

Active Santorini

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Immortalized by 20th-century poet Odysseus Elytis as 'the daughter of supreme wrath', Santorini is a collection of five volcanic islands floating on the blue of the Aegean Sea like an incomplete jigsaw puzzle. You probably know what it looks like; photos of vibrant blue waters overlooked by whitewashed stone homes nestled above pristine beaches are constantly fueling wanderlust around the world. Even at first glance, it's clear that Santorini is unlike any other island in Greece, a world famous destination where a sophisticated lifestyle and Greek culture merge with spectacular landscapes.

But, as with many other destinations around the world, Santorini is more than just a pretty face. We created this three-day itinerary as an extension of any of our trips and the aim is to experience Santorini in an adventurous way. In just three days we will explore Santorini through land and sea, immersing ourselves in a fantastic mix of culture, activity and relaxation.



Trip Highlights

- Explore the distinctive Cycladic architecture, featuring a labyrinth of whitewashed alleyways and cube-shaped houses
- Peek inside three-storey buildings in the ancient city of Akrotiri, which was buried in volcanic ash during the 1613BC eruption
- Hike all the way from Fira to Oia experiencing the power of the natural forces that shaped this unique landscape
- Sail the blue waters of the caldera, with amazing views to the cliffs that loom overhead



Tour Details

Days/Nights: 3 days / 2 nights

Single supplement: Cost based on request. Availability limited.

Condition grading: Easy Active

Itinerary

Day 1

Santorini's marvels: Hike from Fira to Oia

Prepare for a breathtaking journey as we hop on a ferry bound for Santorini! Santorini's true beauty unfolds as we approach by sea—picture cruising over the mesmerizing deep blue waters of the caldera, while the towering lava cliffs, adorned in vibrant layers, rise above. Atop these cliffs sit the iconic whitewashed houses, a charming contrast against the volcanic backdrop.

Once settled into our hotel, we'll be transported to Fira, one of the four villages perched on the top of the caldera. Our hiking adventure begins from here, leading us to the charming Oia, often regarded as the most beautiful village not only on the island but in the entire Aegean Sea. The cobblestone trail traces the rim of the Caldera, offering a serene escape from the crowds and providing an opportunity to marvel at the natural forces that have shaped this breathtaking environment.

Overnight in Santorini in a 4* hotel

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included

Hiking distance: 11 km / **Hiking Duration:** 4 hr

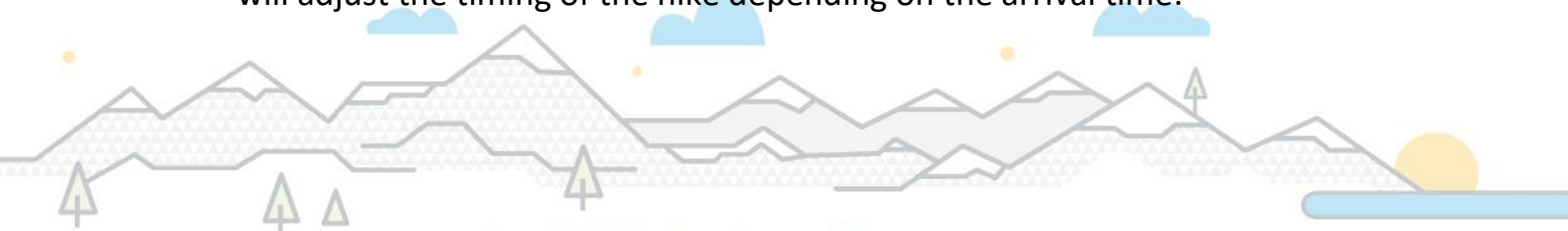
Elevation gain & loss: 410 m & 512 m

Driving distance:

Santorini Port to Fira 8.5km / 20 min

Oia to Fira 11 km / 20 min

Ferry: This trip is an extension to our trips coming from Cyclades or Crete. There are daily ferries connecting them with Santorini port. We will adjust the timing of the hike depending on the arrival time.



Day 2

Visit Akrotiri archaeological site and set sail along the caldera

Today, we'll explore Akrotiri, Santorini's primary archaeological site. Established around the third millennium BCE, this coastal settlement flourished as a prosperous city along the trade route between Europe and the Middle East. Unfortunately, in the late 17th century BCE, a volcanic eruption abruptly ended the town's existence, covering the entire island in ash. Similar to Pompei, these materials have remarkably preserved the buildings and their contents, making Akrotiri one of the Aegean's most significant sites.

The afternoon unfolds on the water with a once-in-a-lifetime cruise. Sailing in the caldera offers a highly rewarding experience, providing a different perspective of the island and revealing a fascinating world of volcanic serenity and unparalleled splendor. During the cruise, you'll have the chance to take a refreshing dip in the therapeutic hot springs next to the volcano, enjoy a delicious barbecue onboard, and soak in the spectacular colors of the world's famous Santorinean sunset.

Overnight in Santorini in a 4* hotel

Breakfast and dinner included

Driving distance:

Fira to Akrotiri 12 km / 20 min

Fira to Vlichada 11.2 km / 20 min

Day 3

Say farewell to Santorini or continue on your own

Breakfast is at your leisure at the hotel and following that, there will be a transfer from our accommodation in Santorini to the airport or the port of the island. After that your trip with Tripin Adventures in Greece concludes.

Breakfast included



What's included?

Price includes:

All accommodations as listed (or similar) based on double occupancy

All transportation during the trip

All activities mentioned in the program

Entrance fees to the archaeological site of Akrotiri

Guide for the archaeological site of Akrotiri

Services of a guide throughout the tour

Transport and handling of one reasonably sized suitcase and one carry-on per person

Transfer to and from the airport/port

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinners as indicated in the itinerary

Not Included:

Domestic and/or international air fare

Hotel taxes

Medical expenses

Travel or emergency evacuation insurance

Gratuities for leader/guide or driver

Alcoholic beverages and meals other than those outlined in itinerary

Visas if needed

Other items of a personal nature

Anything not mentioned in above program

Itinerary Changes

We are constantly updating our unique itineraries based on new information and experiences available. The walks, accommodations, and visits listed may be adjusted. The itineraries presented are subject to modification and change by Tripin Adventures. We reserve the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in our judgment, conditions warrant, or if we deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of participants.



Terrain

This trip Level is Easy Active and is suitable for most people that are in fairly good physical condition. The itinerary includes walking tours in cities and villages and a hike of four hours.

Condition Grading

Easy active

Trips designated “Easy Active” are perfect for first-timers, or travelers looking for a mild physical challenge. A typical day will consist of 1-3 hours of activity.

Starting point and getting there

Starting point is: Santorini.

Getting There & Away: This trip is an extension to our trips coming from Cyclades or Crete. There are daily ferries connecting them with Santorini port. We will arrive in Santorini via ferry.

There are several flights a day from Santorini to Athens. You can fly directly to Santorini. The International Airport of Thira (JTR), also known as Thira Airport, is also connected with many international airports around Europe.

There is also a good number of ferries each day to and from Piraeus port (in Athens) and many of Santorini’s neighboring islands.

Getting around: Our guide will wait you either at the port either at the airport and will take you to your hotel.

Food

Simple, nutritious and flavorsome, the food is one of the pleasures of travel through Greece. Rustic Greek Cuisine reflects the history and bounty of its diverse regions and relies on the fresh, seasonal home-grown produce and generally simple, unfussy cooking that brings out the rich flavors of the Mediterranean.

Greece’s relaxed and hospitable dining culture makes it easy to get into the local spirit. Greeks love to eat out and share impossibly big meals



family style. Given the long summers and mild winters, alfresco dining is central to the dining experience. Service could be slow by Western standards, but why be in a rush either way.

As a rule our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There's no obligation to do this though. Wherever possible we will cater for dietary needs for any included meals, but there may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own. Note that alcohol and soft drinks are not included.

Weather

Spring, summer and fall in Greece are sunny and warm. The daytime temperatures average 25-30 C though temperatures in the 35s are possible in the summer months. Nighttime temperatures cool off slightly to 20° C. Rain showers are rare on the islands, but it's often breezy and rainy on the coast.

Gear Checklist

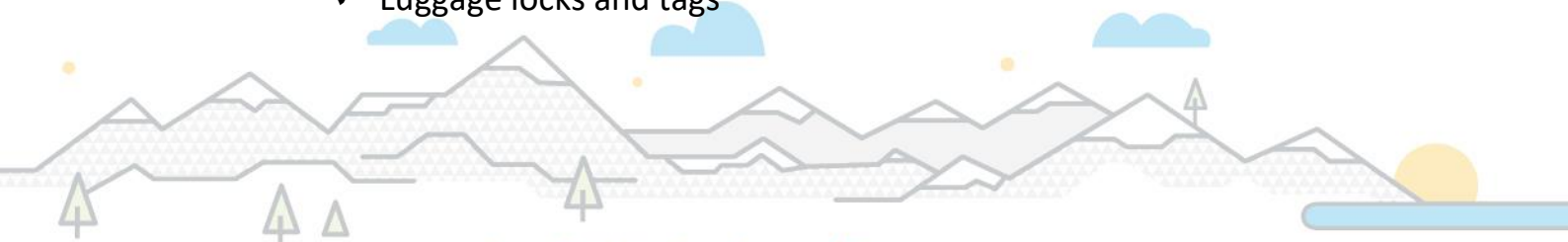
Greece has a temperate climate. Base your clothing on the "layering system", if it is hot you can "peel off" layers quickly, if it is cooler and windy you can quickly "dress up". The lighter you travel, the easier you travel. Use your best judgement and pack as lightly as possible. You will appreciate light luggage towards the end of your trip. Please consider taking along the following items on your trip.

Official Papers

- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Airline tickets

Luggage

- ✓ Duffel bag or rolling luggage
- ✓ Daypack to carry camera, water bottle and snacks etc.
- ✓ Luggage locks and tags



Outerwear

- ✓ Rain jacket and rain pants, or poncho

Clothing

- ✓ Hiking shorts
- ✓ Casual clothing made of light-weight fabrics
- ✓ T-shirts
- ✓ Underwear
- ✓ Swimsuit

Clothing Accessories

- ✓ Sun hat or baseball cap

Footwear

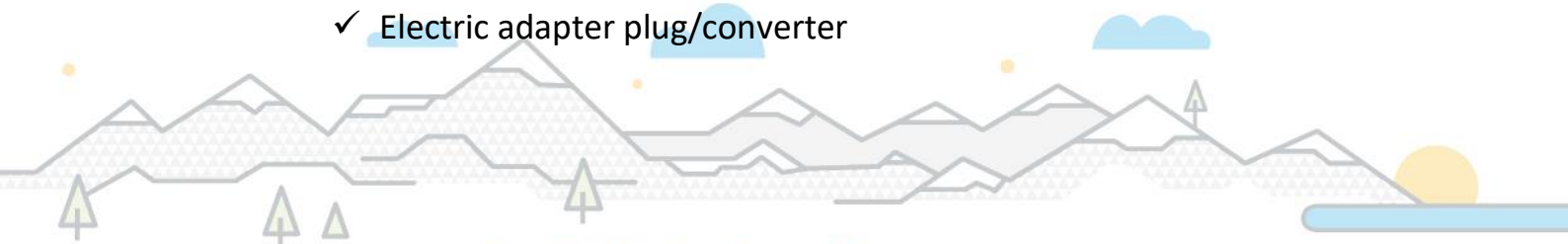
- ✓ Lightweight and supportive hiking boots, broken-in with good ankle support
- ✓ Beach sandals
- ✓ Casual, comfortable shoes for evening

Accessories

- ✓ Sunscreen and lip protection
- ✓ Sunglasses and retainer strap
- ✓ Beach towel

Optional Accessories

- ✓ Security pouch or money belt
- ✓ Trekking poles or walking staff
- ✓ Camera, memory and batteries
- ✓ Reading and writing materials
- ✓ Watch with alarm or travel alarm
- ✓ Travel pillow
- ✓ Motion sickness remedies
- ✓ Personal first-aid kit
- ✓ Insect repellent (lowrisk)
- ✓ Electric adapter plug/converter



This is not a fixed list, but more of a guideline, so feel free to add and remove items as you see fit.

Currency & Banking

Greece has adopted the Euro as its currency. The easiest way to obtain local cash is from an ATM. Greek ATMs accept cards bearing the Cirrus, EC, Euro card, Visa and Plus symbols. If you take cash, US or Canadian Dollars can be easily exchanged at banks. Most major credit cards, Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted.

It is advisable to have some Euro with you upon arrival to be used for a taxi if necessary.

You may want to check the website www.xe.com for current exchange rates.

Passports

You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the conclusion of your trip. Please make sure that you have blank pages in your passport for your visa (if required), entry and exit stamps (one for each). Please make a copy to take with you in the event yours is lost or stolen and keep it separate from your actual passport.

Visas

Currently a Greek Tourist Visa is not required for citizens of Canada, United States, Britain and Australia. If you hold another passport, please check online <http://visacentral.com/visas.php>

