowned throughout the island for its ample assortment of galleries, shops and

restaurants. It is the place to be for the most

comprehensive selection of shopping opportunities, featuring handicraft shops, wineries and traditional clothes shops. The most iconic museums of the island, such as the Archaeological Museum and the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, are located in the city, displaying stunning and well-preserved artifacts that date back to Ancient Greece. Fira is also the heart of Santorini's network of buses, that connects the capital with Oia, Kamari, Akrotiri and many other important sights of the island.

Photo: kavalenkava volha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Hiking Fira - Imerovigli - Oia



The 9 km hiking trail that leads from Fira to Oia, running alongside the caldera cliff, is a must-do experience in Santorini.

The trip takes

approximately 4 hours, granting superb views and changing perspectives as the path unwinds. The walk starts at the port of Fira, from where you will need to head to Firostefani village and Imerovigli, which are located north of the city. You will pass by numerous churches and stunning architecture to finally end up in the iconic Oia Village. Here, you can choose to treat yourself to a seafood dinner and a glass of wine at one of the restaurants with a unique view over the caldera.

Photo: mirkciuke1042/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira - Imerovigli - Oia, Santorini

Perissa Beach



Perissa Beach stretches for 7 km along Santorini's Southeastern coast, charming the traveler with its peculiar shades of black. Perfect for

snorkeling, the beach also features a volleyball court and numerous options for water-sport activities. The picturesque Perissa village offers a comprehensive assortment of restaurants and bars and its close proximity to the ruins of Ancient Thira makes it a magnet for tourists.

Photo: elen_studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Perissa, Santorini

Public Transport: Reachable by bus from Fira and Oia.

More Info: Situated 15 km Southeast of Fira.

Ancient Thera



Perched on the high rock formation Mesa Vouna, the ruins of Ancient Thera dominate Kamari and Perissa beach, dating back to the Hellenistic

Era.

The vantage location offers spectacular views of the island, and the cliff-top can be reached from Perissa on foot in approximately 4 hours. The historical site is characterized by a main street running through two agoras and the ruins of temples, houses and Roman baths, in a compact plethora of ancient buildings and valuable archaeological discoveries.

Photo: Navin75 (image cropped)

Address: Ancient Thera, Santorini

Phone: Tuesday - Sunday: 8.30am - 3pm

Wine Tour - Fira



A trip to Santorini wouldn't be complete without a wine-tasting tour through the best local wines and produce. The island's volcanic wine

is particularly renowned for its crispy flavor, the product of vineyards that find their homes on the rich volcanic soil. Santorini Wine Adventures is based in Fira and offers tours to explore local wine, food and culture, as well as the picturesque countryside.

Photo: Irina Bg/Shutterstock.com

Address: Marinatou Road, Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 22860 34123

Internet: www.winetoursantorini.com

Email: info@winetoursantorini.com

Akrotiri Excavations



Akrotiri is not as appealing as the other well-known Santorini villages. It is not perched on the caldera top nor is it located on the

fashionable side of the island. The houses are not white-washed but tend to have a grayish shade, and the fuss is all about a bunch of family-run restaurants and hotels that, though they might seem from a long gone era, give away an insight into the original fishing and farmer settlement that Santorini once was. Akrotiri is the island's most important archaeological site, housing Minoan ruins dating to the 4th century BC that extend for 20 hectares. When the volcano abruptly erupted, the entire population was forced to flee from Akrotiri, which was swept away by the lava flow but which also preserved buildings and utensils.

Photo: Leah Pirone/Shutterstock.com

Address: Akrotiri, Santorini

Public Transport: Akrotiri excavations can be reached by bus from Fira.

Fira Cable-Car



Along with cultural centers and endless entertainment opportunities, Fira is gifted with a hillside location that overlooks the caldera. The walk up the hill can be quite an exhausting climb and many opt for a ride on the cable-car that takes you from the bottom, where the port is located, up to the main cliff-top.

Photo: Rennett Stowe (image cropped)

Address: Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: The cable-car runs every 30 minutes, starting either at 6.30am or 7am according to the season.

Internet: www.scc.gr

Venetian Castles



Venetian rule in Santorini extended from 1207 to 1580 and the last vestiges of this historical period live in the castles that dot the entire island. Five

fortresses can be found throughout Santorini in Oia, Pyrgos, Emporio, Akrotiri and Skaros, which have been partly demolished by the earthquakes that shook the island in the 15th and 16th century. Skaros is probably the most important and well-preserved among the five castles, built on the peak of the namesake rock to protect the village from pirate attacks. The ruins of the once magnificent fortress can be reached on foot from Agios Georgios church in Imerovigli, connected to Skaros by a 0,5km walking trail and a long stairway.

Photo: Sophie McAulay/Shutterstock.com

Address: Imerovigli, Santorini

Pyrgos Kallistis



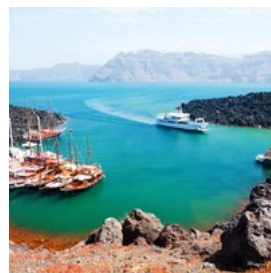
Pyrgos Kallistis is a medieval fortress settlement that maintains its original structure composed of cobbled streets that twist and turn down the hill where the village has developed, dominated by a Venetian Castle (Kasteli). Considered a monument in 1995, the village is one of the least spoiled by tourism, and featuring ancient buildings throughout its entire area, it is pervaded by an historical flair. With its 600 residents, Pyrgos keeps hold of the allure of an old Greek village that is starting to open up to the increasing flow of tourism. Tavernas, restaurants and traditional Greek cafes find their home along the village streets, blessed by a scent of grapes released by the vineyards that surround Pyrgos.

Photo: Cha già José (image cropped)

Address: Pyrgos Kallistis, Santorini

More Info: Located 7.5 km East of Fira.

Nea Khameni - Boat trip



Take some time to go on a boat trip to Nea Khameni, an inhabited island that is part of the volcano's caldera. Given the frequent eruptions in the last centuries, the island is gifted with the scenery created by the lava flow and sulfuric waters which are said to have therapeutic benefits. Cruises leave daily from any village, making Nea Khameni a perfect day/half-day trip.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nea Kameni, Santorini

Therasia (Thirasia)

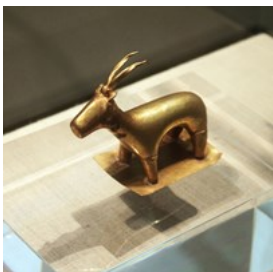


Therasia is one of Santorini's islands formed by volcanic activity. Its white-washed houses and volcanic soil resemble its bigger sister, though it certainly differs in many other aspects. With its 300 residents, Therasia is what the old and unspoiled Santorini might have looked, maintaining the original allure of a fishing village. You can choose to book an organized boat trip that departs from any village, or opt for a cheaper solution and take the ferry that runs five times a week from Amundi to Korfos and Riva, Therasia's ports.

Photo: Quinn Comendant (image cropped)

Address: Therasia, Santorini

Museum of Prehistoric Thera



The Museum of Prehistoric Thera is located in Fira and showcases a great number of artifacts discovered in Santorini.

The excavations started in the second half of the 17th century and unveiled various objects that cover the island's history from the Late Neolithic to the Late Cycladic.

Photo: Klearchos Kapoutsis (image cropped)

Address: Mitropoleos Street, Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Wednesday - Monday 8.30am - 3pm

Phone: +30 22860 23217

Archaeological Museum of Thera



The Archaeological Museum of Thera features exhibitions of ancient vases, amphorae and pottery, boasting a collection of artifacts

from different eras. It is one of Santorini's most popular museums, taking you back in time to the island's troubled past.

Photo: Harvey Barrison (image cropped)

Address: Erithrou Stavrou, Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 8am - 3pm

Phone: +30 22860 22217

Amoundi Bay



A picturesque bay tucked among precipitous cliffs, Amoundi Bay is an old fishing port that can be reached from Oia by descending 300 steps.

Wonderfully decorated taverns are squeezed on the seafront, displaying a great number of traditional eateries to choose from. Amoundi Bay is also provided with an intimate beach, a spot of tranquility where to relax away from the hustle and bustle of the the holiday resorts.

Photo: lkpro/Shutterstock.com

Address: Amoundi Bay, Santorini

More Info: Sunbeds are available.

DINING



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Without mentioning dazzling panoramas, the mesmerizing sea or vibrant villages, Santorini's culinary tradition would be something worth experiencing on its own.

Borrowing a pronounced Mediterranean diet from the mainland, Santorini shares a tendency to use vegetables, quality olive oil, meat and fresh seafood generously, creating its own cuisine by adding products that are cultivated solely on its fertile soil.

Try the island's peculiar white-eggplants with mozzarella, or sample the unique "Tomatokeftedes", tomato fritters made of Santorini's own produce, and accompany it beautifully with a glass of Vinsanto - the experience will be matched by an unrivaled view from one of the picturesque taverns the island is studded with.

Theoni's Kitchen - Fira



The best of Greek cuisine blends harmoniously at Theoni's Kitchen, composing a well-established restaurant that thrives on fresh seafood and meat along with locally-grown vegetables. Add also outstanding cooking skills

and friendly service to the winning formula and the mix is complete,

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Address: Dekigala Street, Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 025680

Internet: www.theoniskitchen.com

Volcano Blue - Fira



Treat yourself nicely with a dinner at Volcano Blue, one of the best views in Santorini's capital. There isn't better way to top off a day at one of the

island's beautiful beaches than enjoying seafood prepared to perfection on the terrace that overlooks the caldera, watching the sun disappear below the horizon.

Photo: klaikungwon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agiu Mina, Caldera Fira, Santorini

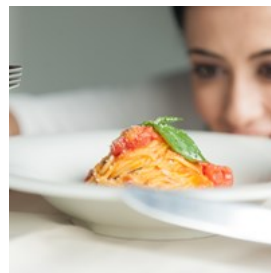
Phone: +30 22860 22850

Internet: www.volcanoblue.gr

Email: info@volcanoblue.gr

More Info: It is advisable to make a reservation in advance as Volcano Blue is not operated all year round.

Convivium - Fira



Boasting an Italian inspired menu, Convivium is both fresh, seasonal ingredients and a suggestive location. The restaurant rises up in the

lively heart of Fira, between the Central Square and the caldera, and has developed into a must-try in town.

Photo: BlueSkyImage/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 028111

Internet: conviviumsantorini.com

Email: conviviumsantorini@gmail.com

More Info: Next to the Central Square, on the road to the Caldera.

Nick The Grill - Fira



Among fancy restaurants and seafood bars, Nick The Grill is what to look for to grab a quick yet tasty bite. A down-to-earth fast-food place, Nick The Grill serves Greek street food, chips and full-on greasiness.

Photo: Creative Photo Corner/Shutterstock.com
Address: Main Square Fira, Fira
Phone: +30 2286 023492

La Maison Restaurant - Imerovigli



Mediterranean cuisine with a twist - this upscale restaurant adjusts Greek specialties with a modern touch. La Maison is located in Imerovigli, offering a suggestive view over the caldera and presenting numerous fine-dining options.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Imerovigli, Santorini
Phone: +30 2286025649
Internet: www.lamaison-santorini.com
Email: info@lamaison-santorini.com

Anogi Restaurant - Imerovigli



Fresh ingredients, friendly service and dishes that reflect Greece's multi-coloured personality: the main drag between Fira and Oia hides a gem that serves traditional Greek food and impeccable service. Make sure you reserve your table in advance, the restaurant

tends to get crowded.

Photo: karelnoppe/Shutterstock.com
Address: Imerovigli, Santorini
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 2pm - Midnight
Phone: +30 22860 21285
Internet: www.anogirestaurant.gr

Avocado - Imerovigli



Avocado restaurant maintains the delicious flavors of Mediterranean cuisine, combining them with a gluten-free and comprehensive menu that is filled with healthy choices. Presenting dishes that suit everybody's preference, the restaurant serves a varied selection of salads as well as meat and seafood.

Photo: 54613/Shutterstock.com
Address: Imerovigli, Santorini
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: Midday - Midnight
Phone: +30 22860 36183
Internet: www.avocadosantorini.gr

Skaros - Imerovigli



One of the most suggestive views in Imerovigli is without a doubt at Skaros restaurant. The menu is mostly seafood oriented with a pronounced Greek accent, but one reason it stands out from the numerous restaurants in town is its ideal location, overlooking Skaros Rock.

Photo: Igor Link/Shutterstock.com
Address: Imerovigli, Santorini
Phone: +30 22860 21258
Internet: www.skarossantorini.com
Email: info@skarossantorini.com

Ambrosia - Oia



A dreamlike terrace that dominates Santorini's caldera: Ambrosia is an experience that you would not want miss.

Located in the picturesque Oia, the restaurant is shrouded by a romantic atmosphere and presents a Mediterranean menu that comes with an extensive wine list.

Photo: Marian Weyo/shutterstock.com

Address: Cliffside Terrace at Village Center, Oia Santorini

Phone: +30 22860 71413

Internet: www.restaurant-ambrosia.com

More Info: Located near the Old Church.

Pelekanos - Oia



The breathtaking view of the caldera, a diverse menu that offers vegetarian options along with seafood and meat, and Greek specialties

cooked to perfection - no wonder Pelikanos restaurant is one of the most-loved in Oia village.

Photo: Fireknot (image cropped)

Address: Oia, Santorini

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10.30am - 1am

Phone: +30 22860 71553

Internet: www.pelekanosrestaurant.gr

Email: pelekanosrestaurant@gmail.com

Ammoudi Fish Tavern - Oia



Ammoudi Bay, a natural beauty located just below Oia village, is gifted with soaring red cliffs and several seaside taverns.

Ammoudi Fish Tavern, with its picturesque terrace and ideal location, is

one of Amoundi Bay's favourite, serving fresh catch seafood and masterly cooked Greek specialties.

Photo: Natalia Barsukova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ammoudi, Oia, Santorini

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10am - Midnight

Phone: +30 2286072298

Internet: www.ammoudi-santorini.gr

Email: amoudi@otenet.gr

Karma - Oia



Karma offers fusion cuisine that blends traditional flavours with elements from around the world, creating an ever-changing menu. This

intimate restaurant, located off the beaten path, features picturesque interiors and a stunning courtyard.

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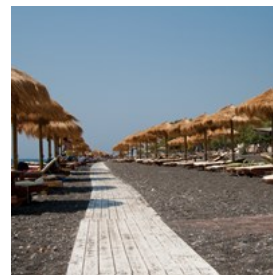
Address: Oia, Santorini

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 1.30pm - 11.30pm

Phone: +30 2286 017404

Internet: www.karma.bz

Demilmar - Perissa



Located at the wonderful Perissa Beach, renowned for the black hues of its sand, Demilmar offers refreshments, fruity cocktails, and an ideal

place to enjoy a seafood dinner after a day spent under the scorching Greek sun.

Photo: Mariya Volik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Perissa Beach, Santorini

Phone: +30 22860 85070

Internet: www.demilmar.com

Email: info@demilmar.com

The Good Heart - Akrotiri



The Good Heart, located in Akrotiri, serves Greek specialties made from the freshest, locally grown ingredients, but what's truly peculiar about this eatery is the welcoming ambiance that the family who runs the restaurant creates by delivering outstanding service.

Photo: Igor0077/Shutterstock.com

Address: Akrotiri, Santorini

Phone: +30 228 608 2247

Internet: www.thegoodheartsantorini.com

CAFES



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A laid-back attitude accompanies the whole Greek lifestyle, and it is little wonder that in Santorini and the Greek Islands it is emphasized even more. Coffee breaks are a serious matter and a remarkable part of the day, making "kafeterias" appealing hangouts in the suggestive towns.

The most popular version of the traditional coffee is an espresso-like brew that tends to share similarities with the Turkish coffee, infused with a sharp flavour, escorting the hearty Greeks throughout the day.

Santorini's scorching sun has led both locals and

tourists to opt for a more chilled, and yet equally efficient, option, creating a break that is ideal for an iced-coffee, a frappe or an ice-cream.

Select Lounge Cafe - Fira



Advantageously located 225 meters above sea-level and boasting a history that dates back to the 1930s, Select Lounge is an institution in town.

Kick-start the day with an energy boost: coffee, fresh juices, salads, waffles or crepes, Select Lounge suits all tastes.

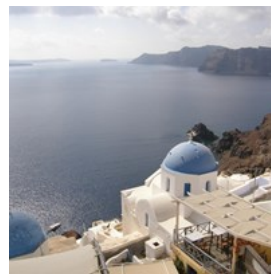
Photo: baibaz/Shutterstock.com

Address: E. & K. Loakimidis, Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 22 860 22 328

Internet: www.selectsantorini.com

Melenio - Oia



Melenio is among the most-loved and atmospheric cafes within the whole of Santorini. Its increased popularity is due to exceptional

pastries and dessert-making skills, an abilities that has transformed the cafeteria into a favoured and upmarket destination among sweet-lovers.

Photo: Klearchos Kapoutsis (image cropped)

Address: Nik. Nomikou, Oia, Santorini

Lolita's - Oia



An ice-cream parlor located just off Oia's main drag, Lolita makes the most-loved Italian gelato from carefully sourced seasonal ingredients. The

offering changes daily, and might feature unusual flavours such as the Cuban-inspired and rum tainted "Cuban Lover" or the delicate "Rosewater Pink Pepper".

Photo: Luboslav Tiles/Shutterstock.com

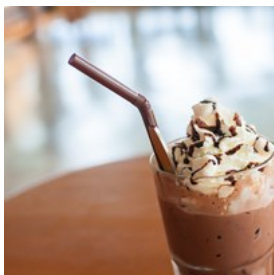
Address: Oia, Santorini

Opening hours: Everyday: 10.30am - 11.30pm

Phone: +30 2286 071279

Internet: www.lolitasgelato.com

Skiza Cafe



Blending sweet and savory flavours, Skiza Cafe has mastered its skills in desserts and pastry-making as well as pizza-baking. Its

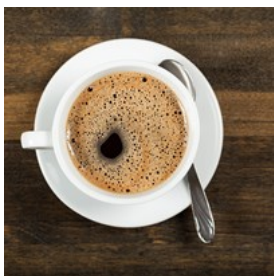
pronounced Italian accent and a spectacular terrace that overlooks the caldera are some of Skiza's main ingredients, accompanying its delicacies with an iced-coffee or a frappe.

Photo: Itsra Sanprasert/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nikolau Nomikou, Oia, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 071569

Pelikan Kipos Cafe - Fira



The shaded outdoor patio is adorned by grapevines, palm trees and blooming flowers, creating an exotic garden-setting that rises up in the heart of

Fira. Savoury dishes and baked goods are served along with delicious coffee, offering a perfect breakfast spot.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Everyday: 9am - 1am

Phone: +30 2286 023433

Internet: www.pelican.gr/cafe-winerestaurant/en

Email: info@pelican.gr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



John Y. Can (image cropped)

Santorini's nightlife revolves around its bustling capital, a buzzing hub that houses most of the island's foreign-patronized clubs and happening hangouts. The hectic town-centre livens up at night, rocking until dawn in a uniform mixture of tourists and locals.

Despite the other villages' less renowned bar-scene, Santorini's holiday resorts, having developed substantially around tourism, are certainly not to be underrated. Picturesque bars litter the main drags, often gifting the travelers with breath-taking panoramas.

Wine Tour - Fira



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Phone: +30 22860-34123

Internet: www.winetoursantorini.com

Email: info@winetoursantorini.com

Wet Stories - Perivolos Beach



Wet Stories is a beach-side cafe/bar that has direct access to Perivolos Beach. Its wooden terrace offers a shaded option in between a tanning session under the scorching sun and a swim, providing cocktails, beers, soft drinks or coffee.

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Address: Perivolos Beach, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 082990

Internet: santoriniwetstories.wordpress.com

Koo Club - Fira



In the heart of Santorini's club-scene, Koo Club never fails to disappoint the night owls hosting different events and exceptional DJs everyday over the summer season. A young crowd of locals and holidaymakers mix and mingle from the early evening at the outside bars till late at night.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Internet: www.kooclub.gr

PK Cocktail Bar - Fira



Celebrating 40 years of successful business, PK Bar is an upscale hotspot in Santorini's suggestive capital. Its three terraces dominate the caldera, attracting an enormous crowd when the sun

starts setting, an event that can be only more enjoyable in front of a glass of champagne or a signature cocktail.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Internet: www.paliakameni.com

Mamounia Club - Fira



The atmosphere is created by exotic palms and a spacious outdoor patio lit up by strobe-lights and bright colours. Top-notch cocktails and drinks are made to perfection by mixology experts, and the crowd is young and diverse. Mamounia Club is another gem in Fira's club-scene.

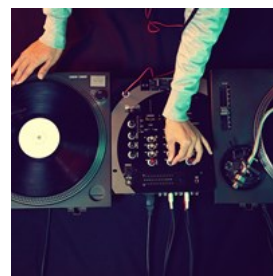
Photo: maggee/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Daily: 10pm - 7am

Phone: +30 698 297 0799

Casablanca Soul Bar - Fira



Provided with a contemporary look and a relaxed atmosphere, Casablanca Soul Bar is filled with people of all ages. The bar and club mashes up funk, soul, house and alternative vibes, hosting live bands and different events.

Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ypapantis, Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Daily: 9.30pm - 5.30am

Phone: +30 2286 021671

Internet: www.casablancasoul.com

Email: chris@casablancasoul.com

Pelican Kipos Wine Bar - Fira



The shaded outdoor patio is adorned by grapevines, palm trees and blooming flowers, creating an exotic garden-setting that rises up in the heart of

Fira. A wonderfully varied selection of wines boasts 480 labels from Santorini, Greece and worldwide.

Photo: Christian Delbert/Shutterstock.com

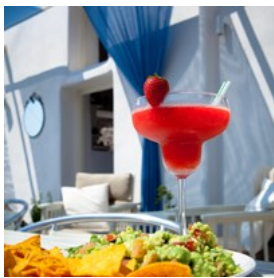
Address: Danezi M st., Fira

Phone: +30 228 602 3433

Internet: www.pelican.gr

Email: info@pelican.gr

V Lounge - Fira



With such a view and elegant terrace, It would be easy for cocktails to take second place, but that's not the case. At V Lounge, cocktails and

drinks are proudly made by using quality ingredients, blended professionally by mixology experts. Their wines are attentively selected, embracing all Santorini's flavours. Prices, on the other hand, are of course up to the standards.

Photo: [evantravels/Shutterstock.com](http://evantravels.com)

Address: Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 22860.21760

Internet: www.santorini-vlounge.com

Email: vlounge@panoramahotel.com.gr

Tango Bar - Fira



Chill-out tunes, white couches and dim lights - Tango Bar is an atmospheric solution for an upmarket evening. Pamper yourself with

bubbly champagne or signature cocktails, this lounge bar turns into a dance-floor when the night starts heating up.

Photo: [marconi/Shutterstock.com](http://marconi.com)

Address: Marinatou Street, Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 694 541 7875

Internet: www.tangosantorini.gr

Email: info@tangosantorini.gr

Tropical Bar - Fira



Although equipped with the well-known, yet suggestive, view over the caldera, Tropical Bar is slightly different from Santorini's usual offering,

attracting its guests more for its laid-back attitude than for its appearance. Here you can watch rugby or football and cheer along with the other supporters.

Photo: [AnnaMorozova/Shutterstock.com](http://AnnaMorozova.com)

Address: Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 023089

SHOPPING



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Santorini is in all aspects a work of art, and its souvenirs and local produce doubtlessly reflect the island's beautiful facets. Oia and above all Fira are the island's major shopping destinations, places of unrivaled charm where traditional shops line up neatly down narrow streets.

In Santorini a visit to one of the local art galleries is a must: evocative handicrafts, folk art and jewelry can be bought at accessible prices, guaranteeing a souvenir that mirrors the authenticity of the villages.

Another worthy shopping experience is all about local produce. The diversity of products makes it hard to choose from the numerous delicacies grown on the island's volcanic soil. Fava, the Greek version of split peas, is particularly unique in Santorini and it is used to make a down-to-earth, yet scrumptious, puree. The island's grapes make a heavenly wine that is exported worldwide and can be bought in any of the local wineries. Last but not least comes Santorini's trademark tomato, the locals' pride and a must try for food-aficionados - wonderfully appetizing and juicy.

In Santorini, go for local produce, handicrafts or jewelry - either way, it will be an unmatched experience.

The Good Heart - Akrotiri



The Good Heart, located in Akrotiri, serves Greek specialties made of the freshest, locally grown ingredients, but what's truly peculiar about this dining place/shop is the welcoming ambiance that the family who runs the restaurant creates by delivering outstanding service. Here, you will also find local produce such as jam, cheese, preserves and other homemade delicacies.

Photo: Kostas Limitsios (image cropped)

Address: Akrotiri, Santorini

Phone: +30 228 608 2247

Internet: www.thegoodheartsantorini.com

Scalini Shoes - Fira



Located in Fira, Scalini Shoes is provided with both men's and women's footwear, offering casual and easily wearable fits for all season. At Scalini Shoes you will also find accessories, purses and bags of every sort.

Photo: Natali Glado / Shutterstock.com

Address: Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 022327

Tzamia - Krystalla Art Gallery - Fira



Tzamia - Krystalla is a well-established art gallery in Santorini, showcasing and selling jewels, ceramics, paintings and sculptures. Artworks are created by local artists and are unique and attentively selected, varying considerably in price and shape.

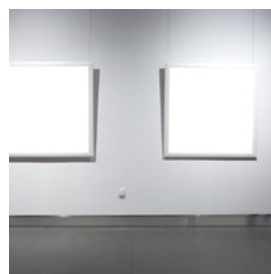
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Address: Marinatou, Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 2286 021226

Internet: www.tzamia-krystallagallery.gr

Mati Art Gallery - Fira



Showcasing the work of artist Yorgos Kypris, Mati Art Gallery is a dynamic collection of artworks inspired by Santorini's beautiful nature. The collection includes sculptures, jewellery or prints and it's centrally located in Fira.

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Orthodox Cathedral Plateau, Fira, Santorini

Phone: +30 22860 23814

Internet: www.matiartgallery.com
Email: info@matiartgallery.com

Aiolos Art - Fira



Aiolos Art lies in the heart of Fira, located in an area that is known as the Golden Street because of its major concentration of jewellery and handmade leather products shops. At Aiolos Art you will find handmade jewels of all sorts.

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Address: Fira, Santorini
Phone: +30 22860 23540
Internet: www.aiolosart.com
Email: aiolos.santorini@gmail.com

Souvenirs - Fira



An ample selection of souvenir shops line up along Fira's main drag, catering for all sorts of gift ideas and little reminders of your trip to Santorini. In most souvenir shops you'll find knickknacks bearing the island's name, ranging from magnets to pottery or postcards.

Photo: Klearchos Kapoutsis (image cropped)
Address: Fira, Santorini

United Colors Of Benetton



United Colors Of Benetton is an Italian brand of men's, women's and kids' apparel that features a casual yet in-fashion style combining colourful clothing items with the newest trends. In Santorini you will find two stores, one in Fira and one in Kamari.

Photo: Ariwasabi/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plateia Fiton, Danezi Road, Fira, Santorini
Phone: +30 2286 036424
Internet: world.benetton.com

Epilekton - Oia



Among the thousands of different souvenir shops you'll encounter during your Greek holidays, Epilekton is certainly something worth a visit.

As soon as you step in, you will feel its authenticity given by a vast collection of amber jewels, antiques and traditional souvenirs.

Photo: LauraVI/Shutterstock.com
Address: Platsiani Square, Oia, Santorini
Opening hours: Saturday, Monday, Wednesday: 9am - 3pm,
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am - 2pm and 5pm - 9pm
Phone: +30 2286 071686
Email: contact@epilekton.com

Eponymo - Oia



Get a delightful insight into Santorini's handcrafted jewellery at Eponymo, a shop that combines beautiful designs with the island's

traditions. Located in the picturesque Oia, Eponymo is a must-visit in town, offering numerous gift options, artworks and an impeccable service.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov / Shutterstock.com
Address: Nomikou 16, Oia, Santorini
Opening hours: Daily: 9am - 11pm
Phone: +30 22860 71534
Internet: www.eponymogold.com
Email: sales@eponymogold.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Santorini National Airport



Situated North of Kamari village, Santorini's Airport (JTR) is only 6 km away from downtown Fira. The airport is connected to the capital

by a bus service, and the journey takes approximately 20 minutes. Buses are not frequent and may not run throughout the whole day: you will find a schedule outside the airport, before the exit. If you wish to get a private or shared transfer, you can either book it in advance (one option: www.santorinitransport.com) or find one of the companies located at the arrivals terminal. As the bus service is not particularly efficient, renting a car is also a valid option, especially if you are planning on going on a tour of the island. You will find 3 car rental desks located at the arrivals terminal.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Santorini Airport, Santorini

Phone: +30 22860 28400

Internet: www.santoriniairport.com

Email: info@santoriniairport.com

Donkey Ride



Santorini's "mule taxi" is a tradition that is unfortunately renowned worldwide, as donkeys are used to walk up the steep climbs of the island and are a main attraction for tourists. Travelers are urged not to use donkeys as means of transportation because of the poor condition in which the animals are kept.

Photo: AlexTanya / Shutterstock.com

Address: Santorini

Public Transport



A network of buses connects the capital, Fira, to all the major holiday resorts, running to Oia, Perissa and Kamari every 20 minutes. Buses run also from Fira to Vourvoulus, Exo Gonia, Akrotiri, Monolithos, Vlihada, Baxedes and to the airport, but they are less frequent. Please note that there are no direct buses from one side of the island to the other, and changeovers must be done at the Fira bus terminal.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Stathmos Leoforion, Fira

Phone: +30 22860 25404

Internet: www.ktel-santorini.gr

Taxi



Several taxi companies operate in Santorini, and, though there are fixed fares, you should always negotiate the price before booking. You can book a taxi for a ride or for the entire day and visit the

different seaside resorts and sights, or you can opt for a shared transfer by booking a shuttle service.

www.santorini24.eu

www.santorinitransport.com

Car Rental



You can rent a car, a motorbike or a scooter, which allows you to explore the island with no time limit. Santorini Easy Car Rental: Epar.Od.

Mesarias-Archeas, Fira Santorini +30 2286 082652

Santorini Car Rental: Kamari, +30 21 1800 1258
www.Santorini-Car-Rental.com

Santorini Car Hire: Kamari +30 21 1800 3693
www.SantoriniCarHire.com

Address: Santorini Airport, Santorini
Phone: +30 21 1800 3693
Internet: www.santorinicarhire.com

Post



The main post offices are situated in Fira, Emporio and Oria. Here, you will be able to mail letters, buy stamps and postcards. Mail boxes are

located in all major holiday resorts and they are always yellow with a blue sign. The service is run by a company called ELTA, which is the name you will find outside every post office in blue and yellow colours.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 8am - 2pm

Internet: www.elta.gr

Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Greece tend to be small, sometimes family run, private businesses. You will find pharmacies in all major holiday resorts,

with a great concentration in Fira.

Pharmacies are closed on Saturday and Sunday: this implies that you will have to buy your supplies before the weekend starts and, if you need some urgent medication you will have to contact a doctor.

Pharmacy Zacharopoulos: Fira, Santorini, +30 2286 023444

Pharmacy Gazi: Fira Central Square, +30 2286 022700

The Central Clinic of Fira provides health services 24/7 .

Health Centre (Fira): +30 2286 022237 , +30 2286 022237

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Fira, Santorini

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 8am - 11pm

Phone: +30 2286 023444

Email: info@santorini-pharmacy.gr

Telephone



Country code: +30 Area
code: 22860

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220-250 volts, 50 cycles

Population

15,550

Currency

Euro, 1 EUR=100 cents

Opening hours

During summer shops tend to open in the morning at 10am
and close at 9pm. During wintertime hours may vary.

Newspapers

Nea Santorinis (www.neasantorinis.gr)

Emergency numbers

Fire Emergency: 199

Ambulance: 166

Police: 100

Tourist Police: 171