

Santorini - Cruising Guide



About

Santorini is perhaps one of the most dramatically romantic locations on earth, the stunning island heaven of Santorini is a long-time honeymoon favourite. Drenched in sun-kissed beaches, achingly beautiful sunsets and thrilling coastal roads, if you're not careful, Santorini can steal your heart away.

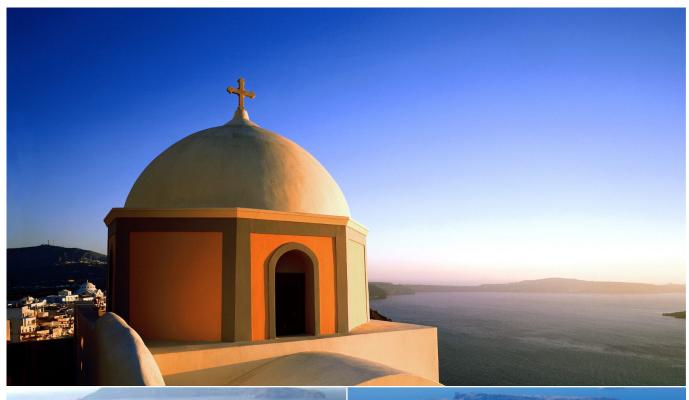
Arguably the most spectacular of the Greek Islands, Santorini exudes an incomparable sense of exaltation from its steep caldera to its tumbling cliff-top towns.















FIRA

The main village of Fira is topped by an atmospheric piazza brimming with delicious food stores selling traditional Greek gyros and colourful stores displaying lovely local art works. The streets are a continuous buzz of traffic, as cars wind their way carefully up and down the seemingly too-narrow streets and weave through crowds of strolling shoppers.

Fira is Santorini's cosmopolitan heart and boasts an exciting collection of bars and clubs tucked away in a maze of cobbled streets that streak down the cliff-side. For a more relaxed evening, there are a number of elegant and scenic bars boasting unparalleled views over the caldera..





OIA

The shattered cone of this volcanic island is now home to a delightful string of lavish boutique hotels, bars and restaurants that line its edge, and boasts world-famous sunsets. This northern point of the island is the village of Oia; a genuine Greek icon that has managed to preserve its unique beauty and dramatic allure despite its almost cult following.

The white-cube houses perched precariously on the cliff's edge look as though they could tumble into the sea at any moment, and framed by the dazzling Aegean, make the perfect point from which to view the sun sinking below the water.



PERISSA

For a different slice of Santorini, head to the southeast of the island where the beach hideaway of Perissa lies. Home to an umbrellastrewn black sand beach, this colourful seaside town hums with a youthful energy that is felt all along its waterfront strip of bright cafés, lively bars and casual restaurants.

For those who can manage to tear themselves away from the island for a day, there are fabulous day cruises to amazing natural wonders just off the shore. Spend a morning climbing the blackened sands of the ancient volcano for rare views into deep craters and mesmerizing views of the Aegean.



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