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**In the Aegean Sea, there is a famous and idyllic island. It is one of the Cyclades Islands, and it's called Santorini. This is one of the most distinctive places in the world. And this island can be an amazing experience. Why not find out all about Santorini? Here you will find how to get there comfortably, where to dine at the best restaurants, and where to stay at the most luxurious hotels. Santorini will undoubtedly never let any tourist down.**

Santorini's weather

Before booking your vacation to Santorini, you must consider the weather. August is the best month to visit Santorini as it will be sunny and hot, but there will be some wind.

It is by far the most popular time of the year. But if you want to avoid the crowds, the best time to visit Santorini is before the start of the beach

season, for instance, in May.

At that time of year, Santorini will be sunny and warm but not too hot. The warm season starts exactly in May.

One particularity of Santorini is that the wind that blows on the island makes the temperatures a bit cooler than you would expect in Greece. In fact, in May, the average temperature reaches a high of 23°C during the warmest hours of the day, while in August, it can reach 27°C.

Another unique feature of Santorini is that the weather can be very predictable. And that is not a bad thing. How good is it to book a vacation months in advance and know exactly what weather to expect?

Knowing how to get there is crucial after deciding when to book a trip to Santorini. Will you choose a flight or a ferry?

### Santorini's flights from Athens

There are a few options for reaching Santorini by aeroplane. You can use Ryanair or Aegean Airlines. The best price for a flight to Santorini on Ryanair, with all comfort, luggage, allowance, and ticket flexibility, will be €219.35.

As a local airline, Aegean Airlines is also a good choice. The price will be €258.99 for a business class seat, with all the amenities you can expect. These direct flights make the trip even less stressful and more convenient. It will also be swift. The distance between Athens and Santorini's international airport, also known as Thira Airport, is only 220 km (137 miles). Yes, the flights to Santorini take only 49 minutes!

But you may choose other ways to get there. And your choice may very well be a ferry. This will be exceptionally relaxing, especially if the trip is long, because the views are to die for...

### Santorini's ferry

Another way to reach Santorini is by ferry. Two ports in Athens, Piraeus and Rafina, provide that route.

Rafina is a great choice if you want to go to the port immediately after landing in Athens. The ferries depart at 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and the ticket prices start at €56, €144 with a car.

However, if you plan to stay in Athens for a while, the most convenient port will be Piraeus. The port is only 15km from the centre of Athens, and you can get there by car, bus, metro, or taxi. The ferries depart around 7:00 a.m., and the tickets vary from €35 to €60. If you take your car, it will be €142.50.

Some ferries may take five hours, and others will take eight and a half hours. But whatever type of ferry you choose, a ferry is ideal if you want to relax and enjoy the incomparable sea view.

This will make a trip to Santorini a charming and relaxing experience. But after booking a trip to Santorini by flight or ferry, you will face the dilemma of renting a car or taking a taxi.

### Rent a car in Santorini or take a taxi

Taxis are an excellent choice to avoid driving up the hills of Santorini by

yourself. But if you rent a car, you will have the entire island at your fingertips, and you will be exploring it all at your own pace.

Nothing will be out of your reach, not even the island's villages, all the historical sites, churches, pathways, and shops.

If you hire a taxi to the hotel, the fare ranges from €20 to €40. On the other hand, renting a car in Santorini will cost you between €161 and €371.

Yet, renting a buggy is an excellent choice if you are an adventurous traveller. The prices range from €154 to €200, and a buggy is fantastic if you want to get around the island in places that are a bit hard to reach, like the beaches or going up the hills.

But what about a hotel? The options are huge and deserve careful consideration.

## Best hotels in Santorini

When choosing a hotel, you must consider those that meet all your needs and expectations. But beforehand, you must select the village where you want to stay. The most famous and beautiful villages in Santorini are Oia and Fira in the Caldera.

Only a few luxury hotels in Oia and Fira will offer just that: the best view of the caldera, the Aegean Sea, and the magical sunset.

The budget hotels will be located at the back of the caldera. But for the best experience in Santorini, hotels facing west are what you want.

A private pool, an amazing sea view, the best meals and wine, and the sunset will be there. With all shades of red, the sunset in Santorini is why

so many people head to the island.

But what about venturing outside of your hotel and enjoying the best-refined meals and wine in Santorini's best restaurants?

### Santorini's best restaurants

In Santorini, there are some of the most unique restaurants. The best Santorini restaurants offer a wide variety of fresh fish, succulent meat, wonderful appetisers and desserts, and wine and cocktails.

Fine dining and views of the Aegean Sea go together. The calm, crystal-clear sea of Santorini is by far one of the best views in the world, especially as night approaches and the sun gently sinks into the sea.

But what about exploring the island on a tour? From sea views to wine tours and everything in between, all will be possible to experience on a tour around Santorini.

### Santorini tours

You can book any type of tour, including private, winery, and boat tours. But which one should you choose?

For winery tours, a tour takes you to many locations on the island where you can enjoy the best wines of Santorini. Other tours include romantic cruises where you can have lunch or dinner, depending on the tour you book, and volcanic cruises that show you the caldera, the old port, and other highlights, such as the town of Oia and the sunset.

But these are just a few of the tours you can book. There are many more

tours to choose from. If a tour is out of the question, that is fine, too.

Enjoying the views, dining at the best restaurants, and watching the sunset from a hotel, a restaurant, or just about anywhere are also excellent choices.

Last but not least, Santorini has several beaches where you can relax in nature by the sea, if that is your thing. Just put on your sunglasses, and you will be ready!

### Santorini's beaches

The red beach is one of Santorini's best beaches. It is a small beach surrounded by red and black volcanic rocks.

Although this is a marvellous beach, it is sought-after and often crowded, making it very noisy. But there are other beaches to cherish while staying in Santorini.

For example, there is Kamari Beach. On this beach, not far away from Thira, a rock called Mesa Vouno shines at night and surprisingly emerges from the Aegean waters.

The sand is black, but it is still stunning. Around the beach are many restaurants, hotels, and nightclubs, as well as a pathway to Fira. This makes the beach quite popular, so it is not the best place for you if you are looking for privacy.

But there is, for example, a beach in Santorini that gives you the sense of being alone with nature all around. This is the white beach in Akrotiri, 24km from Thira.

The sand on this beach is also black, but this one has shades of black,

grey, and white, and the rocks surrounding the beach are white. That is probably why the locals have named it the white beach.

Another interesting fact is that access to the beach is only by boat, which is likely why it is more secluded and quieter at times, with fewer people.

It is popular but has far fewer people than the red beach. Another feature of the white beach is watching the sunset from your sunbed. It is located on the west side of Santorini.

All of this makes Santorini the Greek island where you will make many memories to take with you on your way back home, but most of all, you will carry Santorini in your heart.