

## Santorini island (Cyclades - Southern Aegean Sea)



A destination like no other, completely different from the rest of Cycladic islands, that many travelers dream of. Shrouded in myth, it is believed to be the source of the legend of lost Atlantis, with an exciting history that goes back centuries. An island that came out of the remnants of a volcanic eruption and steals your heart at first glance with its unique caldera formations backdropped by the infinite blue sea and the colorful sunsets. Romantic

and world-wide famous, Santorini is a paradise for couples and honeymooners but also consists an amazing getaway for groups of friends and families than want to discover its uniqueness. Amazing scenery and beautiful color contrasts along with the cosmopolitan aspect of this island form a unique experience.

Santorini is actually composed by a group of five smaller islands and islets that were created through volcanic activity, making this crescent-shaped jewel a scenic marvel of the Aegean Sea. Visitors can enjoy brilliant sunsets and spectacular views of the volcanic islands and the caldera on the west side, where towering cliffs are crowned by tiny white houses curved into the rock. The famous black, white and red pebbly beaches



are on the east and south sides of the island. Guests can enjoy Santorini's magnificent Caldera sunset from their caldera view accommodation or while dining on a sailing cruise around the volcanic cliffs.





Amazing seascapes and crystal clear waters chugging the cliffs, churches, monasteries and Venetian castles sharing the landscape harmoniously with Cycladic sugar-cubed houses of unique architecture roosting high on mountain tops, fertile valleys and lush green gorges compose a magic scenery.

The island offers quality accommodation from hotel rooms to cave houses, delicious cuisine and intense nightlife while it addresses all budgets. Its vineyards, perched in volcanic cliffs, produce some of the world's most fine wines. There you can also find a variety of activities, such as hiking, boat or winery tours. Places worth visiting include the Akrotiri Archaeological site, the Museum of Prehistoric Thera and the Ancient Thera ruins as well as many churches.

A good time to visit Santorini is during the shoulder season (May – June and September - October), with the best time being the early fall when the sea has warmed up during the summer, most shops are still open and the crowds are fewer. Like all of the Cyclades, Santorini welcomes the most visitors during the summer from June through August. During winter time the weather in Santorini is colder and windy and the water is not enjoyable for swimming, but the view and sightseeing remain spectacular.

Visitors can get there from Athens by plane (45 minutes), normal ferry (about 8 hours) or fast boat (about 4.5 hours). Santorini can be combined with an island hopping itinerary and a one-day excursion to the nearby islands of Nea Kammeni and Thirasia.



**Santorini Photo Gallery:** <https://www.fantasy.gr/santorini-photo-gallery.zip>

