

the santorini guide



Discover Santorini...

This island is often regarded as the most spectacular of all the Greek islands. Known officially as Thira, numerous tourists who are awestruck visit the island for the majesty of the submerged Caldera, epicentre of what was probably the biggest volcanic eruption in history. Santorini is unique and for this reason should not be overlooked. The effect of the volcanic activity is evident everywhere from the black sandy beaches to the raw lava-layered cliffs plunging into the sea.

The island's volcano the Caldera is dormant, but it's not dead. Minor tremors are fairly common.

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Please note that some places mentioned in this guide do not appear on the map. This guide is to be used as an overview of the destination.

Great spots to visit in an Avis car...

- The car is the best way to explore the island as the buses are hard to come by and are frequently overcrowded in the summer months. Take the opportunity to visit **Artspace** at Argiro's Canava – one of the oldest wineries on the island. The old wine caverns are hung with artworks and sculptures.
- Make the journey to one of Santorini's many beautiful beaches. **Red Beach** near the ancient Akrotiri is not to be missed and is breath taking.
- Discover the wonder of **Santorini Akrotiri**. A visit to the Museum of Prehistoric Thera houses extraordinary finds that were excavated from Akrotiri.
- On the main road coming into Kamari is the must see **Cinema Kamari** - a great open-theatre set in a thicket of trees showing recent releases daily.
- Jump in a car and take advantage of the stunning **Santorini Catholic Cathedral** with its peach exterior and sheer scale making it stand out from afar.

Top tips for Santorini

- A right hand side road system operates in Santorini.
- **Speed limits:** Highway 120km/h
Minor roads 90km/h
Urban roads 50km/h
- The drivers and all passengers are required to wear **seat belts** at all times.
- Children under the age of 12 years of age are not allowed to sit in the front seat.
- **Drivers must be 21 or over** to drive and hold a valid driving licence.

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Getting the most out of Santorini

Top selling tips

Always introduce car hire into every booking...

Q. What do you like to do on holiday?

"I hired a car in... and it was great for seeing / doing..."

Q. Have you been to the area before?

Yes *"So you know that there's a lot to do round there. Let me get some car hire prices for you"*

No *"Well there's lots to do in that area (such as) and the best way to see them is by hiring a car"*

Q. Do you normally hire a car on holiday?

Yes or No *"Let me get some prices for you, it usually works out cheaper to pre-book"*

Places to note...

Caldera – A trip to the island would not be complete without a visit to famous volcano. If you want to experience the full dramatic impact, it's worth arriving by a slow ferry with open decks to enjoy a truly dramatic sight.

Bella Aurora – Is an exact copy of an 18th-century schooner, that's sails around the Caldera every afternoon on a sunset buffet dinner tour (EUR 35) stopping for sight-seeing at Nea Kameni.

Beaches - Cliffs on the western side of the island give way to long stretches of sand (black, red, and white) and "shingle" (small black pebbles) on the eastern side. Top beach draws include Kamari (five miles of black sand - and the most tourists) and Akrotíri (red sand set against lava cliffs). This being Greece, a taverna is never far away.

Sightseeing - The most famous view in the Greek islands is from the walkway edging Thíra, the island's main town. The panorama is breathtaking – and so is the climb.

Savings to be made...

Do more with your holiday by hiring a car, You could save money at the same time as well! Here's an excursion cost to compare car hire against:

A bus tour of the Acrotiri excavations costs 25 EUR per person that's 100 EUR for a family of four!

Benefits of renting a car...

- **Comfort** – choose an air conditioned car and travel in comfort.
- **Freedom** – explore those hidden treasures.
- **Value for money** – if you enjoy sightseeing, car hire can work out much better value for money than excursions.
- **Flexibility** – do what you want, when you want.
- **Reliability** – no need to wait around for buses.

Avis locations

- Santorini Airport (JTR) **A1**
- Karterados (CG1) **A2**
48 25th August Street

Join the festivities

April / May

Take part in the feast day of **Epiphanius** which takes in May. Visitors are obliged to take the offerings of food and wine.

June / July

Celebrate the **Santorini Jazz Festival** featuring lively performances by Greek and foreign musicians.

August / September

Join in the festivities of the **Kamari Sea Feast**. The 4-days festivities include live concerts on Kamari Beach and a traditional bazaar with food and wine at the village of Episkopi.

Ephesteia Festival lasts 2-3 days in mid August, in Fira. Reproductions of local customs, Santorinian wedding, concerts, traditional dancing and a figurative volcanic eruption with fireworks.

International Music Festival has renowned artists come from all over the world to perform at Nomikos Conference Centre.



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