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The Unique Villages of Santorini

MEGALOHORI

Megalohori exudes an elegant, well-preserved character, as the heart of Santorini's winemaking, steeped in medieval merchant and pirate lore. Labyrinthine alleys, majestic bell towers, and vine-covered landscapes honor its rich history.

FIRA

The capital of the island, Fira, offers mesmerizing views of the volcano from its clifftop location, and an array of shops with local and designers' items, restaurants, cafes, as well as the Museum of Prehistoric Thira and the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral of Santorini.

OIA

Promenade through Oía, the cosmopolitan heart of Santorini, lying in the northern part of the caldera. Marvel at cave-style houses, blue-domed churches on cliffs, and panoramic Aegean Sea vistas. Explore streets with Greek shops, boutiques, restaurant and cafes.

PYRGOS

Explore the fortified medieval settlement of Pyrgos. Traditional neoclassical captains' mansions, small white houses and blue-domed churches connected by narrow winding paths lead up the hillside. To top the experience, drive at the top of the mountain of Prophet Elias for a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire island.

EMPORIO

A peaceful settlement with charming medieval alleys, dotted by whitewashed cave-style houses and blue-domed Orthodox churches with elaborate bell towers, Emporio is the largest village of Santorini. The medieval castle or Kasteli, is one of the five fortified castles of Santorini, built centuries ago to provide refuge from pirate raids.



Extraordinary Excursions

PERIVOLOS BLACK SAND BEACH

Just imagine dipping your feet into the warm, gorgeous black volcanic pebbly sand before immersing into the spectacular deep blue waters. Visit our beach club at Istoria Hotel, stretch out on the sun loungers and enjoy an exotic cocktail prepared by our attentive service team on the beach. Try out various water sports, play beach volleyball and take a romantic stroll along the long shore toward the rugged mountain of Mesa Vouno which rises to the north.

YACHT AND SPEEDBOAT CRUISE

Ride the waves of the Aegean Sea onboard a private speedboat and cruise through the Caldera and nearby islands. Feel the wind in your hair and the sun on your skin as you glide effortlessly along the coastline, past rugged cliffs and hidden coves waiting to be explored. Dive into crystalline waters for a refreshing swim, soak up the Mediterranean sun on secluded beaches, or explore quaint seaside towns brimming with culture and charm.



SAILING CRUISE

Time to hoist the sails! It's one thing to view the geomorphological wonder that is the caldera of Santorini and its cliffs from land and another to see it from sea level. Cruise the caldera of Santorini aboard a catamaran or sailing yacht. A wide range of tours is available with routes that feature swim and snorkel stops, including the volcanic island of Palia Kammeni and its therapeutic sulfur springs. Capture photos of the Red beach and the White beach, Akrotiri Lighthouse and a cliff that the locals call the face of the Indian. Tours include a barbecue meal and drinks onboard.

HELICOPTER TOUR

Picture yourself perched at the edge of your seat, gazing out over the magnificent caldera and witnessing the unparalleled sunset of Santorini. A helicopter tour promises an unparalleled sightseeing adventure, whisking you away from the bustling crowds to indulge in the awe-inspiring volcanic beauty of this remarkable island.

Adventure & Wellbeing

HORSEBACK RIDING

Ride a horse on the beautiful Eros beach, under the shadow of a steep rock, carved by the artistic power of the sea, the sand and the wind resulting in an almost lunar scenery. Starting at the stables in Megalohori, ride along paths surrounded by vineyards and continue along the beach towards the top of the hill to enjoy the panoramic view of the beach and the trails.

HIKING

While the views from Fira and Oía are sure to impress most, even more spectacular panoramas await those who trek to small villages at higher heights such as Imerovigli, Skaros and Pyrgos. From cliff-top walks to volcanic vistas, the island of Santorini boasts some of Mediterranean's best hikes. Explore untouched landscapes and picturesque villages and admire the stunning views of the deep blue waters of the Aegean Sea.

WATER SPORTS

Water sports are available at the beach of Perivolos and range from water-ski and paragliding to jet-ski and more. Snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters surrounding Santorini and its active volcano is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

YOGA SESSIONS

Immerse yourself in a rejuvenating practice of yoga to nourish yourself from the inside out and reconnect to the source of wellbeing. A transformative yoga session gives you a full physical and emotional overhaul within the alluring energy of the volcanic island of Santorini.



PHOTOGRAPH SANTORINI

There is something very special about the light of Greece and nowhere is it more evident than on Santorini. Take a tour of the island led by a professional photographer who will take you to off-the-beaten-path locations and show you how to shoot Santorini in its best light.

NOMIKOS FARM

The volcanic soil of Santorini is not easy to cultivate, yet its microclimate favors the growth of unique products; the ground-hugging vines, small, thick-skinned tomatoes, round courgettes, white eggplants, capers and, of course, golden-blond fava beans. Visit the Nomikos farm in Vothonas to discover the unique local produce of unparalleled taste.

Special Sights of Santorini

AKROTIRI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, AKROTIRI

Visit the ancient Minoan town of Akrotiri, an inspiring site overshadowed by an impressive medieval fortress, one of the most important prehistoric settlements of Greece. The most ancient one at the site dates from the Late Neolithic times. Visiting Akrotiri is a journey through time, where you can walk in the footsteps of the Minoans, a civilization that left an indelible mark on history.

MUSEUM OF PREHISTORIC THIRA, FIRA

In Fira, the Museum of Prehistoric Thira occupies the former Ypapanti Church site, lost in the 1956 earthquake that shook Santorini. It showcases a wide range of artifacts from various Santorini digs, including Akrotiri and the nearby Potamos site. Here, the rich tapestry of Santorini's history comes to life, inviting visitors to partake in the ongoing narrative of this remarkable island.

FOLKLORE MUSEUM EMMANUEL LIGNOS, FIRA

Nestled within a meticulously preserved 1861 traditional cave house, the Folklore Museum Emmanuel Lignos stands as a living testament to the allure of 19th-century Santorini. This remarkable museum offers visitors a captivating journey through the island's history and the indomitable spirit of its people.

ANCIENT THIRA, KAMARI

The ruins of the city of Ancient Thira will take you back thousands of years, before the big eruption of the volcano took place. Beneath the azure skies and overlooking the sparkling Aegean Sea, you will walk in the footsteps of those who called Ancient Thira their home. These well-preserved ruins beckon you to immerse yourself in a time when life unfolded against a backdrop of breathtaking natural beauty and cultural richness.



Special Sights of Santorini

SYMPOSION CULTURAL CENTER, MEGALOHORI

In ancient Greece, the symposium followed banquets, featuring music and dance. Today, Symposion Cultural Center revives this tradition with workshops, vintage instruments, and captivating performances, engaging all the senses in a living tribute to Greek culture.

PROPHET ELIAS MONASTERY, PYRGOS

Prophet Elias Monastery sits proudly in the southeastern part of Santorini, on top of Mount Profitis Ilias, the island's highest peak at 567 meters above sea level. This special place is one of the few spots on Santorini that was there before the volcanic eruption, and managed to survive. From this point, visitors are treated to awe-inspiring panoramic vistas from the northern all the way to the southern part of the island.

TOMATO INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM, VLYCHADA

In 2014, the D. Nomikos tomato factory in Vlychada transformed into the Tomato Industrial Museum. This space preserves the tomato processing history of Santorini, while also serving as a dynamic hub for arts and culture. Today, it is a testament to merging history and creativity, cultivating a lively community of artists and culture enthusiasts.

AKROTIRI LIGHTHOUSE, AKROTIRI

Constructed in 1892, the Akrotiri Lighthouse occupies a significant role in Greek maritime heritage, ranking among the earliest lighthouses within the nation. Beyond its historical importance, this lighthouse offers an idyllic setting to relish a breathtaking sunset. Yet, amidst its picturesque charm and historical significance, the Akrotiri Lighthouse stands tall, releasing a brilliant white light every 10 seconds, unwavering in its commitment to protecting the safety of vessels.



Santorini's World of Wine

EXPLORE TRADITIONAL WINERIES

Santorini has a strong tradition of wine production, dating to ancient times, with a variety of 20 different wineries to visit and taste an array of crisp indigenous wines. From the volcanic soils of Pyrgos and Megalochori to the cliffside estates of Oia, each tasting unveils a new facet of Santorini's winemaking heritage, steeped in tradition yet brimming with innovation. Book a wine tour through several wineries and embark on a sensory journey through the sun-drenched vineyards of Santorini.

Within our sister property, Vedema, a Luxury Coollection Resort in Megalohori, the Canava Wine Bar is part of a 400-year-old winery complex and provides a fascinating atmospheric backdrop for exploring the world of wine.

HATZIDAKIS WINERY

Established in 1997, Hatzidakis Winery excels in crafting wines within a cave's stable temperatures, eliminating the need for human intervention. Explore Santorini's grapes, unique microclimate, and Hatzidakis family's meticulous organic practices.

ESTATE ARGYROS

Estate Argyros has been established in 1903, but the Argyros family has been involved in wine production for decades before that. It is the largest private owner of vineyards in Santorini and its current landholdings exceed 120 hectares, a vast, four-generations-long investment.

OENO P WINERY

Nestled within Paris Sigalas' family wine cave, boasting three decades of expertise, a top-tier winery has emerged. With a modern tasting room and seaside courtyard, the staff, including the winemaker, offer captivating winemaking secrets.



A Journey Through Santorini's Flavors

MR. E, PERIVOLOS BEACH

Offering an enticing array of Medite-Grecian culinary delights, Mr. E translates the rich cultural heritage of Santorini into recipes. The minimal, freestyle gastronomic approach of acclaimed chef Yiannis Kioroglou creates Mr. E's very own rendition of philoxenia on the iconic black sand beach of Santorini.



ALATI, MEGALOHORI

Alati, which means "salt" in Greek, has evolved from a 400-year-old winery cave within Vedema, a Luxury Collection Resort. Indoor or terrace dining showcase the creative menu by renowned French Chef Olivier Campanha, who is inspired by the land of nearby islands and surrounding sea, to offer a unique gastronomic experience.

LURE BY OLIVIER CAMPANHA, OIA

Overlooking the cobalt blue waters of the Caldera while seamlessly adopting the curvy shapes and descending formations on the rocky rim of Oia, Lure is the epitome of Aegean epicurean elegance. Celebrating clean eating and purity of ingredients, the rich epicurean heritage of Santorini is refreshingly treated with the masterful French finesse of awarded chef Olivier Campanha.

TRATARO, MEGALOHORI

Trataro offers an al fresco dining experience around the crisp resort pool of Vedema, a Luxury Collection Resort, overlooking the vineyards of Megalochori. The menu, curated by the renowned chef Olivier Campanha, serves exquisite Italian recipes crafted using local produce, honoring the Venetian heritage of Santorini.

SAVVAS POPEYE, PERIVOLOS

Savvas Popeye has been offering Greek comfort food for 20 years in Perivolos. What sets the restaurant apart is the tradition in taste, in a beautiful location next to the beach.

FRATZESKOS, PERISSA

A Greek fish taverna in the village of Perissa, right next to the sea. Fratzeskou offers a genuine selection of fish and seafood in a cosy and casual island setup.

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PSARAKI, VLYCHADA

Located in the village of Vlychada, next to the main black sand beach and overlooking the marina, Psaraki offers its guests Greek and Mediterranean seafood and fish of exceptional quality.

DELFINIA, AKROTIRI

This Greek fish 'taverna' is located on the seafront village of Akrotiri, right next to the archaeological site of Akrotiri. Try the most authentic "grandma's" dishes and the freshest fish you can get.

KANTOUNI, PYRGOS

A traditional 'kafeneio', where visitors can enjoy Greek 'meze' under the shade of century-old pine trees.

CAVA ALTA, PYRGOS

Employing traditional techniques, Cava Alta offers an array of traditional Greek and Mediterranean dishes.

METAXI MAS, EXO GONIA

Located in the traditional village of Exo Gonia, here you will enjoy a great local ambience, as well as a variety of the island's greatest 'mezes'.

AMMOUDI FISH TAVERN, AMMOUDI BAY

A fish tavern right next to the sea, situated at the old port of Oia, Ammoudi Bay. The sunset view from here is unparalleled and the seafood is exquisitely fresh.

ROZA'S, VOURVOULOS

Roza's is in the quiet town of Vourvoulos. Homemade Greek dishes are cooked and served by the friendly hosts. The menu offers a wide variety of meat, seafood, and vegetarian options, as well as a great wine selection.



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THE ATHENIAN HOUSE, IMEROVIGLI

Located in Imerovigli with breathtaking sunset views, the Athenian House offers creative Greek cuisine, using new and traditional gastronomic techniques.

ROKA, IMEROVIGLI

A Japanese restaurant, nestled on the edge of the Caldera Cliff in Imerovigli village, making it a perfect spot to experience a spectacular Santorini sunset, harmonized with the flavors of Japan.

SELENE, FIRA

A historic, romance-filled setting gathers the finest local ingredients for a new take on authentic cuisine. A legend of Santorini's fine dining scene.

KRINAKI, FINIKIA

Krinaki is a traditional tavern in the heart of Finikia, a preserved traditional village next to Oia and promises an authentic Greek experience.

LEFKES, FINIKIA

Also in Finikia, Lefkes takes its guests on a culinary journey of traditional dishes with a modern twist.

AMBROSIA, OIA

In this special restaurant of Oia, you will be delighted by the Mediterranean cuisine and the very romantic ambiance as well as the infinite sea views.

FINO, OIA

Fino offers creative Mediterranean cuisine and intriguing cocktails in minimal yet cozy surroundings.

ROKA, OIA

A little hidden spot, yet worth searching out for, this warm and cozy tavern invites you to try a variety of Greek 'mezes,' wines and ouzo.

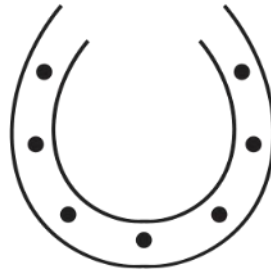
VINEYART, OIA

Inspired by the unique wine and art of Santorini, Oia's Vineart offers Greek authentic gastronomy at a yard full of herbal aromas.

SPHINX, OIA

Located in Oia, with unique view over the Caldera, here Mediterranean cuisine complements the wide variety of Greek and international wines of Sphinx's cellar, while the exquisite sunset unfolds in front of its terrace.





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