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A warm *Welcome*

You are stepping on a caldera and you are minutes away from an active volcano, can you feel the energy?

You made it, you are here! We warmly welcome you to Santorini, one of the most dream-like destinations worldwide.

During your stay and tour on the island, you will immediately feel a luxurious and cosmopolitan ambiance. However we recommend that you take time to explore the other side of Santorini as well; the stunning beauty of the architecture's simplicity, the magnificent light, the colors of the Aegean Sea, the vineyards and this unique feeling that only the Cyclades can offer you.

If you want to experience the authentic Santorini, don't hesitate! Leave the crowded streets and popular spots and wander around the hidden alleys of the caldera. Visit traditional little villages such as Emporio, Megalochori and Pyrgos, admire the one-of-a-kind sunset from Santorini's venetian castles or hike to Faros to enjoy the panoramic view.

This unique destination, which was created after a big volcano eruption thousands of years ago, has a majestic natural beauty and energy! For sure, the view of the active volcano from the edge of the caldera will take your breath away.

We hope that you enjoy this sense of uniqueness, the light and the warm hospitality and that you cherish the memories of your holidays in Santorini forever!

Elena Stamataki

Santorini *at a glance*

The Greek islands are famous for being little heavens that offer unique holidays by the blue sea and under the caressing rays of the sun. Santorini though is a place unlike anything else you have ever seen, a precious gem in the Cyclades that is considered one of the top 5 tourist destinations in the world.

Located in the southeastern part of the Aegean Sea, it is north to the island of Crete and surrounded by a sea with hundreds of islands.

Before the volcanic eruption of 1600 BC it had a round shape. Today, it is half-moon shaped and it is part of an island complex that includes Thirassia, Aspronissi and the volcanic islets of Palea and Nea Kammeni.

Santorini together with its satellites covers a total area of 623 km² (34.990 sq. miles). Over the years, a series of volcanic explosions and earthquakes alternated the island's landscape and formed the breathtaking steep Caldera.

The island counts about 15.000 inhabitants and the capital city is Fira. Since the 1960's it has undergone a massive tourism expansion and today it welcomes millions of visitors each year. Apart from Fira and the picturesque village of Oia, that is one of Santorini's major attractions, worth visiting are the traditional settlements at Santorini's mainland and the beaches with the black sand on the eastern side.



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Fira:

A jewel on the Caldera lip



The town became the island's capital in the second half of the 18th century. It was then when the nobles and the catholic community abandoned Skaros, the old capital, after a long period of frequent earthquakes. Fira was mostly covered by vineyards and canaves, the traditional wineries. In 1956, the strong earthquake that hit the island almost destroyed the settlement forcing the inhabitants to leave. During the 70s the expansion of tourism led to the reconstruction of the

island and Fira grew into the island's financial and cultural center. Although typically cycladic in style, with white cube houses and narrow cobbled streets, Fira still has venetian influences. One can admire the unique venetian architecture in the Catholic Cathedral, the women's Dominican Monastery or during a walk among the neoclassical buildings of "Frangomachalas" area, a neighborhood that was built by the rich venetian merchants and captains.

The picturesque capital of Santorini and the biggest settlement of the island! Located on the western edge of the island, opposite the volcano, at a 400m altitude, Fira offers panoramic views from every corner!

From stunning sunset and caldera views to upscale hotels and restaurants, Fira offers many options and sights of all different tastes! Galleries and high-end boutiques sit next to traditional souvenir shops and elegant suites next to traditional houses creating an incredibly vibrant atmosphere. Being the center of the island's nightlife with many bars and a great selection of restaurants, the town of Fira, is the perfect spot to socialize, enjoy great cuisine and have fun overlooking the volcano!



Shop o'clock!

AMMOS GREEK SPIRIT



Centrally located in Fira, Ammos Greek Spirit is housed in a chic boutique that stands out for its cycladic style that blends beautifully with its surroundings and upscale atmosphere. Great attention has been given to every little detail so that you enjoy the ultimate summer shopping experience! With a mixed collection of international and greek brands such as Crossley, Xagon Man, Ioanna Kourbela and Kamar, Ammos Greek Spirit is a must for every fashionista who is looking for original pieces and insta-worthy appearances in Santorini. A wide variety of women's and men's summer wear, stylish hats, elegant jewels, shoes and bags give you the perfect excuse to indulge in a retail therapy and find gorgeous pieces to take back home with you!



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Cycladic light
and fluid curves

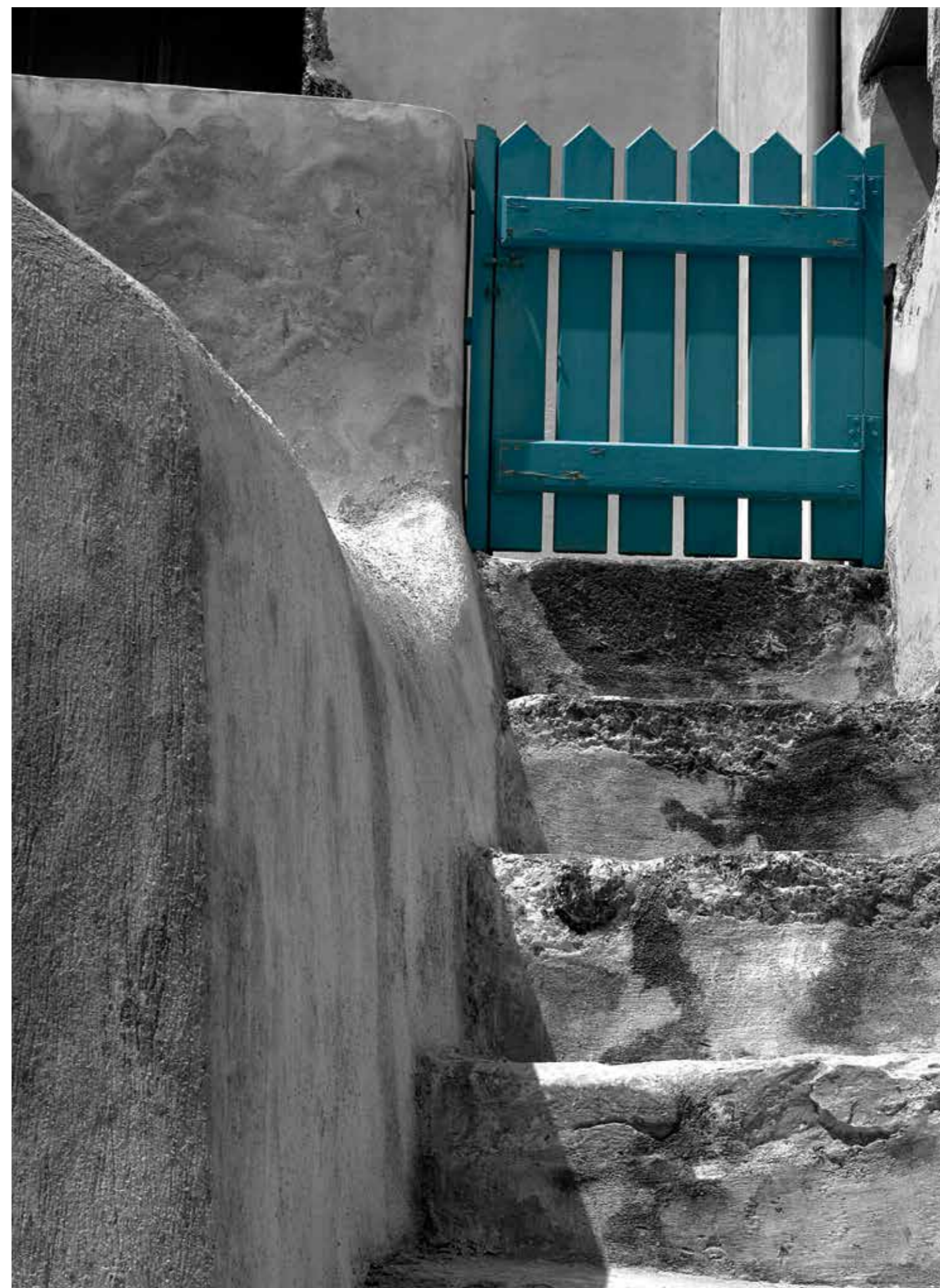


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Release the Aegean *spirit*

Photo by: *Dimitra Bratika*



Summer chic at its finest

Three upscale boutiques in central spots of Fira offer carefully chosen pieces that highlight the uniqueness of every woman. These shopping destinations feature stylish women's clothing, fancy accessories, leather sandals, jewels, beachwear and much more, all made exclusively in Greece by talented greek designers! From kaftans, swimming suits to evening outfits you will definitely find something to match your summer mood and keep as a souvenir from your visit to Santorini.

Inspired by their surroundings, they are true gems of cycladic architecture, while at the same time they provide you with a great opportunity to get to know the greek fashion scene and selected international houses. Following your shopping session, you might want to consider buying a second suitcase to carry all your new additions!

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Hidden *corners*



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SOTIRIA STAVROPOULOU

With a long career in fashion, having worked for ten years with the team of the world famous greek designer, Celia Kritharioti, and as a junior editor in Vogue Hellas, Sotiria Stavropoulou introduced in 2019 her handcrafted collection, "The Kimono Project ". Always following the motto of Diana Vreeland - the eye has to travel- Stavropoulou creates pieces inspired by the cosmopolitan flair of the 60s and 70s society playgrounds in the Mediterranean: Positano, Mykonos, Hydra, Marrakech and Sardinia.

Her kimonos, flawlessly designed, with a bohemian style, make every woman feel comfortable and at the same time feminine and elegant from day to night. Clean cuts, irresistible prints, hand paintings and high quality organic materials like silk, cotton, linen and viscose make Sotiria's kimonos and kaftans ideal for any occasion; whether for cocktails by the pool, sightseeing or a night out. Her collection also includes dresses, jumpsuits, swimwear, handbags, hats and turbans that complete her vision of fashion: modern, dynamic women who like to travel a lot and have fun in different time zones.



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The art of jewelry 4.000 years of inspiration



Santorini is a continuous source of inspiration for the greek designers thanks to its natural beauty, the dazzling light, the unique landscape and the history.

Symmetric minimal lines, geometric shapes and refined aesthetics are the main characteristics of the jewels in Santorini that attract an eclectic clientele from all over the world.

Today, this island that has been reborn from its ashes and is inextricably linked with art, hosts some of the most talented contemporary jewelry designers. Following the legacy of their ancestors and drawing from thousands of years of expertise, they create pieces of unsurpassed style and quality.

The internationally awarded creator George Poniros represents the third generation of jewelry-makers, continuing the family tradition whose history began in 1945. As he has stated, Santorini is his constant motivation. Poniros doesn't like to follow the trends, on the contrary his designs express his elegant taste and are mainly influenced by Santorini's history and landscape.

A jewelry boutique worth visiting, while you are in Santorini is YA jewelry in the picturesque bay of Ammoudi. Simple lines and high carat gold and rare gems are masterfully combined offering necklaces, earrings, rings and custom made pieces that make the perfect gift to your loved ones and compliment any outfit.

On the island of Santorini one may find some of the most renowned boutiques in Greece that stand out for their elegance and finesse. In Fira shoppers can feast their eyes while walking in the famous "Gold" Street that was named after the many jewelry boutiques of both greek and international designers. Oia's sunset boulevard is also ideal for those who want to splurge on incredible views and chic boutiques with handmade pieces.



IT IS ALL SPARKLE!

At the picturesque bay of Ammoudi in Oia the sparkles of diamonds, emeralds, sapphires and rubies adorn pieces of jewellery made only with gold; white, pink and yellow. Welcome to YA jewellery shop, where a brand new shopping experience in Santorini begins here and now and it is all sparkle, beauty and uniqueness; just like the island of Santorini! Prepare to be astonished, prepare to fall in love, prepare to transform your wardrobe with the finest pieces and prepare to shine! In YA Jewels you will find a wide selection of elegant and sophisticated pieces of jewellery. Now is the time to shop this sparkling ring, this stylish bracelet or this stunning necklace and to brighten your outfits – and your mood! Add more precious pieces of jewellery art to your jewellery box while shopping in the YA Jewels, a shopping venue that looks like no other as it used to be a traditional bathhouse that has been transformed into a chic jewellery shop. The atmosphere is one of a kind; the details in the black stone, the high ceilings and the view straight to the sea make your visit in YA Jewels an unforgettable shopping experience!

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AMMOUDI - SANTORINI

GASTRONOMY



Flavors born from lava and ash

Stepping into Santorini, you realize that you are on a volcano!



This arid land and the "cruel" climate left the island with an inhospitable ecosystem that doesn't favor a rich harvest. Despite the small quantity, the traditional products of Santorini are characterized by a unique volcanic intensity and taste.

Gastronomy

The great volcanic eruption that hit Santorini more than 3,500 years ago led to the creation of one of the most breathtaking natural landscapes of the world. The history and the development of Santorini is directly linked to this phenomenon and this is evident in many aspects of life, including gastronomy. One of the results of this catastrophe was the formation of a volcanic soil that gives its products a rich distinctive flavor. The locally sourced products and

wines you will taste here are truly unique in the world. When talking about unique products, we don't mean that these can't be found elsewhere in the world; we mainly refer to their superior flavor that doesn't remind of similar products that you might have already tasted. Tomatoes, fava, zucchinis and many more products cultivated in Santorini are rich in nutrients and minerals and have an intense and sharp flavor that balances between sweet and spicy.

The evolution of Santorini's gastronomic identity by the renowned chef *Nikos Pouliasis* the legendary "Koukoumavlos"

A sun-kissed gem in the Aegean Sea that bedazzles guests with its white-washed houses and the volcano. Therefore it's no wonder that this captivating place would also represent a destination of high culinary experiences. The renowned chef Nikos Pouliasis talked to us about the evolution of Santorini's gastronomic identity.

Until the 1960s, before Greece's tourism development, Santorini was mainly a rural economy that was still affected by the big earthquake of 1956. The inhabitants were mostly living on their own and their diet was based on the island's low yields and the local agricultural products. Over the next decades things gradually changed. Since the 1980s, the rapid growth of tourism favored the promotion of the local cuisine and inspired many locals and entrepreneurs from all over Greece to open restaurants in Santorini. It was then when the island's gastronomic identity started to form. Restaurants and taverns were serving local delicacies, such as tomato fritters and fava beans, and visitors were impressed by the unique flavor of the traditional cuisine. **The real breakthrough in Santorini's gastronomic scene came in the end of 1980s with George Hatzigiannakis' iconic restaurant "Selene". Known as the "patriarch" of the Aegean gastronomy, he exploited the unique characteristics of the island's products and took flavor to a whole different level.** Hatzigiannakis along with other chefs, including Nikos Pouliasis, the creative and sui generis owner of the legendary "Koukoumavlos, turned Santorini into Greece's first gastronomic destination, using high quality raw ingredients, introducing exciting flavor combinations and pushing taste to its limits. Nowadays Santorini, hosting some of the most acclaimed chefs and restaurants in Greece, has established itself as a foodie and wine heaven that engages visitors in a unique gastronomic experience.

Santorini is the island of raw beauty and flavors.



**Nikos Pouliasis offers consulting services to restaurants in Greece and abroad.*



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Firostefani village is considered a separate settlement, however it is actually an extension of Fira. The name "Firostefani" (stefani means crown in Greek) derives from its position on the highest part of Fira. Its privileged location on the caldera, on the north part of the island, makes it one of the places that you should not miss!



Firostefani: "Crowning" Fira

The view from Firostefani is truly magnificent, giving you a different perspective on the volcano. The wild beauty of the caldera itself along with the volcano view create a magical scenery. Here you can spend many hours relaxing and gazing at the view, especially when the sun begins to set. At night the image of the village will amaze you once again, as the lights make it look like a painting. A walk around the village's narrow, picturesque alleys will surprise you.

The white and blue churches and the traditional houses blend perfectly with the natural landscape, while there are several cozy restaurants and cafes located on marvelous spots where you can taste the local cuisine. Firostefani is only a step away from the crowded and vibrant Fira and it is the perfect choice for those who want to combine a peaceful stay and a vivid nightlife.

Imerovigli: Balcony to the Aegean

Only 3 km northwest of Fira, Imerovigli is far quieter than the island's capital. The village that stands at the highest point on the caldera, at the north part of the island, holds the castle of Skaros, a major attraction of great importance. During the Venetian Rule, Skaros was the oldest and most important fortified settlement of Santorini.

Take a relaxing stroll along the stone-paved alleys with beautiful, white-washed houses, fragrant yards with colorful flowers and blue-domed chapels of distinctive cycladic architecture. Among them the church of Panagia Malteza and the chapel of Panagia Theoskepasti, located on the edge of the cliff in front of Skaros offering a unique panoramic view of the caldera. Moreover, you can visit the female monastery of Agios Nikolaos, situated between the villages of Imerovigli and Firostefani, which hosts a folklore museum and an ecclesiastical museum with rare Byzantine icons.

Combining the local gastronomy with impressive vistas and tranquility, Imerovigli is the ideal choice for a romantic holiday away from the hustle and the bustle. During your stay you will enjoy relaxing moments and unique views and you will unwind in the traditional taverns, restaurants and cafes with lovely terraces.



The second largest settlement of Santorini stretches along the highest peak of the caldera cliffs, offering absolutely breathtaking views of the Aegean Sea, the volcano and other nearby islands.

A gastronomic duo *against the caldera*

Two great chefs, the Greek Giannis Baxevanis and the French Jerome Serres, meet in Athenian House and join their talent and culinary philosophy to present a journey through greek flavors with the finesse of french techniques.



Three times awarded with a Michelin star, Jerome Serres moved to Greece in 2002, following a long career in France. He proudly states that Greece is his second homeland and that he deeply loves the greek culture, the people and the gastronomy. Serres offers refined dishes where seasonality is the main star. He always gives great attention to every little detail and he loves to combine mediterranean flavors such as citrus and extra virgin olive oil, creating authentic dishes perfectly executed. Having worked in iconic athenian restaurants, Jerome Serres has undeniably left his mark on the greek gastronomic scene and has heavily influenced the younger generations of chefs.

The acclaimed chef Giannis Baxevanis is considered the ambassador of greek gastronomy abroad, having introduced the international audience to greek herbs and products, such as kritamo, carob and sheep yogurt. He has helped shape the modern greek cuisine as he rediscovered forgotten ingredients and highlighted their health benefits along with their gastronomic value. His sophisticated approach and technique has earned him several awards in Greece and Europe.



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On the most breathtaking spot of the magic caldera in Imerovigli, The Athenian House, internationally voted in the “50 Best Discovery Restaurants of the World”, has been a top gastronomic destination on the island of Santorini for the past seven years. This year, the restaurant welcomes one of the most important gastronomic couples of modern Greek cuisine, the 3-time Michelin-starred French Jerome Serres and the multi-awarded Greek Giannis Baxevanis. These two great chefs, widely accepted as the absolute innovators of Greek cuisine, join their creative forces to give new aspiration to traditional Greek recipes.

In The Athenian House dining becomes a memorable gastronomic journey with a creative menu based on olive oil, vegetables, premium meat and fish with regional ingredients sourced in Santorini and all around Greece. The restaurant classics include the signature moussaka, served with lamp chops, seafood pasta, while there is also a menu based on exclusively plant based dishes. The restaurant boasts a vast vintage collection of Santorini wines, with rare bottles from the island’s most renowned wineries.

When you visit Santorini, it's the perfect opportunity to discover the fine local products that you will definitely want to take back home with you and enjoy all year round.



Apart from grape production, which is developed due to winemaking, there is also a variety of other locally sourced products that are found in small quantities. The unique environment and climate of the island results in an almost anhydrous cultivation that offers very tasteful vegetables. Nourished by the volcanic soil, the sea breeze and the cycladic sunlight, Santorini's agricultural products have been worldwide famous thanks to their unique flavor.

Probably the most famous of them all is the PDO "tomataki" cherry tomatoes, which have been cultivated on the island since 1880. They are characterized by a slightly dry flesh, distinct aroma and intense sweetness blended with a mineral aftertaste. They make the perfect base for a delicious tomato paste "peltes" while they are used sun-dried in several dishes.

A visit to the Tomato Museum in Vlychada is a must to learn more about the history of tomato growing and processing on Santorini.

Gems of an infertile land

Fava beans and capers are also among Santorini's sought-after delicacies.

The local fava is another PDO product that has distinctive features as it becomes mushy on its own, it has a stronger aroma and it offers a firmer result after being cooked. Usually the locals enjoy it with onion, octopus and tomatoes. Capers grow all over the Cyclades, but those found in Santorini stand out for their spicy flavor and minerality. The edible parts are the buds and the leaves. Before serving, they are marinated in vinegar and salt to bring out their exquisite taste.



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OIA



Oia: Straight out of a postcard



The village of Oia is the first thing one sees from the ship when entering the caldera.

The view of Oia with its white, pink and ocher colors, "hanging" on the rocks, resembles a colorful canvas that welcomes the visitor and puts him in the mood for an unforgettable experience in Santorini!

a colorful canvas

Oia is the second largest settlement of Santorini. It is situated on the north side of the island at a distance of 11 km away from Fira. It is worldwide famous for its sunset and its characteristic architecture with the cave houses (yposkafa) that are carved into the rock. The white color, the simple forms and curves dominate, creating a feeling of tranquility. The houses are harmoniously built side by side with the courtyard of the one being also the terrace of the other, while they all have a great view of the blue sea. The settlement is located where the old castle of Epano Meria used to stand, about 350 m above the sea. Today the ruins of the castle are the most popular spot to admire the famous sunset of Oia, the volcano and the nearby island of Thirasia. During the day, people stroll in the narrow alleys, visit the up-scale boutiques and art galleries and taste local delicacies in Oia's exceptional restaurants.



Photo by:
Serafim Trahanis



As the sunset hour approaches, the streets, stairs, restaurants and bars are bustling with visitors and locals who are gathering to enjoy the stunning spectacle!

Gastronomic gems just steps away from *the caldera*

*When walking in Oia,
you will be impressed
not only by the
outstanding caldera
view but also by the
traditional architecture.*



Photo by: Oia Gefsis

In the heart of Oia you will experience a trip to Santorini's past in the picturesque road that hosts the so-called kapetanospita, the 19th century mansions that were the residences of the wealthy ship owners. These houses, consisting of two spacious storeys with large verandas, were in perfect harmony with the island's volcanic scenery, built with black and red lava stones. Usually the upper floor housed the guest rooms while on the ground floor there were the sleeping rooms, the kitchen and a cistern where the rainwater was collected. Some of the houses also contained a cellar for storing big wine barrels .

Today, in these impressive buildings you will **discover sophisticated and chic restaurants that stimulate all senses**. Enjoy an exquisite dinner and colorful cocktails in **Oia Gefsis**, in the most beautiful terrace with an unobstructed view to the sea and sunset. For authentic mediterranean and greek cuisine visit **Candouni** where you will feel at home in the welcoming courtyard.

In **Sphinx** you will live the ultimate fine-dining experience and you will explore a unique cellar with more than 400 wine bottles. If you want to taste local delicacies and take a journey to the wine history of Santorini, **Oia Vineyard** is the place to be with over 180 labels exclusively from local wineries.

Homemade flavors



Tucked into Oia, just off the village's main thoroughfare, Candouni restaurant offers its guests delicious greek cuisine bursting with extraordinary taste!

The traditional 18th century cycladic captain's house, refurbished into a restaurant, the sophisticated decoration, the charming candle-lit interior and the overhanging bougainvilleas set the stage for a delightful dining experience in this lovely family-run restaurant.

The menu comprises of a wide range of delectable dishes from Greece, with fresh local ingredients and exquisite flavor! The wine cellar hosts a fine selection of wines from Santorini that excite with their body and volcanic character and make the ideal complement to Candouni's delicacies! Step off the busy streets of Oia and enjoy authentic greek gastronomy in the warm and homey ambiance of Candouni restaurant, the favorite venue for locals and tourists alike!



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Bountiful breakfast options, complemented by iconic views, are not to be missed!



Along Oia's narrow, picturesque alleys, Oia Gefsis restaurant is located in a 19th century captain's house with 2 spacious storeys and a lovely terrace with a captivating view over the caldera and the Aegean Sea. The traditional architecture, the furniture and ornaments that the captain carried with him returning from his long journeys, combined with contemporary touches create a warm and sophisticated environment ideal for those who seek a fine dining experience.

Outside, the rooftop area, almost simulating the deck of a ship, invites to an unmatched sensory and culinary journey through the flavors and aromas of Santorini.

Explosive Gastronomy



OiaGefsis
COCKTAIL RESTAURANT

Oia Gefsis is the ideal choice all day long, catering for every taste and offering a great assortment of flavors. Its bountiful and tasty breakfast options, complemented by iconic views, are not to be missed! The creative menu showcases a wide array of greek and mediterranean cuisine with surprising twists, affording guests the opportunity to taste sincere dishes that excite the palate with their refined flavor. Those who cherish relaxing moments overlooking the colors of the sunset, can enjoy the upscale ambiance of the terrace along with selected wine labels of Santorini's indigenous varieties and signature cocktails inspired by exquisite spirits, classic recipes and variations with pure local ingredients. At Oia Gefsis each dish and cocktail bears a unique story offering a stimulating gastronomic experience that one rarely encounters.

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Ammoudi: A tiny paradise at the foot of Oia



Photo by: Serafim Trahanis

Carved into the red volcanic rock, right below Oia, lies the bay of Ammoudi, the island's main port in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Nowadays Ammoudi is one of the most picturesque places where you can admire the colours of the sunset and enjoy fresh seafood in the traditional tavernas.



Ammoudi Port



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by PARASKEVAS

A dreamy location



Under the red cliffs of Oia, in an idyllic cove that seems forgotten in time, Sunset by Paraskevas serves some of the most tantalizing traditional dishes of Santorini. Right at the edge of Oia's old port, where the fishermen's caiques arrive early every morning with the day's catch, is where you will indulge in the most famous lobster spaghetti of the Cyclades while gazing at the ever-reaching sea and the breathtaking sunset.



For the past 30 years, Sunset by Paraskevas tavern has been serving fresh fish and seafood in dishes inspired by the island's rich culinary heritage. The rough, volcanic soil of Santorini bear its unique and delicious gifts, offering mouthwatering dishes that speak to every palate and every heart. In Sunset by Paraskevas tavern you will see no pretenses, no needless decorations; just the savage beauty of Ammoudi and the heavenly tastes of Paraskevas, in a tranquil spot that pleases all your senses.

Sunset by Paraskevas tavern has been praised by the international media, as one of the most imperative stops during your visit in Santorini, while the guest book includes greetings and memories shared by many jet-setters and celebrities! Don't miss the famous lobster pasta, made with a top secret recipe, that has been included in the "New York Times" and the "Travel Channel".

fresh fish and local cuisine



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A gastronomic tour in Fira



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Finding great food in a tourist destination is usually tough. However this is not the case in Fira, the capital of Santorini that boasts hidden culinary gems that can satisfy any taste, any time of the day! For a healthy, energy-boosting meal **5 Senses** Greek Vegan Restaurant is the place to be! The lovely breezy terrace and its wide range of greek vegan dishes make 5 Senses the ideal all-day and night plant based restaurant in the center of Fira. Lunch is served in **Argo!** Get ready to enjoy a gastronomic journey through greek and mediterranean flavors and sublime caldera views.

If you want to taste authentic greek cuisine, visit **Kokkalo**, one of the locals' favorites thanks to the mouthwatering dishes and its hospitable environment. **Pelican Kipos Wine Restaurant**, in the heart of Fira, invites you to discover more than 600 selected wine labels in its 400 year old cave cellar and enjoy the local delicacies. End your day the best way possible in **Marinera** with breathtaking sunset views, signature cocktails and traditional greek bites signed by the famous chef Giannis Baxevanis.



A voyage of flavors!

While in Fira, in search of a place to enjoy magnificent greek cuisine, overlooking the Caldera, visit Argo Restaurant. It is the all time favorite for both locals and tourists, thanks to its mouthwatering dishes, the hospitable owner Konstantinos Chatzopoulos and the attentive service. Stepping into Argo, I'm sure you will feel overwhelmed by the iconic view and the beautiful decor that gives a nod to the legendary vessel it was named after. But, beyond all that, Argo Restaurant is all about its great food that takes you to a tasty culinary journey! Bold flavor combinations, traditional recipes with creative twists and pure ingredients ensure a memorable gastronomic experience. Some of the menu's must tries: sea bass gyros, risotto with octopus, mastic and caper leaves and the famous fava dip of Santorini.



takes you to a tasty culinary journey



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Don't leave without tasting a signature cocktail in one of the 4 terraces with a view over the Aegean Sea. As Argo Restaurant is the top gastronomic destination in Fira, a reservation is highly recommended in order to savor its delicacies.



Karavolades stairs

Fira and its old port, Gialos, that lies right below the town are linked by around 580 steps, the famous Karavolades stairs.



Photo by: Serafim Trahanis

Those who visit Santorini by cruise ship can follow this route to reach Fira, as some boats are docking in Gialos port. Surely this option requires a good physical condition, but the route and view are rewarding. The walk down from Fira to the port is definitely easier and more fun. For those who don't feel fit, there is also a cable car that only takes a few minutes to travel up and down.



In Marinera Restaurant & Cocktail Bar, the amazing sunset view, the mediterranean herbs and the aromas perfectly complement both food and drinks.

The food menu is based on traditional greek meze dishes, reinvented by the skillful chefs while the renown bar manager Alexandros Gkikopoulos, offers signature cocktails made of the fine ingredients that are considered among the best in Santorini.

Elegant and stylish, with a distinctive nautical decor, Marinera is one of the places that you don't want to miss when you are walking around the picturesque alleys of Fira.

Follow the pretty white stairs up to the breezy roof terrace, find your favorite spot and enjoy the amazing view as you sip your cocktail and savor local delicacies!

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Tasteful *explorations*

Santorini's products are the main ingredients of the mouthwatering traditional recipes. Don't leave the island without tasting the local specialties accompanied by a glass of Santorini's wine. Most greek taverns serve these authentic dishes while several upscale restaurants add creative touches, offering more contemporary versions and elevating the flavor.

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One of the star dishes of Santorini's cuisine is fava (yellow split peas), a hummus-like purée famous for its velvety texture and high nutritional value. It is a very popular side dish that is served in many ways; plain, drizzled with olive oil, with onion, tomato and capers ("married" fava), or fresh octopus. In the hands of younger chefs, fava becomes a versatile material that is used in many forms such as tart, crepe or even ice cream.

The local zucchini with the exceptional flavor, is used for the fried zucchini meatballs, a delicious vegetarian starter that is found all over the Aegean islands. Crispy on the outside and fluffy on the inside, they are made with crumbled feta cheese and fresh mint. Served with tzatziki, it will become your new favorite!

If you crave something sweet, look for melitina, Santorini's round tarts that come in various sizes. Melitina have a moist center filling consisting of soft, unsalted cheese, usually mizithra or anthotyro mixed with sugar, vanilla and mastic. Traditionally they are eaten during Easter, but you can find them all year round in some local bakeries.



7 SEVEN
STEAK - LOUNGE



Greek flavors over wood fire

Gastronomic treasures of Greece and the Mediterranean come together to compose a purely exceptional menu. Hosted in De Sol Spa Hotel, in a cozy area with a dreamy view, the 7 Steak Lounge shares its mouthwatering recipes in an elegant and comfortable setting.

The chef, Kostas Aggelopoulos, passionate about the culinary art, always searches for the finest and purest products and stimulates your senses with his genuine creations and texture combinations. From lamb to seafood, everything is cooked over wood fire so that you can enjoy an authentic gastronomic experience and the ultimate flavor! Premium ingredients, from local markets of Santorini and the Cyclades, are delicately treated and blended in a unique way to offer you dishes that are pure delights for your taste buds. It's worth noting that 7 Steak Lounge has its own vegetable garden that supplies the kitchen with fresh produce.

To highlight this memorable culinary journey, make sure to taste Santorini's sumptuous wines and indulge in a magnificent food and wine pairing.



Veganism throughout the centuries

Animal ethics, health reasons, sustainability and environmental concerns have led an increasing number of people to embrace a vegan diet and a cruelty free way of life. All over the world, veganism is becoming increasingly popular, especially among younger generations. However veganism in Greece is not a new concept.

Pythagoras was the first to advocate abstinence from meat



Research has shown that the diet of ancient Greeks was heavily reliant on vegetables, fruits, seeds and cereals, while meat was a treat for special occasions. Moreover, arguments about a fair and ethical treatment of animals have appeared in greek philosophy since the 6th century BC. The Greek mathematician and philosopher Pythagoras was the first to advocate abstinence from meat and likened the consumption of meat to cannibalism. He believed that animals, just like humans, had souls which were immortal and would reincarnate after death. So if a human could become an animal after death, the consumption of animals would corrupt the soul. Pythagoras believed that the consumption of meat wasn't healthy and made people more aggressive. His teaching influenced other philosophers. Plato, student of Pythagoras, stated in

the Republic that a vegetarian city was the ideal city and eating meat was a luxury that resulted in decadence and war. Hippocrates is also considered as an early pioneer in promoting a plant-based diet. The father of medicine strongly believed in the health benefits of plants, fruits and vegetables. Therefore, we could say that veganism has deep roots in Greece. In fact, the traditional greek diet has always been blessed with a wide variety of vegan and plant-based options, that is why it is considered very healthy and ideal for vegans. From soups to hearty stews, plenty of vegan dishes are available in almost every corner of Greece. Santorini also boasts some delicious plant-based recipes based on its extremely tasty local products, such as fava, tomato fritters or melitzanosalata, the traditional white eggplant dip.

The plant-based concept of greek gastronomy



Located in the heart of Fira, in a quiet environment with a lovely roof-garden, 5 Senses welcomes all those who are ready to embark on a culinary journey to the greek flavors, focusing on plant-based and vegan dishes. Authentic recipes from Santorini and Greece with imaginative twists offer vibrant and delicious options for the open-minded guests who are eager to discover a new approach to plant-based cuisine. 5 Senses is not an ordinary vegan restaurant... It has so much more to give!

Discover a new approach to vegan cuisine

The menu rooted on the principles of the greek and mediterranean gastronomy introduces guests to a unique concept, providing them with a range of healthy gluten-free delicacies, including halal and kosher food. Fine ingredients, locally sourced, textures and aromas are skillfully combined to offer dishes that satisfy the appetite and excite all senses. With a beautifully decorated interior that evokes a feeling of elegance and understated luxury, and a breezy terrace overlooking Fira town, 5 Senses is the ideal all-day spot to indulge in greek healthy delights, complemented by selected wines and refreshing cocktails.



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Santorini's culinary treasures

When it comes to taste, Santorini is a great place to treat your taste buds with mouthwatering cuisine and dishes made of the island's high quality products.

The cycladic gastronomic tradition and greek flavors are blended perfectly resulting in delightful masterpieces. Let's meet some of the island's famous local products!

Growing only in Santorini, the white eggplant is one of its trademark products. Due to the uniqueness of the volcanic ground, it doesn't have the bitterness of regular eggplants, on the contrary it is sweet and juicy. It is beloved by chefs as it almost has no seeds and it doesn't absorb much oil when fried. Melitzanosalata (white eggplant dip) is one of the dishes you should try when in Santorini.

A product that you will find widely during the summer in Santorini is the round zucchini that is small in size but with a great, intense flavor! A must-try is the zucchini meatballs, while you can enjoy zucchini stuffed with rice or fried.



Eat like a local Kokkalo Restaurant



With its **authentic cuisine** and a hospitable atmosphere, **Kokkalo restaurant** is the ideal place to indulge in greek dishes and the delicacies of the volcanic **island of Santorini**. The menu is carefully designed to engage all the senses and entice the guests with unique flavors and appetizing aromas. The finest **local products**, such as fava beans, cherry tomatoes and chloro cheese are combined in the hands of the skillful chef to offer magnificent taste in every bite. The restaurant also offers cooking courses for those who want to learn the secrets of the greek cuisine while enjoying the local gastronomy and culture.



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Cheese lovers should not miss chloro, a fresh cheese with a soft texture and a rich, slightly sour flavor, made from sheep's or goat's milk. Its production in Santorini is very limited and it can only be found in some traditional taverns or places with local products. Choro is mostly eaten fresh (chloro means fresh in greek), but it can also be preserved in brine until it hardens. When fresh, it has a creamy texture and is often spiced with coriander and other herbs. When hardened, it can be grated.

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A refreshing getaway

10 minutes from Fira

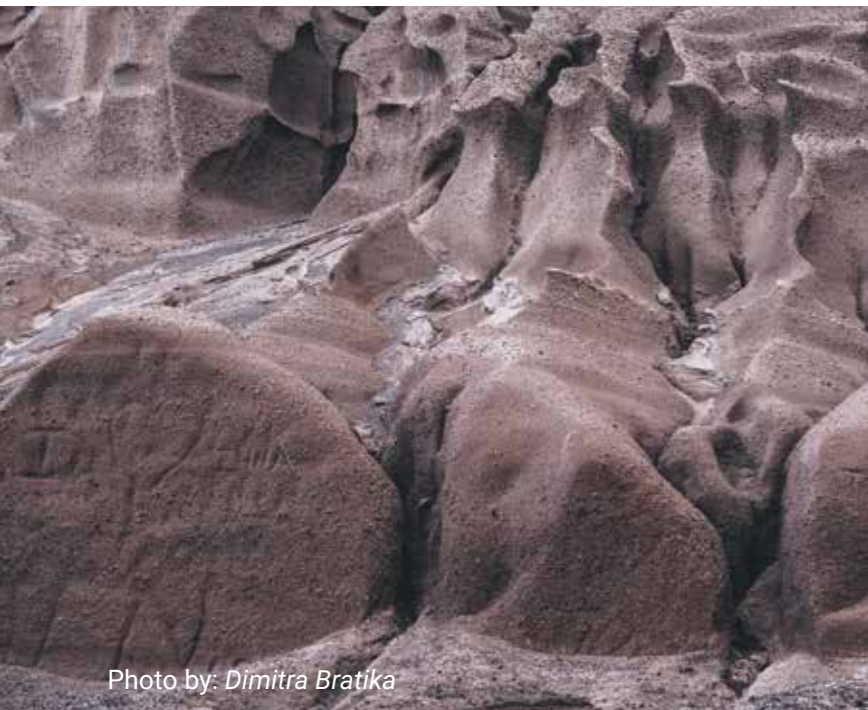


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If you don't want to move far away from Fira, but you still want to avoid the crowds of the island, keep reading as we might have the perfect proposals for you!

For a luxury pool restaurant experience, **Desiterra** awaits with refined dishes and an eclectic environment that will soothe your senses. Beautifully blended into Santorini's natural landscape with volcanic stone walls and elegant decoration, Desiterra boasts an enticing menu and an exceptional selection of local wines. Book a sunbed and sunbathe in tranquility by the pool, sipping your coffee or a refreshing drink. To experience an unprecedented feeling of immersion in the water, you can enjoy your favorite cocktail right in the pool, in the specially designed bar!

Just a few meters away, the beach of Exo Gialos is the ideal choice for relaxation and swimming. Only 4 km away from Fira, you will find an impressive scenery with black volcanic sand, a few pebbles, clear blue waters and stunning rock formations. This beach offers all the amenities you need to spend the day from morning until evening. Take a break from swimming and sunbathing and enjoy delicious greek cuisine by the sea at **Yalos restaurant**. The restaurant is open all day serving a wide range of greek and mediterranean dishes made with local produce, fresh juices and exotic cocktails.



UNDER THE DESITERRA SKY, THERE IS NO LIMIT!

ORANO Pool Bar Restaurant is named after ancient Greek for "sky".

Located at the heart of Desiterra Santorini, right by its central pool, it offers an unmatched experience to guests and visitors alike.

There the sense of immersion into the water meets the majestic Santorini sky, creating the ideal spot on the whole island to unwind or enjoy moments of discrete sociality. Savour the most enticing menu of modern Mediterranean cuisine delicacies based on authentic local ingredients. Spend your day by Desiterra's pool, slowly sipping on your cocktail. Dive into alluring live music experiences, such as our Greek Nights or Jazz Nights.

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WINE



Atmospheric wine tasting



A pleasant surprise right in the heart of Fira awaits those who are looking for a peaceful environment to relax and enjoy great food, coffee and wine. Pelican Kipos cafe & wine restaurant, filled with colorful flowers, climbing plants and palm trees, is an unexpected oasis in the crowded streets of Fira. Under the shade of the pergolas, you will find a welcoming place for any time of the day, ideal for breakfast or an afternoon break with delightful cuisine. The friendly staff can recommend local specialties, mediterranean dishes and the right wine to pair your meal.



PELICAN KIPOS
Κήπος
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more than 600 different wine labels from around the world

The most impressive feature, though, is about ten meters below the garden! Within a 400 year old vaulted cave, Pelican Kipos' wine cellar holds more than 600 different wine labels from around the world, including, of course, acclaimed wines from Santorini and the rest of Greece. With such a wide variety, a wine tasting seems almost mandatory! The wine expert Maria Kollida will be happy to introduce you to the island's most distinctive varieties and help you discover wines that will blow your mind with their flavors and aromas. You can accompany your wine tasting with delicious cheeses from the Cyclades and after the session you will get the chance to browse the stellar collection of wines and purchase your favorite. Apart from wines you will also find a great range of international beers- ales, stouts, pilsners and lagers as well as the latest selection from domestic Greek breweries.



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Limited production
unique flavour



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Volcanic Elixirs of Santorini

The visual delights, the romantic sunsets, the volcano, the traditional settlements and so many more create the modern “myth” of Santorini. This arid but at the same time “blessed” island is praised by the wine enthusiasts from around the world for its volcanic terroir that produces wines of special character and exceptional flavor. For the purposes of this article, we talked with the wine tasting connoisseur, Maria Kollida, who shared her expertise and love for Santorini’s wine!

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Santorini is considered to be among the oldest winemaking regions of the world. The island’s wine history dates back to the great eruption of Thera, in 1653 BC. Recent excavations of the prehistoric city of Akrotiri have revealed grape seeds scattered among the ruins as well as several other indications of vine-growing and winemaking.

The volcanic eruption that occurred at the time, spewed ash, pumice stone, lava and sand, leading to a soil with little to no organic material but rich in essential minerals, that give wines a naturally low PH level and their distinguishing acidity and spicy taste. Thanks to the soil’s high content in organic material and clay, the vines of Santorini survived the phylloxera pandemic that decimated the European vineyards in the late 19th century.



A unique winemaking experience

Located right above the port of Athinios, on the edge of the caldera in Megalochori village, Venetsanos Winery tells a story of inspiration and a rich winemaking tradition. The winery was built in 1947 by Giorgis Venetsanos, the first chemical engineer-oenologist in Greece and became the first industrial winery on the island.

Built in an unconventional manner, from above and moving downwards, it presents a very distinguishing structural design, which essentially took advantage of gravity, facilitating energy efficiency, at a time when access to electricity was limited.

Today the winery has been renovated and consists of two parts, a museum where guests can discover the winery’s history and the revamped building where Venetsanos family continues the heritage of its ancestors, creating exceptional awarded wines by its proprietary vineyards. The winery is daily open to visitors, offering a tour of the facilities and unique wine tastings accompanied by the local cuisine and the magnificent view of the volcano and the endless blue of the Aegean Sea.



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True Survivors

Another distinctive feature of the local viticulture is the local training system. Having little to expect from Santorini's desert-like climate, the vigneron came up with two training systems that protect the grapes from the dry winds and the hot sun.



The first is the famous "kouloura" (basket) method, according to which 2-3 canes of similar length are woven around each other in a basket shape that rests coiled and laid low on the ground. This way the grapes are sheltered within their "woven" baskets and also manage to trap the morning dew, that is the only available water source during the hot summer months. The second training technique is called "kladefitiko". Again the vines are shaped like a basket with 3-5 arms. During the winter pruning, a spur is left at a lower point on each arm while a cane is left about 50cm higher. This cane is later

bent and tied to a circular shape perpendicular to the soil. This training system works best in areas that are already sheltered from the winds.

The uniqueness of the local terroir was significantly highlighted during the International Symposium that took place on Santorini in 2015, by the UNESCO Department of "Culture and Traditions of Wine" of the University of Burgundy. Santorini was then the first PDO region in Greece to be included in the National Index of Intangible Cultural Heritage, thus paving the way to also be included in UNESCO list of World Heritage.

Concept Winery

In 2019, fascinated by the uniqueness of Assyrtiko variety, Apostolos Mountrichas, the founder of Avantis Estate in Evia, central Greece, opened Avantis Cellar Door in a privileged location just 10 minutes away from Fira. In 2021 his bond with Santorini's arid land became even stronger after renaming Avantis Cellar Door to Anhydrous Cellar Door. At this carefully designed multi-space you will enjoy a unique wine tourism experience that combines wine, flavors and wellness.



A N H Y D R O U S

Following a guided tour in the premises of the winery, when you will see the stainless steel egg shaped tanks and explore the underground barrel cellar, you can select out of four different wine tastings or dine in the cycladic-style yard enjoying greek flavors by the chef Giannis Baxevanis.

Your visit will be completed in the most beautiful way at Oenotherapy, an elegant wellness area, where an experienced beautician will offer you an antioxidant, grape-based facial treatment using the pure grape spa products of Anhydrous winery.

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Vine Pruning
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Wines of Santorini

The volcanic soil, full of pumice, the old vines, the strong winds, the rare rainfalls, the sunny landscape, the special training technique, the wine tradition... All these create a unique ecosystem that endows the indigenous varieties with unsurpassed flavor.



Assyrtiko Santorini's flagship

Undoubtedly, the island's leading grape variety is Assyrtiko, the perfect expression of Santorini's unique terroir. This PDO variety is considered to be the global ambassador of greek varieties that put Greece into the international wine map.

With no exaggeration, Assyrtiko is a true "survivor", as it has managed to successfully thrive in Santorini's volcanic land and to offer premium wines. The indigenous Assyrtiko creates mainly dry white wines with a distinct personality. Full bodied but not aggressive, Assyrtiko wines are a magnificent combination of acidity, high alcohol and minerality that comes from the pumice and sulfur of the volcano. The internationally acclaimed Master of Wine, Jancis Robinson, in her book "Wine Grapes", stated that Santorini's Assyrtiko "is one of the most exciting grape varieties in the Mediterranean that gives stunning wines".

A dry white wine with a distinct personality



Authentic winemaking

Continuing the legacy of Haridimos Hatzidakis, one of the most important wine producers of Santorini, his children, Stella, Antonis and Ariadni, as well as the rest of the team of Hatzidakis Winery, offer quality wines. The aim is to reflect the volcanic terroir of the island, exclusively through the grape varieties of Santorini, fermenting only with indigenous yeasts. These distinctive wines do not contain chemical additives and are always bottled unfiltered. Hatzidakis Winery is open throughout the year welcoming wine lovers from all over the world. The guided tours, upon request, usually begin from the cave with the stainless steel tanks and finish in the barrel area, where Vinsanto (the naturally sweet wine of Santorini) has been aging for more than 14 years!

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Although Assyrtiko is also found in many greek wine regions, from other Aegean Islands to Macedonia, it is only Santorini's unique terroir and climate that gives birth to the variety's most distinct wines. One of the most representative wines of this terroir-driven variety is "Pyritis", by Artemis Karamolegos winery. Pyritis is the combination of three different vineyards in Pyrgos and Megalochori, highlighting the many expressions of Santorini's Assyrtiko. Estate Argyros also boasts some of the best Assyrtikos, with "Cuvee Monsignori" ideally portraying the characteristics of the variety. Produced with vines from Episkopi vineyard, the oldest of Santorini, is one of the best wines one can find in Santorini.



Wineries *list*

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Santorini

Vinsanto

The naturally sweet wine

The famous dessert wine of Santorini (Vino di Santorini), that is exported all over the world, is produced by sun-dried grapes. Although it has a dark caramel color, Vinsanto is made from over-ripe white grapes that are spread and left to dry for about 10 days under the hot sun and then an extra 5 days in shade. This way, the water evaporates and it acquires its distinctive concentrated sweet taste without the addition of sugar. Vinsanto is matured for years in oak barrels, developing colors that go from gold to deep purple and incredible aromas that range from raisins and figs to nuts, coffee and caramel.

Vinsanto is a PDO Santorini and by law it should include Assyrtiko variety by at least 51%, with the rest being Aidani, Athiri and other local varieties like Katsano, Gaidouri or Platani. Almost all of the wineries of Santorini produce their own Vinsanto. However none of them is the same as another due to different percentages in the grape varieties and the length of maturation in oak barrels.

Estate Argyros has gained international acclaim for the 20 Years Barrel Aged Vinsanto made with grapes harvested from the oldest parcels of the estate in the area of Episkopi. This exceptional full-bodied Vinsanto presents a beautiful combination of sweetness and acidity, with a deep amber color and notes of butter-scotch, raisins and cocoa.

Aidani

Aidani is another white grape variety of the Cyclades, used for the production of dry wines. It is a grape perfectly suited to the warm weather conditions of Santorini, giving wines of moderate acidity and alcohol, with pale lemon color and a discreet aromas of yellow fruits and flowers, like lemon blossom, jasmine and nectarine. Santorini's emblematic winemaker, Paris Sigalas, has described Assyrtiko as Alsace and Aidani as Burgundy thanks to its unique buttery texture.

In Santorini, Aidani is the second most planted white variety after Assyrtiko and the third in overall plantings following the red variety of Mandilaria. More often, it is blended with Assyrtiko, providing floral and elegant aromas without taking away with the characteristic minerality of Assyrtiko. Aidani is rarely released as a single varietal bottling, but when it does it provides aromatic wines with balanced acidity and fresh notes.



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Artemis Karamolegos Winery is characterised by a great respect for Santorini's tradition and a modern point of view, with a constant investment in the vineyards and the winemaking equipment. This has made it one of the most dynamic and fastest-growing wineries in Greece.

Artemis Karamolegos Winery has already won many prestigious awards in international wine competitions such as Mundus Vini, Decanter, TEXSOM and the Thessaloniki IWSC. Among them, it has received the special Judge's Selection award as the best Greek white wine for Santorini 2016 in the TEXSOM IWA 2017 competition.



Established in 1903, Estate Argyros is run by Matthew Argyros, 4th generation of winemakers. Based in Episkopi Santorini, the winery owns 120ha of vineyards with ungrafted -original rootstock - phylloxera safe plants averaging 70 years old, including some of the oldest vines on the island which are over 200 years old.

Our philosophy is to craft outstanding boutique wines based only on the indigenous varieties of Santorini, such as Assyrtiko, Aidani & Mavrotragano. We focus on wines of great subtlety, character, balance and elegance with an uncompromising commitment to quality.

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Pushing the brewing boundaries

Take a break from the wine tastings and visit Ftelos Brewery to enjoy exquisite craft beers. Ftelos is not the typical brewery, it's a multipurpose destination that offers the ultimate brewing, gastronomical and cultural experience! The 4.800 sq. meters facility hosts a beer-themed restaurant, tapas bars, a dynamic art exhibition, a roof-garden restaurant and the production area, where the magic happens! Beer aficionados should not miss a guided tour in the facilities, to witness the brewing process on-site and of course to sample new seasonal beers paired with local delicacies.



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Mandilaria

Contrary to other volcanic terroirs of the world, such as Etna on Sicily, Santorini mainly produces exceptional white wines. However, the island's rare red varieties of Mavrotragano and Mandilaria stand out thanks to the great potential they offer.

Mandilaria, which originates from Crete, is the most planted red variety in Santorini covering about 8% of the plantings. This grape has thick skin and is rich in polyphenols and tannins which are responsible for its grippy texture and deep coloration. Mandilaria produces light-bodied wines, low in alcohol (rarely exceeding 13%), with aromas of cherries and plums that lack intensity. This is why Mandilaria is frequently blended with other varieties, most often with Kotsifali in Crete and Mavrotragano in Santorini.

Mavrotragano

Last but not least, the great Mavrotragano! Its name literally means black (mavro) and crunchy (tragano), accurately describing the fresh crisp grapes. Until recently, it was in danger of extinction. In fact it covers slightly more than 1% of Santorini's total vineyard, although plantings are currently on the rise. It is worth mentioning that Sigalas and Hatzidakis, two of Santorini's iconic winemakers, contributed to the revival of this variety when in the late 90s they released their single varietal Mavrotragano wine. Thanks to their passion and persistence, Mavrotragano has evolved into one of the most remarkable varieties in Greece giving full-bodied wines, with intense tannins, and aromas of red fruit, chocolate and spices. The color varies from deep red to purple, depending on the vinification.



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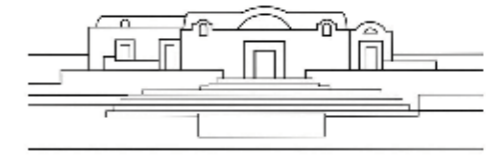
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Christoforos Asimis
Oil on Canvas

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From an artistic point of view



Timeless moments of happiness

Serafim Trahanis | Photographer

Following his studies on studio lighting techniques and interior photography in Frankston College of Tafe in Melbourne, in 1989 Serafim Trahanis started working as a freelance lifestyle and wedding photographer. As the light always played an important role in his work, in 2017 he moved to Santorini, one of the most sought-after honeymoon destinations. When it comes to a wedding photoshoot, he doesn't just take pictures; he wants to offer the couple photos that they will cherish for a lifetime. Serafim forms a special bond with each couple, while he often enjoys spending time with them and showing them around the island and its gems.

www.serafimphotography.com

Finding beauty in simplicity

Dimitra Bratika | Photographer

The photographer Dimitra Bratika studied business administration and worked in big enterprises for 10 years. While working in London, she was given the chance to travel all around the world. It was then when she discovered her passion for photography. She loves the cycladic islands and describes herself as Santorini's resident by choice. To her, Santorini is an exciting place, a combination of volcanic lava, epic landscapes and interesting contradictions. What inspires her is the majestic simplicity of the island and its people and it's this element that she seeks to highlight through her work. Dimitra travels all over the world during the winter to enrich her portfolio and in the summer she returns to her beloved Santorini where she works as a photographer.

www.dimitrabratika.wordpress.com



Capturing the beauty of Santorini

Nikos Rigopoulos | Photographer

Following a career in business photography and having collected many experiences all over the world, the talented photographer Nikos Rigopoulos moved to Santorini in 2000 and opened Oria Art Gallery in a beautiful traditional cave house in Oia overlooking the caldera. Deeply magnetized by the island's landscape, he manages to capture the uniqueness of Santorini and share with the audience photographs beyond the ordinary, renowned for their creativity, nuance and intimacy. The colors, the angles and the details in his photographs are what make them stand out and spark a bit of magic in the brain and the heart of art lovers.

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The painter of Santorini

Christoforos Asimis | Painter

Born and raised in Santorini, Christoforos Asimis has devoted his work to the island's majestic landscape. The "painter of Santorini" is famous for his depictions of the island, his high aesthetics and the special way he captures the colors and shapes of Santorini and the Aegean Sea. The cycladic light is at the core of his art. As he admits all his visual quests have to do with the light and how he is interpreting it. To him, the cosmogony that took place in Santorini with the volcanic eruption is an endless source of inspiration, while the lava colors that are imprinted on the island's soil still excite him. Until this day, Asimis has created more than a thousand paintings that all celebrate the uniqueness of his birthplace.

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AN EYE FOR BEAUTY

The captivating beauty of Santorini has been a constant source of inspiration for Nikos Rigopoulos.



The acclaimed photographer, Nikos Rigopoulos, owner of Oria Art Gallery in Oia has traveled all around the world collecting experiences and enriching his portfolio with magnificent landscapes from Europe, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Egypt and the United States. His talent though is most evident when he turns it to the subject of Santorini, the island he has called home for the past twenty years. With an imaginative and keen eye for overall framing and whimsical detail, he manages to share with the audience photographs beyond the ordinary,

renowned for their nuance and intimacy. Santorini is his favorite canvas as there is no shortage of overwhelming backdrops to utilize. His work allows the observer to engage with a particular element of this majestic island –a stone, a shell, a cloud– and to find integrity and beauty on the one-to-one level. Some say his photographs have soul. To this he responds that they might have a soul, but he is quite certain that his photographs are actually just pieces of beautiful paper that can spark a bit of magic in the brain and the heart of art lovers.

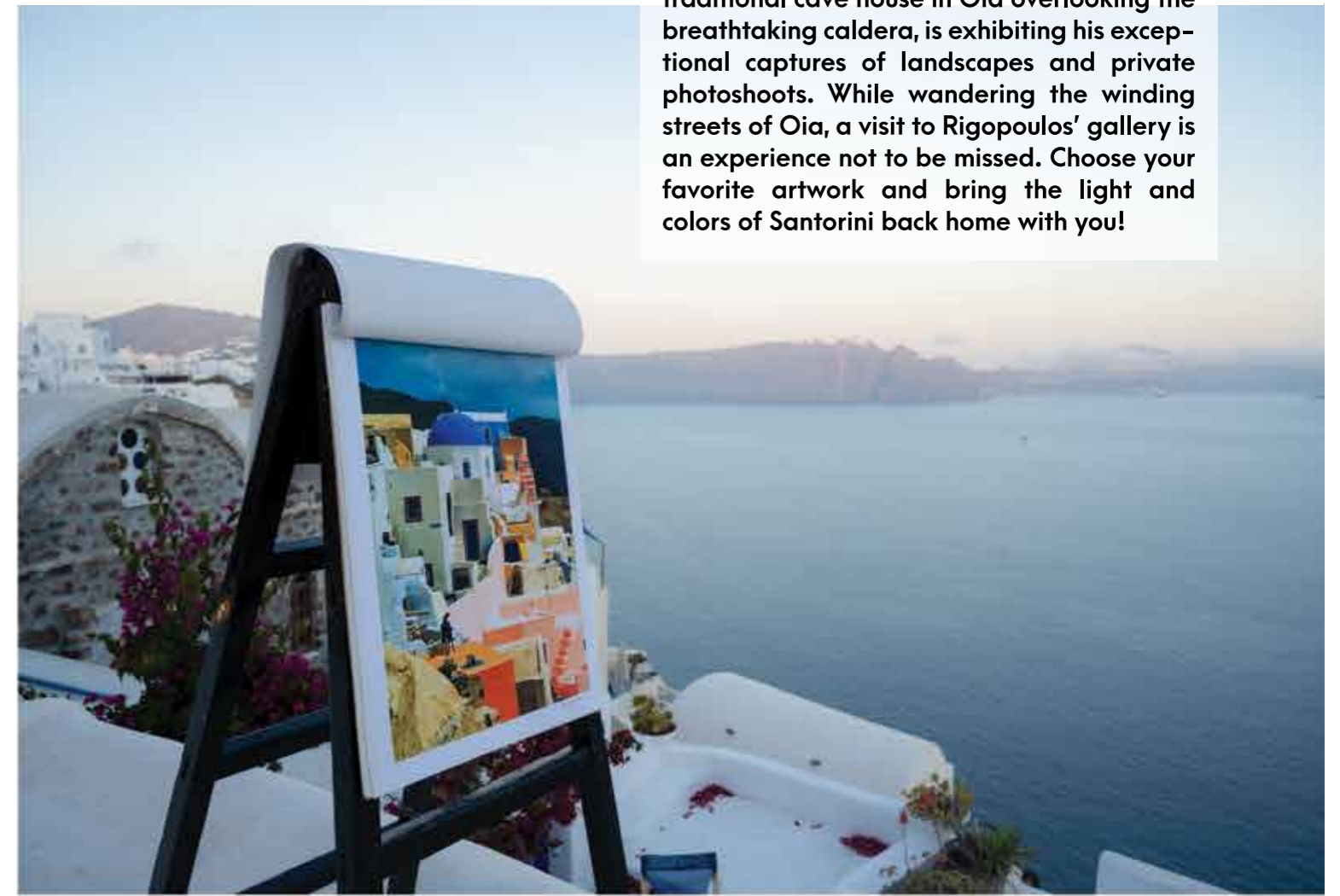
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An undoubtful ambassador of the island's beauties and its dynamic, Nikos Rigopoulos moved to the island in 2000 and started his own photography gallery. Oria Art Gallery, a traditional cave house in Oia overlooking the breathtaking caldera, is exhibiting his exceptional captures of landscapes and private photoshoots. While wandering the winding streets of Oia, a visit to Rigopoulos' gallery is an experience not to be missed. Choose your favorite artwork and bring the light and colors of Santorini back home with you!



Inspiring Beauty



Photo by: Dimitra Bratika

With its breathtaking sunsets, the picturesque scenery, the Cycladic architecture, the volcanic landscape and its mesmerizing light, Santorini has always been an endless source of inspiration for renowned greek and international artists. Poets, photographers and film-makers enchanted by this magic island, have captured its uniqueness and immortal beauty!

"Ode to Santorini" is the first poem from the Collection "Orientations" (1939) by Odysseus Elytis, winner of the 1979 Nobel Prize for Literature. The influence of the sea and the sun is present in almost all of his works, however this masterpiece poem is a real celebration of Santorini's majestic landscape.

Ode to Santorini excerpt

*You were the first to leap forth into the world,
Porphyrogenite, sea-begotten,
You sent to the far horizons
Blessings nurtured in the sea's vigils
To caress the hair of daylight's waking hour.
Queen of the heartbeats, and wings of the Aegean,
With words that convert the infinite
With fire, lava, smoke,
You discovered the great lines of your destiny.*

His beloved island is also mentioned in his chef d'oeuvre "Axion Esti" (Worthy it is), a composition of poems that depicts the greek reality through an intensely personal tone. It is considered an anthem to creation as he explores the essence of his being as well as the identity of Greece and its people.

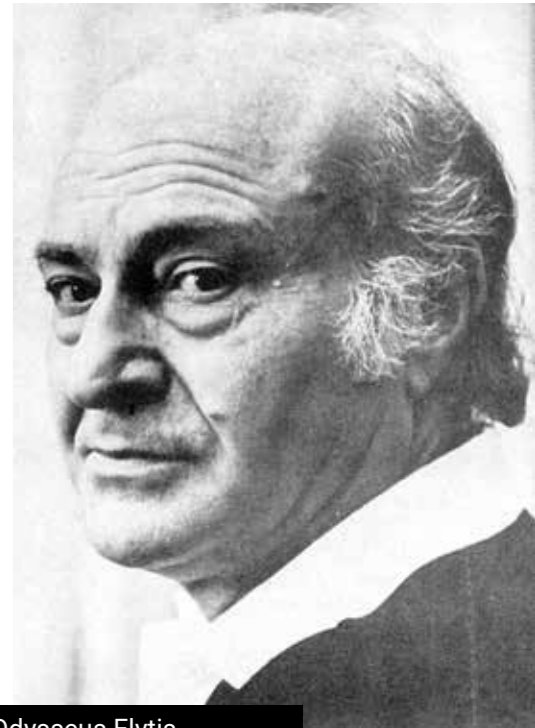
Notional Sun of Justice excerpt

*It has high mountains eagle shaped
and rows of vines on its volcanoes
And houses very white
for neighboring the blue*

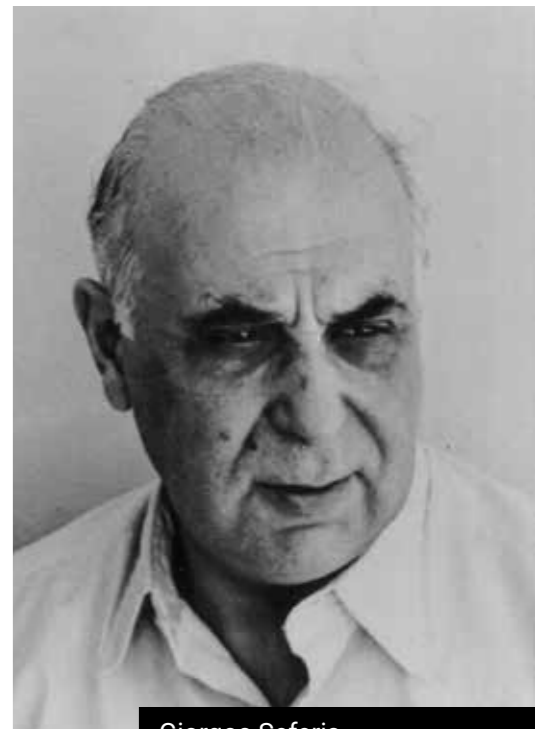
"This island was once the center of a very ancient religion. The lyrical dances, with a strict and heavy rhythm, performed here were called: Gymnopaidia". In the introduction of his poem Gymnopaidia, the Nobel laureate poet Giorgos Seferis explains how Santorini inspired him.

Gymnopaidia excerpt

*We found ourselves naked on the pumice stone
watching the rising islands
watching the red islands sink
into their sleep, into our sleep.
Here we found ourselves naked, holding
the scales that tipped toward injustice.*



Odysseus Elytis



Giorgos Seferis

Santorini through *the camera lens*



Throughout the years Santorini has been captured in photos and videos by thousands of people, among whom are world-renowned photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson and Herbert List. During their trips to Santorini they captured simple moments presenting a folk way of life that has long gone after the tourism development.

The fierce volcanic island, with the white-washed houses hanging from the cliffs and the breathtaking views makes the perfect cinematic setting. Many movies have been filmed on Santorini, probably the most well-known is "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003) starring Angelina Jolie. The picturesque village of Oia was one of the filming locations while some impressive underwater scenes were shot in Santorini's deep caldera. The 2005 film "The sisterhood of the traveling pants" also makes use of the island's stunning beauty. Lena, the film's main character, is vis-

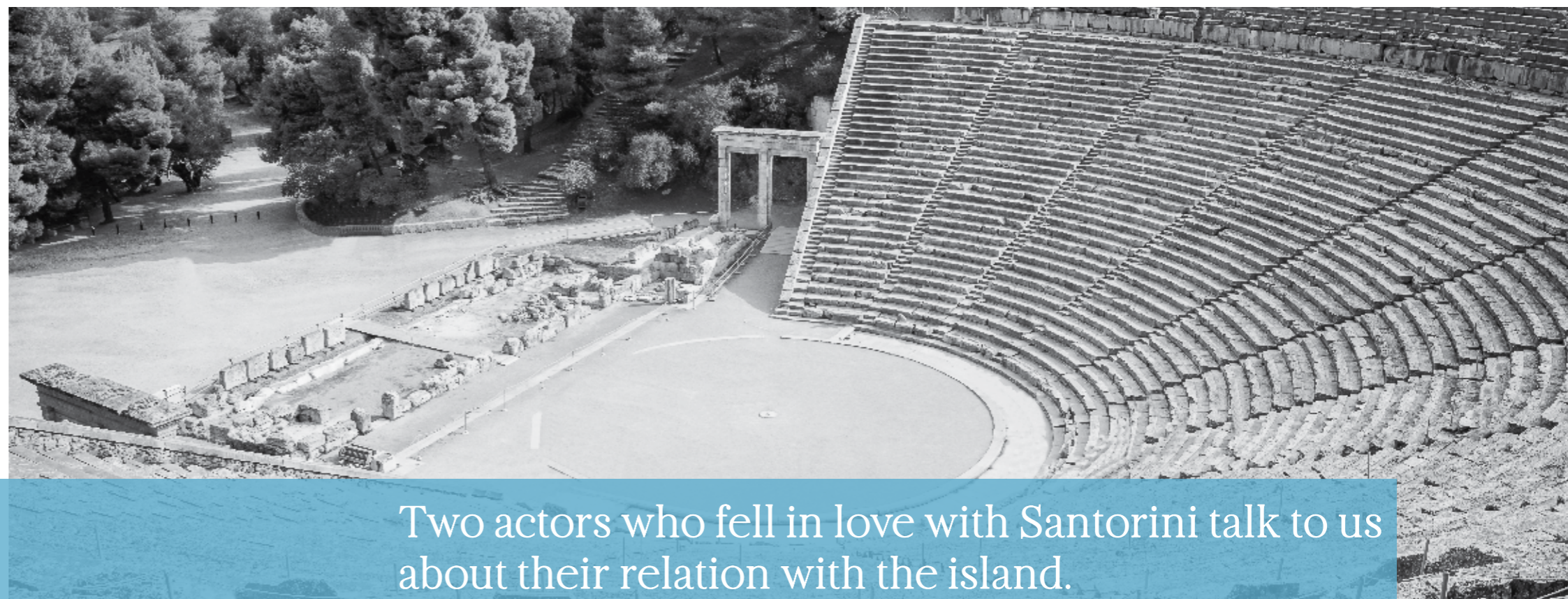
iting her grandparents who live in Santorini, taking the viewer on a journey to the magnificent island with the traditional houses and the breathtaking caldera.

One of the first movies ever filmed on Santorini was "Summer Lovers" in 1982, starring Daryl Hannah and Peter Gallagher. Oia was the main setting, while the house used in the film still exists. The production managed to secure permission to film on the archaeological site of Akrotiri. During filming, pieces of 3,500-year-old pottery were uncovered which were then turned in and added to the scientific collection.



The fierce volcanic island makes the perfect cinematic setting.

FROM SANTORINI TO EPIDAUROS



Two actors who fell in love with Santorini talk to us about their relation with the island.



Despina Kourti

The Greek actress Despina Kourti first visited Santorini when she was 19 years old and was instantly amazed by the island. **“The beauty of Santorini never stopped having an influence on me”**, she says and smiles when thinking about the summers that she spends in the house she and her family bought about 20 years ago in Emporio. Kourti believes that Santorini is a unique place in Greece and the whole world, with a special energy that one either loves or hates. She definitely belongs to the first group. Her favorite place on the island is the beach of Vlychada which she describes as a natural sculpture that reminds her of Gaudi’s work. An avid nature lover herself, she believes that the natural beauty of Santorini is its greatest heritage and it should be protected from overtourism. Going back to the island’s history and evolution after the volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, she claims that **“if Santorini could teach us anything, this would be humility”**.

Despina Kourti loves working with her husband, the actor and director Argiris Xafis, as they share the same beliefs and ideas. In *Ajax*, directed by Argiris Xafis, she plays the role of the goddess Athena who protects Odysseus from Ajax’s wrath and causes him to slaughter farm animals instead. Her approach on the role was based on *Odyssey*, where Athena came to Odysseus in the form of a teenage boy. Inspired by that, Kourti gave a more playful and “childlike” dimension to her role that she believes makes it more interesting.

In 2012, Despina Kourti, Argiris Xafis and Io Voulgaraki joined their forces and founded the group “PYR” (greek word for fire) to present their perspective on the theater to the audience.

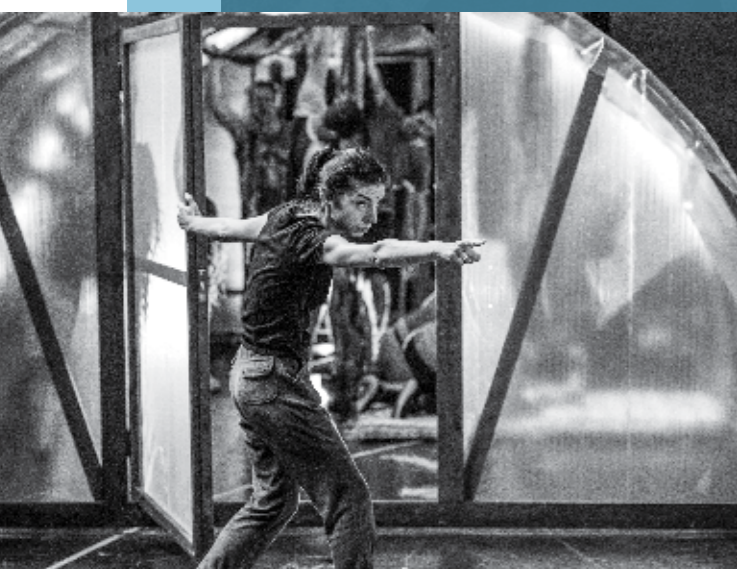
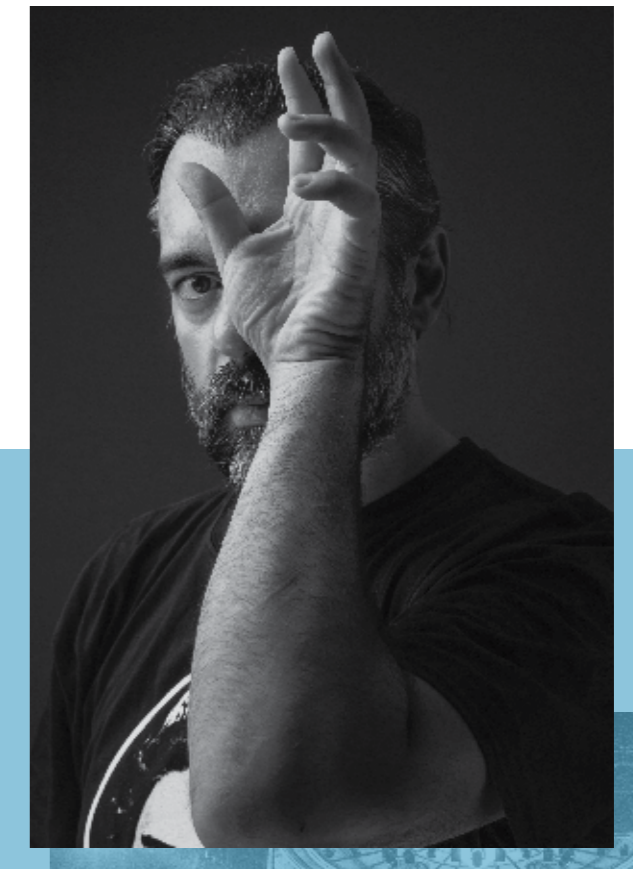


Argiris Xafis

Argiris Xafis, the talented Greek actor and director, was enchanted by the energy of Santorini from the first time he visited the island for vacation. Until today, **as soon as he steps foot on Santorini, he feels like returning back home.** Although it’s not his birthplace, he has a strong bond with Santorini where he loves to spend the summers in Emporio. What he finds the most attractive there is the calm, serene ambiance of the village, along with its traditional character and the enticing architecture. Even though he admits that this sense of tranquility and privacy has diminished over the years because of the development of tourism, he still sees Emporio as his retreat. When it comes to the first three things that come to his mind when thinking of Santorini, those are the beach Vlychada with its lunar scenery, the old Franco’s bar right on the caldera of Fira and Minas, the owner of the iconic Cave of Nikolas tavern. To him, **the best period to visit Santorini is during Easter or in September when you get the chance to see a different, more peaceful side of the island.**

This summer, Argiris Xafis makes his directorial debut at the Ancient Theater of Epidauros with Sophocles’ tragedy *Ajax*, one of his favorite plays. The storyline is set in the tenth year of the Trojan War and depicts Ajax (in Greek Aias) seeking to avenge those who deprived him of Achilles’ armor. Xafis’ version of the play is not a typical reenactment. He wants to highlight the complexity of the tragic hero who represents an old world and can’t keep pace with his surroundings, thus failing to survive. The concept of burial is central in Xafis’ *Ajax* as it is presented as a ritual of respect towards a deceased person whether they are a friend or an enemy.

Ajax is presented in the Ancient Theater of Epidauros on 29 & 30/7, in Cyprus on 5 & 6/8 and in Thessaloniki on 12/9. More dates will be announced after 30/7.



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Everyday *art*

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Inspired by the nine muses of the arts, Symposion cultural center offers a broad-range of activities and performances, exploring the roots of the traditional-sounds in Greece and the history of music and its links between the past and the present. The founders, Argy Kakissis (managing director) and Yannis Pantazis (musician, instrument artisan/ musical director) have created a vibrant place to introduce their guests to an immersive experience of music, art and mythology. The programming influenced by mythology's timeless relevance to life as it is lived today, includes interactive tours, bagpipe workshops, musical presentations and evening performances. Housed in a building of unique character, that was an old winery, Symposion hosts a permanent collection of bagpipes from around the Aegean and other traditional instruments sourced from the local community. The atmospheric courtyard features the Muses Wine Cafe where visitors can enjoy a coffee or a selection of indigenous wines from Santorini and Greece. To take a closer look at the activities and book a ticket, visit Symposion's website.



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Cultural Events

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3|Jul
16:00

Josephine - Overview
(greek music concert)
Karterados beach

4|Jul
07:00

Morning mass dedicated
to Saint Andreas of Crete
Panagia Kokkini Church, Karterados

6|Jul
21:00

"The myths of the Olympian
Gods" (children's theatre)
General high school, Fira

10|Jul
20:00

Folk music concert
Kamari central square

11|Jul
20:30

Folk music concert
General high school, Fira

14|Jul
21:30

Nikos Makropoulos
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

18|Jul
21:30

Giannis Charoulis
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

20|Jul
20:00

Traditional music festival
Pyrgos central square

23|Jul
21:30

Mariza Rizou
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

25|Jul
21:00

- "The backgammon"
theatrical performance
- Greek music performance
General high school, Fira

29|Jul
21:30

Paola - Anastasios Rammios
- Christina Salti
(greek music concert)



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2|Aug
21:30

Nikos Portokaloglou
Vicky Karatzoglou
Byron Tsourapis
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

18|Aug
21:00

Mini Rock Festival:
The Steams
Adacis
Los Volcanos
General high school, Fira

7|Aug
21:30

Live cretan music by
Petros Maroulis
Coralli restaurant, Perivolos beach

23|Aug
21:30

Giannis Kotsiras
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

8|Aug
20:30

Violin & piano duet
Oia central square

29|Aug
21:30

Konstantinos Argyros
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

10|Aug
21:30

Panos Kiamos
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

10|Sep
21:00

Full moon concert
Monolithos beach

13|Aug
20:00

Traditional music festival
Pyrgos central square

2|Oct
15:00

Raki festival
music by Giorgos
& Nikos Stratakis
Mezedaki restaurant, Perivolos beach

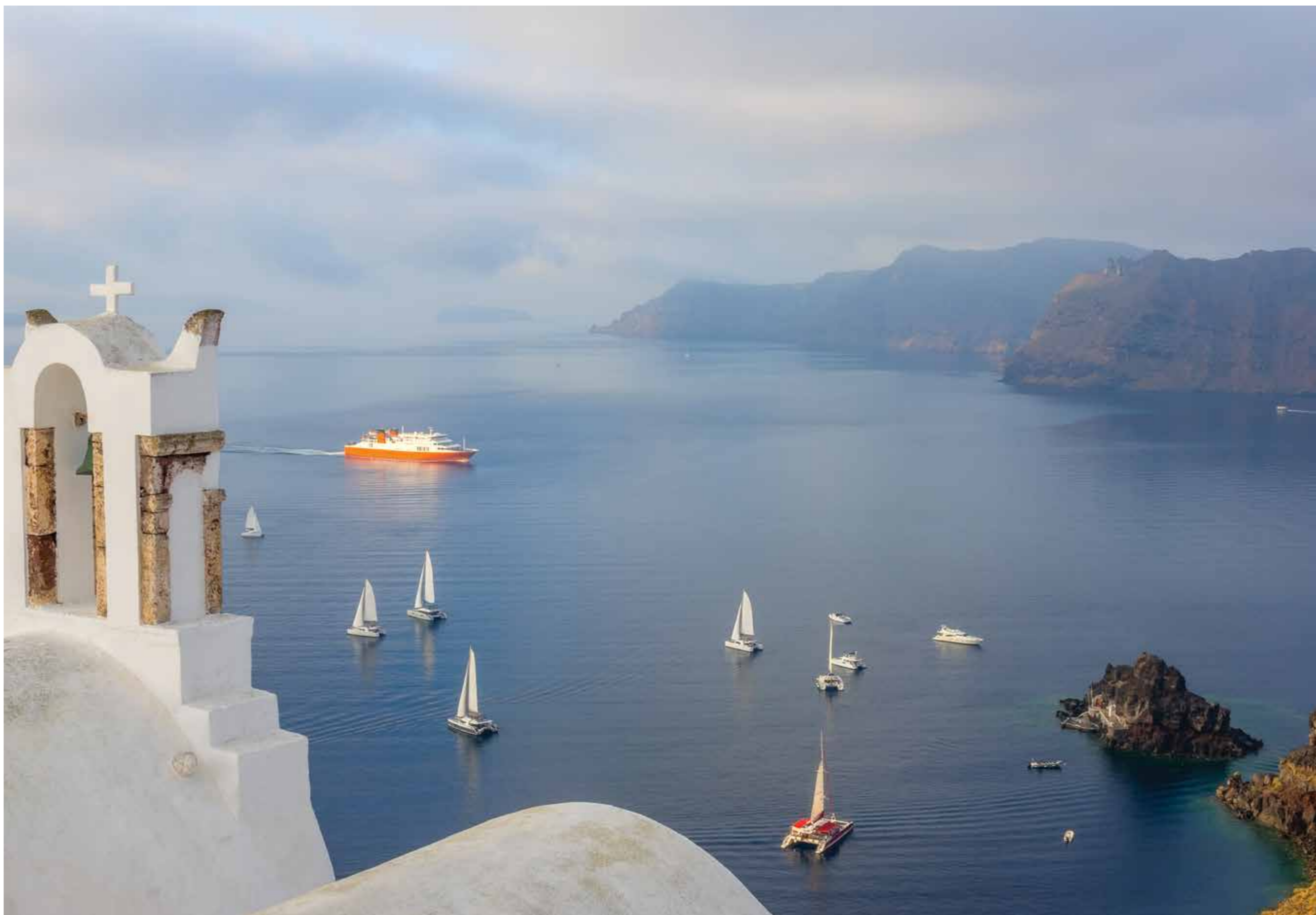
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Vassilis Papakonstantinou
(greek music concert)
General high school, Fira

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The volcanic energy



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The volcanic eruptions and earthquakes throughout the years have gifted Santorini with a unique natural beauty and a wild scenery.

Indeed, the volcanic activity is evident on the multiple layers of solidified lava - one on top of the other - upon the Caldera cliffs, at the island's beaches bearing black sand and lava pebbles of various colors and in the mainland where the soil contains ash and pumice.



For the ultimate romantic experience, book a private cruise and sail away as you watch the famous sunset of Santorini!

Although the volcano has been dormant since its last eruption in the 1950s, it is still considered active. The craters are on two small islands directly opposite the half-moon shaped Santorini, Palaia Kammeni and Nea Kammeni. This small complex is the most recent set of islands to emerge from the sea in the area of the eastern mediterranean region. In these neighboring islands you will discover stunning volcanic coves and beaches, covered with fragments of lava, and you will enjoy the healing properties of the hot springs. Agios Nikolaos, a small cove on Nea Kammeni has turned into a significant pole of attraction due to its warm, yellowish waters which contain high amounts of sulfur that is considered to be therapeutic. Gazing at the amazing view of the Caldera, while you enjoy a "mud bath", makes this experience one of a kind.

During your stay, an excursion to the volcano is a must! You can join one of the boat tours, starting daily from the Old Port of Fira or Athinios port, and get the chance to explore the lunar landscape, walk on solid lava and take a closer look at the craters. Private or semi-private cruises are without a doubt the most luxurious and easy way to discover the hidden gems of Santorini's volcano as well as the nearby islands. High performance sailing vessels, with their own captain and crew upon request, guarantee the ultimate sailing experience in the deep blue, welcoming, waters of the Aegean Sea. Many sailing companies offer exclusive services on board such as dinner, private gatherings, snorkeling and yoga, while you can fully customize your trip and set your own course.

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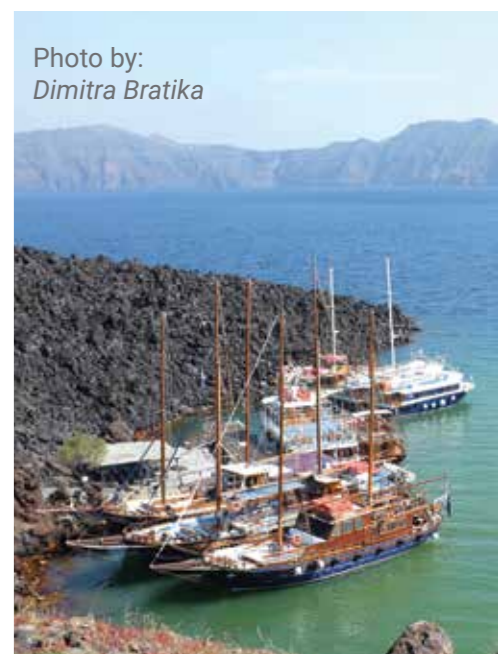


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Escape the crowds



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Santorini is undeniably one of Greece's most famous and popular places

It is estimated that nearly 2 million tourists visit the island each year. Thousands of people arrive daily by ferries, planes or cruise ships to see the whitewashed buildings, enjoy the sunset and experience a unique stay in 5 star hotels with infinity pools. Santorini though is not all about that, as it has much more to offer to those who seek authentic experiences.

For the adventure and nature lovers, Santorini has an extensive network of hiking trails that lead to some of its most impressive sights, such as the still active volcano and its thermal springs, the famous Red Beach and the island's venetian castles. The must-do hiking itinerary is no other than the trail from Fira to Oia (and vice versa). The path is well marked and sometimes it's a walk through the villages' shopping areas. The 10km trail along the edge of the caldera is one of the most spectacular hikes in Greece, offering some of the best views on the island. The hike takes between 2 and 5 hours, passing through the villages of Firostefani and Imerovigli.

authentic experiences

Another interesting hike is the trail to Skaros Rock, whether done as part of the Fira to Oia trail or by itself. Skaros Rock is reached by a steep winding staircase from the church of Agios Georgios (Saint George) in Imerovigli. It is one of the most impressive spots of Santorini with panoramic view to the Aegean Sea. Skaros was Santorini's first fortress built in the 15th century to protect the island from pirate attacks. Being the medieval capital of Santorini, it was inhabited by the Venetian aristocracy of the time and its population was mainly Catholic. Unfortunately the earthquakes on the island destroyed the castle and today only ruins have remained to remind its glorious history. Leaving Santorini, we find ourselves in the small island of Thirassia. The two islands

were once connected, until the volcanic eruption of Thira that formed the famous Santorini caldera. Today it is located only a mile away from Oia. Unlike the cosmopolitan Santorini, Thirassia stays far from the lights, the glamour and luxury. Here it feels like time has stopped in the 1950s, as it is still untouched by tourism and modern lifestyle. The quiet beaches and the pure nature offer visitors a wonderful cycladic experience and a feeling of serenity and peace. The monastery of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, on the southern part of the island, is one of the main attractions with amazing views to the caldera, Santorini, and the nearby islands of Aspronisi, Palea and Nea Kameni.

Away from the trendy beach bars, the pumping nightlife and the crowded streets with the souvenir shops, Santorini has many amazing hidden gems that wait to be discovered from those who are ready to venture off the beaten path!



Photo by: Dimitra Bratika



Hospitality: A sacred duty

*Philoxenia
literally
means the
"love of the
foreign"*

Hospitality is among the greatest values of humankind, turning the fear of strangers and the unknown into companionship and solidarity. The greek word "philoxenia" literally means "love of the foreign" but it has a much deeper meaning than the equivalent english word of hospitality. In ancient Greece offering hospitality to a guest was a matter of pride, a great virtue that has passed into the greek DNA.

The concept of philoxenia is deeply rooted in every Greek. Greece is a world famous welcoming destination where visitors are treated as dear friends. This hospitable and warm way of life is what makes millions of tourists return to Greece every year.

To fully comprehend the sense of philoxenia, we must go back to ancient mythology and Zeus himself. Zeus, known as "Xenios", was the protector of strangers and travelers, embodying the moral obligation to be hospitable to foreigners and guests.



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The most important sources for ancient hospitality are found in Homeric epics. Both the Odyssey and the Iliad present numerous episodes that highlight the tradition's religious, social and political aspects.

To this day, hospitality is just as important in the greek culture as it was in the ancient times, while Greeks still manage to keep this tradition alive with simple gestures such as a warm smile, helping a stranded traveler, buying a meal for a homeless person or opening their homes to both family and strangers.



*The roots of
philoxenia live
deep in every
Greek*

The Other side of Santorini

A travelogue in Santorini's unique villages!

When in Santorini, most visitors spend their time in the capital Fira and the village of Oia enjoying the breathtaking caldera view and the cosmopolitan atmosphere. However the island has many other worth- visiting settlements and villages that are true gems.



Megalochori Village

Leaving Pyrgos, we head towards the picturesque village of Megalochori, that dates back to the 17th century. It has a history of wealthy merchants who exported Vinstanto, Santorini's sweet wine, while its glorious past is reflected on the impressive mansions with the inner yards and the wooden door entrances. The central square is the ideal place to unwind or try the local cuisine in a traditional tavern.

Must see

Visit the impressive bell tower of Megalochori for some incredible photos.



Where Art meets Wine!



Intimate and relaxed, Alisachni art & wine gallery is a multi-space that brings together arts, wine and the greek gastronomy. The gallery houses the passions of its owners, the artist Natassa Nikolettou and the oenologist Alexandros Andrianopoulos. Natassa exhibits her paintings and sculptures while Alexandros introduces visitors to the secrets of greek and international wines. The 200 year old traditional building with 2 caves, a yard, a cellar and a roof garden overlooking the village of Megalochori offers a visual feast, showcasing unique creations of greek painters, sculptors, potters and jewel designers. In the welcoming restaurant, beautifully decorated with art works, you will enjoy contemporary greek cuisine by the experienced chef Panagiotis Tzamalís. The menu boasts mouthwatering dishes made with high quality ingredients and creative techniques. Beef cheeks with eggplant purée are not to be missed! Don't forget to admire the lovely view from the breezy terrace and the wine cellar where you will discover the famous indigenous varieties of Santorini, as well as wines from the greek and international vineyard.



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Pyrgos

Village

Full of white-washed houses and churches, the traditional village of Pyrgos is surely one of the highlights of your visit to Santorini. Situated on one of the island's highest points, the village is built amphitheatrically around the ruins of a venetian castle and it provides panoramic views of the whole island. Each Easter, Pyrgos becomes the center of attention. On Good Friday the entire village is lit up with thousands of tin lanterns during the Epitaph procession.

Must see

Wander the alleys of Pyrgos and discover the remains of the cycladic neoclassical mansions.



Three generations of authentic flavors

It's been over 50 years since the Cave of Nikolas opened on Akrotiri beach, and while some things have changed with time, others haven't. One of those is the delicious cuisine offered in this family-run restaurant, which once was a small cave where captain Nikolas kept his fishing boat. Today, the Cave of Nikolas, awarded as the island's best traditional tavern in 2007-2008, serves authentic recipes with local meat, fresh vegetables and fish straight from the sea. Visit the picturesque tavern following a day exploring the archaeological site of Akrotiri to get some rest and enjoy the specialties including seafood tomato fritters and the local fava dip.

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Emporio

Village

The largest settlement of Santorini rests at the foot of Profitis Ilias mountain. It is named after the greek word "emporio" (trade) probably because it was the center of the island's commercial life. The village presents a strong medieval character with many old buildings being well-preserved, taking visitors on a journey back in time.

Must see

Don't miss the medieval Kasteli, one of the five fortified castles of Santorini and the 16th -century church inside the castle.

Akrotiri

Village

Located about 15 km away from Fira, Akrotiri is a quiet village of great historical interest thanks to its archaeological site. This Bronze Age settlement was among the most prominent Minoan ports of the island until it was destroyed by the volcanic eruption of the 17th century. Today, you can visit the excavations site and admire the frescoes, artifacts and many other interesting findings.

Must see

Apart from the archaeological site, another important monument is the Egyptian lighthouse built during the Ottoman Rule in 1892.



Akrotiri:

Step into an ancient world



Whether you are a lover of historical and cultural tradition, a fan of admirable myths or a mere observer of the evolution of humanity, you must not leave Santorini without paying a visit to the archeological site of Akrotiri.

The 3,600-year-old city froze in time when it was buried with lava after the massive volcanic eruption in 1653 BC. The city offers an incredible glimpse of an early civilization in Europe, as the ash preserved the remains of ancient objects and artworks that reveal its glorious past. The earliest evidence for human habitation of Akrotiri can be traced back to the Neolithic Age (4500

BC), when it was still a small fishing and farming village. By the end of the third millennium, the city developed significantly and became a major trading center in the Aegean. Akrotiri's strategic position between Cyprus and the Minoan Crete also made it an important point for the copper trade and processing. The economic prosperity led to a flourishing community; the residences had organized warehouses, craft rooms, excellent urban planning, a fully developed water supply system and drainage system, which went down the paved streets and connected directly to the inside of the houses. The building materials that were used were stone, clay, mud bricks reinforced with straw, wood and plaster inside and out. The impressive murals and frescoes found on walls, doors and windows constitute an important source of information about everyday life

and reflect a refined and rich society. The colors used in Akrotiri's frescoes include white, yellow, red, brown, blue and black, while it has been revealed that the pigments used by the artists were mineral based contributing to the great preservation of the pieces. Most of the murals are kept in the National Archeological Museum in Athens, but some of them are exhibited in the archeological museum of Santorini. The wall-paintings clearly influenced by the Minoan art show women dressed elegantly and luxuriously with makeup and jewelry, even though no jewelry were found in the site, due to the organized evacuation of the city. One of the most famous findings, the fresco of the blue ape, depicts a species found in Ethiopia and it reveals the contacts of the residents with distant lands.



The most impressive finding is beyond doubt the well preserved frescos



As you walk through the ancient ruins, you will have the unique chance to travel through time and discover the great accomplishments of an extremely advanced civilization.



The site is protected by a metal and wood structure and a bioclimatic roof that maintains the right temperature and humidity levels. There are also walkways around the excavations and between the buildings, allowing visitors to get a really close look at the prehistoric findings. As there is no artificial lighting, the best time to visit Akrotiri is around noon, when the sunlight passes through the roof windows.

Apart from the prehistoric settlement, there are also other worth-visiting attractions in the area. The Venetian Castle, La Ponta (the peak) as it was called, is locat-

ed in Akrotiri village, just 2 km north of the archaeological site. This 13th century fortress is one of the most visited landmarks in Santorini and it offers a great view to the Aegean Sea. At the island's westernmost spot, 4,7 km from Akrotiri, the Lighthouse is one of the most beautiful and romantic viewpoints of Santorini. It was built in 1892 by a French trading company and it is one of the first lighthouses constructed in Greece. It stopped operating during World War II, until 1945 when it was reconstructed by the Greek Navy. Today it is still operational, emitting a pulse of light every 20 seconds.



Archeological site of Akrotiri

Beach life beyond the pool

There are not many people who are not impressed by Santorini's imposing landscape with the black volcanic cliffs and the picturesque villages that hang on the edge of the caldera. The past volcanic eruptions have also formed the unique physiology of the beaches in Santorini. Black, golden and red sand, white rocks and deep blue waters compose the diverse scenery of the island's coast.

Vlychada Beach



On the south side of Santorini, Vlyhada is probably one of the most impressive beaches of the island. The lunar landscape with the black volcanic sand and the tall carved cliffs around the beach, create a sense of privacy and relaxation.

Take some time to explore the surroundings. If you are a nature lover, you will be fascinated by the rocks that are shaped by the strong winds and the waves looking like stunning sculptures of high artistic inspiration.



Right next to the Red Beach, the White Beach or Lefki Ammos (white sand), as locals call it, is the perfect choice for those who seek privacy in amazing surroundings! The crystal clear waters and the white volcanic sand create a beautiful scenery that will tempt you to spend the day there. Since there are little amenities provided, make sure to bring your sunscreen and refreshing drinks.

White Beach



The quiet beach of Monolithos lies on the east coast of Santorini, about 9 kilometers from Fira. It took its name from a big rock upon which the church of Agios Ioannis was built. The beach is close to the popular Kamari, but is more peaceful and less crowded. Monolithos is the ideal choice for families with young children thanks to its sandy beach and the shallow waters. A part of the beach is organized with sunbeds, umbrellas and a lifeguard tower while there are also basketball and volleyball courts offering endless hours of fun and playing. Nearby there are cafes, taverns and restaurants where you can taste traditional dishes.

Monolithos

Red Beach



Without a doubt it is one of the most photographed beaches on the island, due to its color! The surrounding enormous volcanic cliffs, the black and red pebbles and the red sand compose a wild scenery that creates an extraterrestrial sensation, reminiscent of images from Mars. Although access is prohibited due to landslides, we couldn't not mention this beautiful beach. A yacht tour is a great way to see the beach from afar!

Exo Gialos



Just 4 km away from Fira, Exo Gialos beach is ideal to spend a day swimming and sunbathing away from the crowds. The black sand and pebbles, the volcanic rocks and the blue sea create a beautiful scenery that invites you to relax and unwind. The beach is organized, with umbrellas, sunbeds and a beautiful beach bar restaurant where you take a break from swimming and enjoy your coffee, refreshing drinks and the delicious dishes of traditional greek cuisine.

Perissa Beach



A long beach that stretches in the southeastern part of the island is divided into two successive bays, named Perivolos and Perissa, with deep sparkling waters and black lava sand, which is typical in Santorini beaches. This long, well-organized beach offers a wide range of facilities. Along the coast there are many restaurants and picturesque taverns, modern beach bars for chill out or intense fun.

Here you can also test your skills in all sorts of water sports. Perissa and Perivolos beaches are widely popular among young people as the beach bars often host parties, well-known DJs and performers. Besides the vibrancy at the bars, there are also some quiet spots that offer the ideal scenery for romantic summer weddings!

Perivolos Beach





Your beachfront *getaway oasis*

Where the black sandy beach meets the glorious mountain of ancient Thira, Demilmar beach restaurant is right there to welcome you with its unique flavors!

On the famous black beach of Perissa, right under the impressive rock, Demilmar invites you to savor authentic greek and mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy delicious dishes prepared with local ingredients, fresh seafood, selected wines and refreshing cocktails.



The charming view, the smell, the sounds of the sea, the food and the amazing cocktails, turn eating and drinking in Demilmar beach restaurant into a special experience that satisfies all your senses. As the magnificent blue sea unfolds before you, Demilmar beach restaurant invites you to enjoy the music and immerse into the chill vibes and its boho-chic aesthetics. Service on the beach is available all day long!

After you dive in the clear waters, you can sit back at your sunbed right next to the sea, with your ice cold coffee, fresh juice or an exotic cocktail and enjoy the view and the warmth of the sun. The friendly and attentive staff will take care of every single detail offering you the utmost comfort. As the sun begins to set, relax and have a cool drink or a cocktail, while the sea is literally on your feet.

Summer moments by the sea



Kamari Beach





One of the most visited beaches in Santorini is located in the seaside village of Kamari, 10 kilometers southeast of Fira. Kamari beach is fully organized with sunbeds, umbrellas, showers, a lifeguard on duty and numerous beach bars and restaurants. It is the perfect combination of comfort and fun with a diving center where you can take lessons and try snorkeling.


Relax and let nature take care of you!


Enjoy a natural pedicure method that leaves your skin smooth and healthy. Ichthyotherapy (fish therapy) from Garra Rufa fish is a natural peeling and micromassage treatment for the feet. It originated from Turkey and was mainly practiced in the Far East. Nowadays it is broadly used everywhere in the world. This unique skin therapy includes foot massage and takes advantage of the beneficial properties of the Garra Rufa fish, whose soft licking removes the dead cells and the dry skin from your feet. At the same time the fish excrete diethanol, an enzyme that contributes to skin renewal and rejuvenation. During the treatment the blood circulation and flow is greatly increased, stimulating acupuncture points and helping you relax and release fatigue. Dr. Fish Spa Experience invites you to discover its pleasurable services in the center of Fira!


- **massage therapy**
- **nail treatment**







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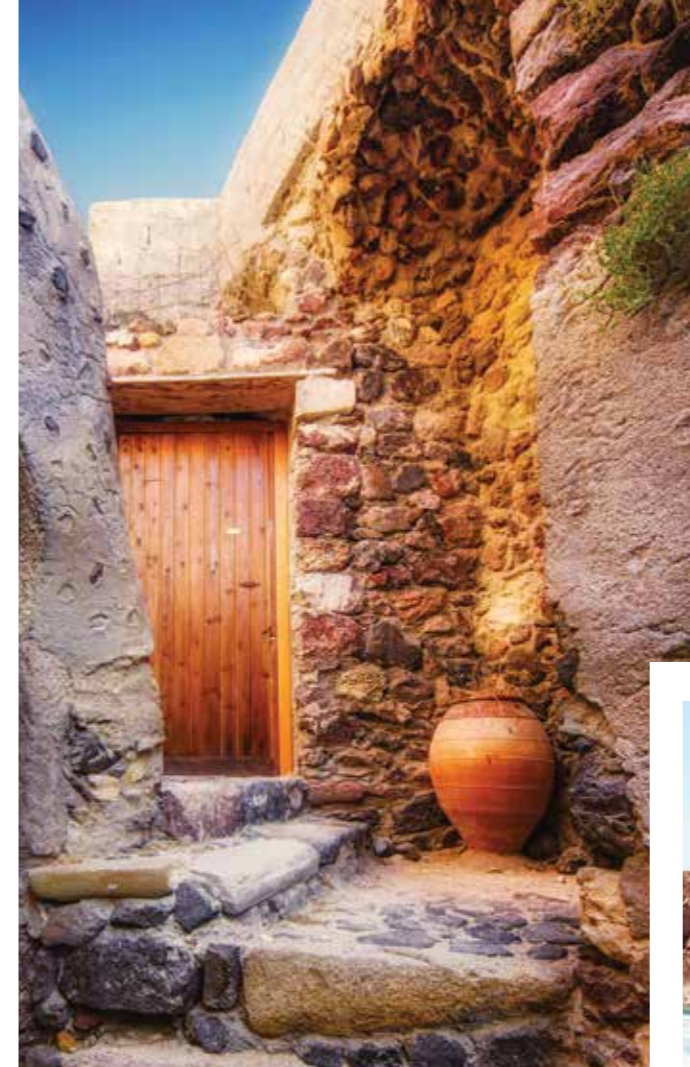
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Your insider's guide

1. Visit Faros at Akrotiri and see the whole of the Caldera and Santorini island spreading in a half-moon shape in front of your eyes. It is just 5 kilometers away from Akrotiri village and a 20-minute drive from Fira.
2. Enjoy the most breathtaking sunset and the panoramic view from Oia's castle at the upper edge of the island.
3. Go on a private cruise or a boat trip to the volcano, the thermal springs, the island of Thirassia and along the Caldera for a chance to see Santorini from a different angle that will fascinate you.
4. Explore the villages in the mainland for acquiring the zest of traditional life. Visit Pyrgos, Megalochori and Emporio, wander around the picturesque alleys, taste the local cuisine and the famous wines of Santorini!
5. Trace the origins of Santorini's famous volcanic wines with a tour in the island's wineries and discover the indigenous varieties of Assyrtiko and Mavrotragano.



6. Visit the beach of Vlychada and enjoy the unique lunar landscape along the way and at the beach. Also known as the Moon Beach, due to its mesmerizing rock formations, Vlychada rests on the southern coast of Santorini.
7. Lunch or dine at one of the traditional taverns lying on the beach in Akrotiri village. Feast on fresh fish and seafood as well as on the unique local products that grow delicious against the difficult weather conditions and the scarcity of water. For more cosmopolitan and romantic vibes, Ammoudi bay, below Oia, is the perfect choice.
8. For instagram worthy photos visit the impressive Skaros rock. Take a short hike from Imerovigli all the way up to the top and capture stunning views of the sea and the sunset.
9. Explore the archaeological sites of Santorini for an amazing trip back in time. Walk through the remains of the prehistoric settlement of Akrotiri and admire the well-preserved findings. Learn about the history of Ancient Thera in the antique city located on the top of Mesa Vouno hill in Kamari.
10. Walk along the stone-paved footpath that joins Fira and Oia which unfolds majestic landscapes of endless vineyards on one side and breathtaking views of the Caldera on the other. This 10km walk along the edge of the caldera is one of the most spectacular hikes in Greece. Take your time to appreciate the beautiful scenery and don't forget your camera!

Destination Greece



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Greece is a crossroad of cultures, full of diversity, colors, tastes and amazing history. Walk through the archaeological sites, visit small villages and talk to locals, enjoy the beaches of its endless coastline, hike mountains and explore all the breathtaking scenery that Greece offers all year long.

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If you want relaxation by the sea, try one (or more) of the Ionian and the Aegean islands. Corfu is a must destination in the Ionian Sea, one of the most beautiful and romantic islands. From lush green hills to noble mansions and from idyllic Corfu beaches, to interesting museums, this island has everything it takes to please any type of traveler.

Pay a visit at Meteora or mount Olympus if you prefer nature and get lost in central Athens to discover numerous museums, music and art spaces for all tastes. During your stay in the Greek capital make sure to visit the new Acropolis museum in order to admire the exciting exhibits and the National Museum of Modern Art to explore the modern greek artistic scene.

The unique local produce and cooking styles will make your visit to Greece, a true culinary adventure! Mousaka is of course the greek star recipe, that you can find in almost any restaurant, but the local cuisine of every place is full of other culinary gems that you surely need to taste!



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When in Athens

Athens, the cosmopolitan heart of Greece, is an intriguing canvas to explore, combining its vast history with the outlook of a modern European capital, hence it is the ideal choice for any visitor.

Art lover, food enthusiast, family traveler or if you just have a historical interest, Athens will always find the way to pleasantly surprise you.

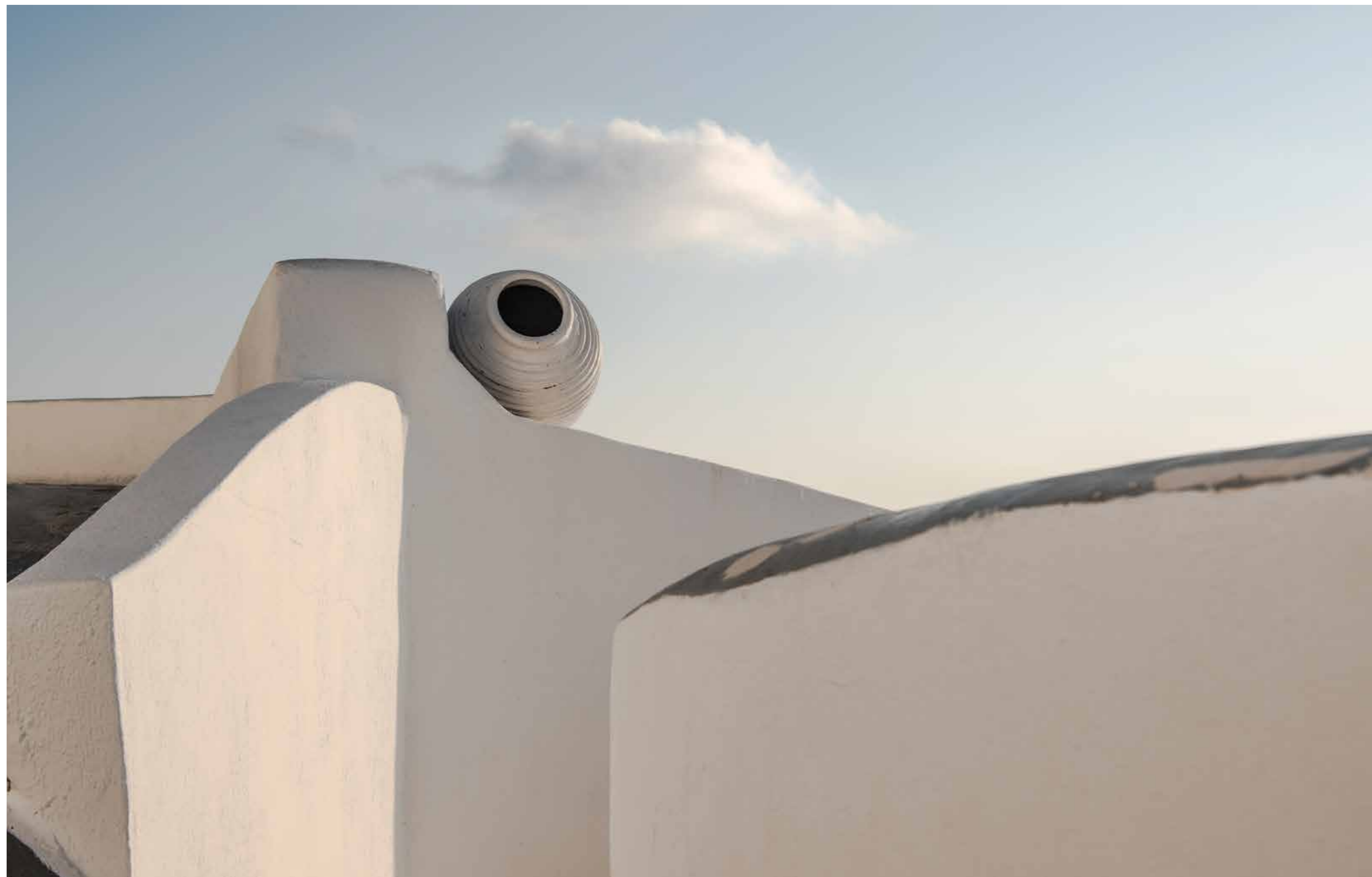
Traffic-filled roads hide cobbled alleys with bougainvillea-drenched cafés and restaurants. Inside neo-classical buildings, galleries are thriving and a simple entrance can lead to an outdoor cinema or a hidden tavern, serving ouzo under the starry night sky! There are surprises hidden around every unassuming corner! While in Athens, give yourself time to check the classical sights and world heritage landmarks, such as Akropolis, the Parthenon and all that historical neighborhood called Plaka, pay a visit at the Acropolis Museum and the Cycladic Art Museum, search the plethora of modern museums scattered all over the city and get a taste of the city's legendary nightlife and seaside magic while at Glyfada and Voula, in Athens Riviera.



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“ We found ourselves naked on the pumice stone
watching the rising islands
watching the red islands sink
into their sleep, into our sleep.
Here we found ourselves naked, holding
the scales that tipped toward injustice.

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*Giorgos Seferis,
Winner of the 1963 Nobel Prize for Literature*

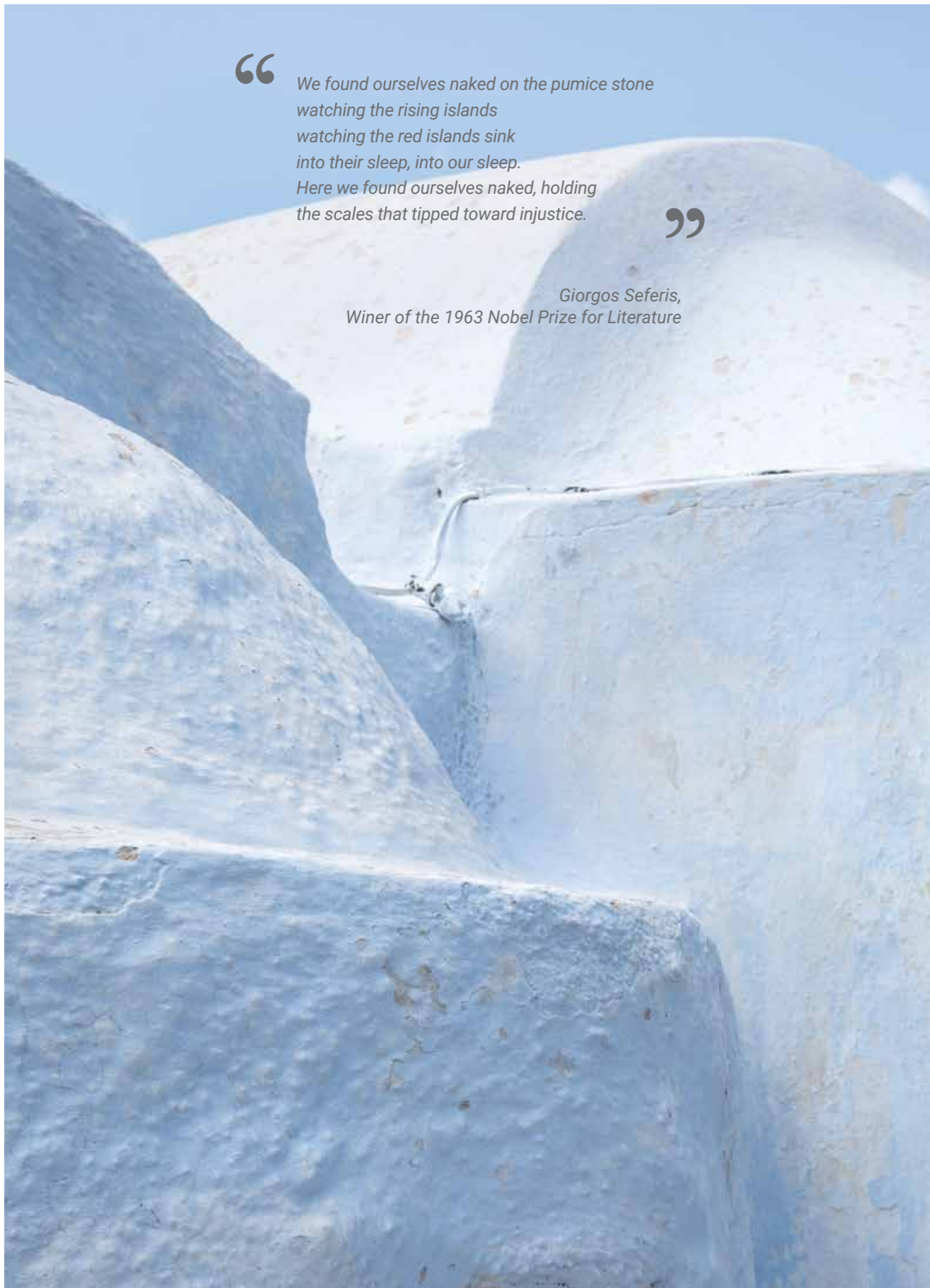


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