



Santorini

The Cyclades

The Cyclades in the central Aegean are most people's idea of how Greek Islands should look. There are dazzling flat-roofed villages to explore, timeless harbours, excellent beaches, and tiny chapels everywhere. Each island has its own distinct history, customs and atmosphere, and each contrasts in landscape and terrain with its neighbour.

Andros is one of our favourites. Although only 2 hours by ferry from Athens' second port of Rafina, it is one of the lesser visited islands of the group. But it is also one of the most attractive, being well watered, green and mountainous – wonderful for walking – with some excellent beaches; and large enough to allow some decent exploration. Recommended for an authentic Greek island experience away from the crowds (normal Greek long weekend

and high season caveats apply).

Santorini is world famous and seemingly always busy – every cruise-ship in the Aegean seems to call in at some stage. But this does not detract from the sheer spectacle of the place, its volcanic cliffs laced with white villages overlooking the caldera and islands below.

At the heart of the group are Paros and Naxos. Both are well-known and popular with Greek and foreign visitors alike. These islands are truly picture-postcard, full of whitewashed charm, working donkeys, derelict windmills and brightly painted fishing boats. They also have fabulous beaches. Each island is contrasting in mood and landscape, which makes for a very good twin-centre combination as they are only an hour apart by ferry.

Amorgos is one of the most remote and beautiful of all the Cyclades. Recommended for walkers, our holidays here include a walking guidebook intended to give a real insight into this unspoiled island.

All these islands receive plenty of visitors in the peak season (mid-July



to end-August). This is also the time of the Meltemi – a strong wind which shows no respect for hats, taverna tablecloths or ferry schedules, but which can bring relief from the heat of the day. For space reasons we feature only five islands in this brochure, but we can arrange holidays on request to others via Athens.

Cyclades Information

Getting to the Islands

ANDROS

Daily scheduled flights to Athens to connect with the early morning or late afternoon ferry. Taxi transfers to Rafina port (20 mins). Then 2 hours by ferry (included) to Andros and 15 minutes taxi transfer. On return the reverse applies to connect with an evening flight back to the UK. A night or two in Athens can be arranged if desired.

SANTORINI, MYKONOS

Both islands have Easyjet flights from Gatwick up to four times per week, allowing odd durations and 'open-jaw' itineraries. Weekly charter flights from Manchester and Birmingham operate to Santorini on Tuesdays and from Manchester to Mykonos on Fridays (alternatively fly via Athens with onward domestic flight or ferry). Transfers on arrival and departure to/from your accommodation provided (20-30 mins).

PAROS, NAXOS

Fly to Mykonos or Santorini, transfer to the port, ferry to the island (included), onward transfer to your accommodation (20-30 mins). On the return the reverse applies (alternatively fly via Athens with onward domestic flight or ferry).

Note: based on last year's ferry schedules, Paros was best served by flights to/from Mykonos as it had a fast direct ferry connection. For Naxos the most reliable and regular connection meant flying Easyjet out via Santorini (which had a direct ferry connection mid-afternoon) and return via Mykonos (which had a direct ferry connection in the morning, sometimes via Paros). For either island, if flying out of Santorini on departure you will probably need to overnight in Santorini – we will include these arrangements in your holiday costing (usually staying in a 2 star BB hotel with pool close to Fira Town). So if booking a multi-island holiday with Santorini it is best to book Santorini as your last centre.

AMORGOS

Day flights LHR-ATH – see website for full transfer details.

Car Hire

Please enquire for prices.

Representation & Ferries

On all these islands we have appointed local agents who arrange your transfers, can give information, book cars and excursions, and can be contacted if required. However, it is important to state that we do not employ our own representatives, nor are transfers escorted, so our holidays here are recommended for the more independent traveller. Please also bear in mind that travel plans involving ferries can be disrupted at short notice due to the vagaries of ferry timetables, high winds etc. Although rare, should this occur we will rebook your hotels and transfers accordingly.

Multi-Centre and Island Hopping

SANTORINI, MYKONOS, PAROS and NAXOS can all be combined – the minimum stay on each is 3 nights. For transfer reasons the island from which you are flying home from should be booked as your last centre.

ANDROS can be combined with MYKONOS and, at certain times, NAXOS. AMORGOS can be twinned with NAXOS or PAROS.



Naxos



Batsi harbour, Andros

Our chosen islands...

Naxos

c 1 hr by ferry from Mykonos or c 2 hrs by ferry from Santorini (see transfer note)

c 5 hrs by ferry from Athens (or 40 mins domestic flight)

Naxos is the largest of the Cyclades. It is also, with Santorini, Mykonos and Paros, now one of the most popular, due largely to much-improved ferry links. But away from the main town and handful of burgeoning resorts Naxos has largely preserved its slower, more Greek pace of life. It offers abundant sandy beaches and a fertile interior still dedicated to farming.

Naxos Town is particularly attractive, its extensive waterfront bedecked with tavernas and small shops. Behind, a maze of narrow streets and tiny passages leads to the Venetian Kastro, worth visiting for the island's archaeological museum.

Naxos boasts some 92 kms of beach and nearly all are excellent. Aghios Georgios, closest to the town, is sandy and very long. Some 8 kilometres away – and easily reached by the very good local bus network – Prokopios and Ayia Anna are of fine golden sand shelving gently into a clear blue sea. Small but growing resorts, busy in the summer months, have sprung up behind these beaches. Carry on south and the beaches simply get better and better (and emptier) culminating in the great golden sweep of Pyrgaki.

You can explore Naxos very effectively by bus or organised excursion or hire car. Visit the old capital of Chalki, delightful Philoti, and Apollonas in the north, where a large statue of Apollo (a 'Kouros') lies to this day. Inland is superb walking country with mountains, springs, valleys and plains.

Paros

c 1 hr by ferry from Mykonos or c 3 hrs by ferry from Santorini (see transfer note)

c 4 hrs by ferry from Athens (or 40 mins domestic flight)

Paros, a short hop to the west of Naxos, is smaller and less dramatic, but does get busy in season. The beaches are excellent, and it is probably the best island of all from which to do a little island hopping – every ferry in the Aegean seems to dock at one time or another!

A gentle landscape hides windmills and sparkling white villages. The resort of Naoussa in the north still retains some of its fishing village atmosphere around the harbour area, although busy in summer. There is a good selection of beaches to choose from, some best reached by boat. On Paros' east coast, to the south of the pretty village of Piso Livadi, you will find miles of uncrowded sand.



Naxos



Paros

Santorini

Direct flight from Gatwick or Manchester, or via Athens

Santorini is an island that should need no introduction. Also known as Thira, it is startlingly unlike any other.

Sheer volcanic cliffs, embroidered on their heights by whitewashed villages, plunge 1,000 feet to the sea. Here occurred the tremendous eruption some 3,000 years ago that is thought to have destroyed the Minoan civilisation in Crete as well as Santorini's own advanced culture (as evidenced by the excavations at Akrotiri). Theories of Atlantis abound, but all that remains is the vast sea-filled caldera, the visible lips being the three main islands of Thira, Therasia and Aspronisi.

Understandably this dramatic island is always popular and tourism, together with wine production, is fairly dominant. Nevertheless, Santorini is an island that should be visited at least once – it is unique and the views are spectacularly unforgettable.



Andros

2 hours by ferry from Rafina (Athens)

Andros is the second largest island of the group (after Naxos). Due to the many underground springs much of the island remains green and fresh throughout the summer, making Andros a paradise for walkers: there are mountains, valleys, monasteries and some 70 villages to explore.

Andros' many beaches are mostly superb, ranging from long sandy crescents (such as that at Batsi) to secluded coves, all lapped by a turquoise-clear sea. And it is Batsi where most visitors choose to stay. This small resort-village has a friendly relaxed Greek air, fine beaches to either side, a good choice of restaurants and cafés, a handful of bars, even an open-air cinema showing the latest releases (in English!).

Andros Town, the atmospheric island capital since the Venetians arrived in the 13th century, makes a good day-trip by local bus. Old meets new here as its

Archaeological Museum and Museum of Modern Art are each highly regarded. For trips further afield ferries run to Tinos and Mykonos.

Unlike the more famous Cycladic islands, tourism to Andros is pretty low-key (albeit busy with Athenians at weekends and in August). Coupled with its fine beaches, verdant countryside, authentic Greek atmosphere and ease of access, a visit here is highly recommended.



Anemos Studios Batsi

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Free WiFi

The Anemos Studios are built above the sea a five minute walk up the hill from Batsi's attractive main square and fishing harbour. They are split between standard studios in the front building and superior studios in a new building above and behind.

The standard studios have been nicely refurbished in a comfortable simple style and are closest to the sea. Occupying the first (top) floor of the front building, they are for couples only and mostly twin-bedded (there are a couple of doubles). All possess a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (2 rings, fridge), air conditioning, ceiling fan, tv, room safe, shower room and covered front balcony or terrace with excellent direct sea views over the small garden to the bay.

The superior studios are larger – some have a sofa-bed for a child, others an open-plan sitting area – and are nicely furnished with a bright modern décor and terracotta-tiled floors. They are twin or double-bedded and have the same facilities (except for the ceiling fan). All



have a large covered balcony, again with sea views, some over the roof of the front building. We found the WiFi signal to be better here than in the standard rooms.

Next door the owner has a small (32 sq m) swimming pool, together with a pool bar serving drinks, breakfast and snacks/light meals - a great place for a sunowner.

A five minute walk over the hill brings you to Batsi's pretty harbour and waterfront, (another two to the main beach) and five minutes' in the other direction to quiet Stivari beach. The small road which runs between the two is not busy – it goes only a kilometre or so to Aneroussa beach.



Marfo Studios Batsi

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Apartment for 2/4 ■ Air Conditioning

These four terraced bungalow studios stand quietly above Stivari Bay, a short walk to the south of Batsi.

Set in a pretty garden, all studios are twin-bedded and possess a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (rings, fridge), a ceiling fan, air-conditioning, tv, safety-deposit box, hairdryer, shower room and a large covered front terrace with very good views over the garden (and possibly a little bit of the rooftop of a neighbouring building) to the sea.

Rooms are spacious – all can take an extra bed for a child – and (a nice touch) each studio has a pair of sunbeds and a sun umbrella in the gardens. All, too, are light and airy with simple, comfortable furnishings and tiled floors. Both the studios and the gardens are immaculately kept by the friendly owners.

There is also a 1-bedroom apartment with a sofa-bed in the living room for one or two children.



A footpath runs to Batsi, connecting with the road down to the harbour – it is a 7-8 minute walk to the square and 10 minutes to the main beach. Closer is Stivari beach, only a 3-4 minute walk away.

There are 14 steps up from the footpath and an additional 30 down to the small road which runs to Stivari and Aneroussa beaches.

Really very sweet accommodation in a great location – highly recommended.





Batsi

Chrissi Akti Hotel Batsi

- 2 Star Superior ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Free WiFi

The Chrissi Akti is a long-established family-run hotel just over the road from the start of Batsi's excellent sandy beach and only a couple of minutes' flat walk from the centre of the village.

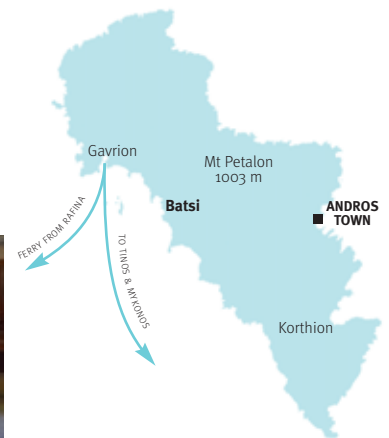
The hotel's 61 rooms are on 3 floors and served by a lift. A mix of twins, doubles and triples, they all include air conditioning, tv, a kettle (unusual for a Greek hotel), hair-dryer, fridge, safety deposit box, shower/wc and balcony. Decor is simple and cheerful. All Sunvil's rooms are with side sea views.

The hotel also has some family rooms for up to 4 persons (5 if a child), comprising two rooms sharing one shower/wc – prices on request.

The ground floor houses reception, lounge, café-bar and terrace (complimentary WiFi here) and to the side is the swimming pool measuring 6m x 16m (depth 1.0m-1.70m).



The Chrissi Akti would be particularly suited to those who want to stay close to the beach with everything close to hand, and no hills to climb!



Batsi

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Payment by Credit or Charge Card will incur a 1.5% processing charge (note: should this change due to the credit card companies increasing their charges to us, you will be advised at the time of booking). Regional flight supplements on request. A firm price will be quoted on enquiry. Departure date determines basic holiday cost. Prices include all airport/fuel charges & taxes known at the time of printing – for surcharge policy see booking conditions on page 179. To add: any room & board supplements (see text – single room prices on request), Travel Insurance (see page 172). An optional Carbon Offset charge will show on your invoice – if you do not wish to pay this simply deduct it from your final payment. Please reconfirm prices with us at the time of booking in case of errors or changes. **Please note, prices shown are guideline prices only and may vary according to the cost of flights which we buy in on an individual basis for these holidays (these prices are based on BA flights from Heathrow as priced on 08/11/14). A firm price will be quoted on enquiry.**



Contaratos Beach Hotel Naoussa (Paros)

■ 3 Star Plus ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning
■ Swimming Pool ■ WiFi

The Contaratos Beach combines high standards of comfort and good facilities with an excellent location. Quietly situated, it is a short walk from the centre of pretty Naoussa and just opposite sandy Agii Anargyri best beach (free sunbeds here for hotel guests).

The hotel has upgraded significantly over the past few years. It has 36 rooms, a mix of Standard, Superior and Suites, all with air-conditioning, TV, Wi-fi, room safe, fridge/mini bar, hairdryer, shower or bath and balcony with pool or sea views. Superior rooms are larger, have a higher standard of furnishing and a jacuzzi bath. Furnishings and décor stylishly combine traditional flavour with modern comfort.

The swimming pool measures 16m x 8m (depth 0.8m-2.8m) and has plenty of sunbeds. To the side is the pool bar and hotel restaurant. The hotel also has a tennis court, for which a small local charge is made. Other services include room and laundry service, a jacuzzi and beach towels.



The lively centre of Naoussa and its picturesque harbour, from where small boats run daily to other beaches, are a 15 minute walk away, although you will find a choice of local tavernas within only a few minutes' stroll.

For those who prefer self catering we also feature the Contaratos Bay Apartments, just a minute's walk from the hotel. Please see our website for details.

Half Board: £124 per week.



Agii Anargyri beach



Logaras beach, near Albatross Hotel

Albatross Hotel Near Piso Livadi (Paros)

■ 2 Stars Plus ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning
■ Swimming Pool ■ WiFi

The small fishing village of Piso Livadi, halfway along Paros' gentle east coast, is one of the island's most attractive spots. From here a string of long and beautifully sandy beaches stretches south, the first of which is Logaras which has a Blue Flag.

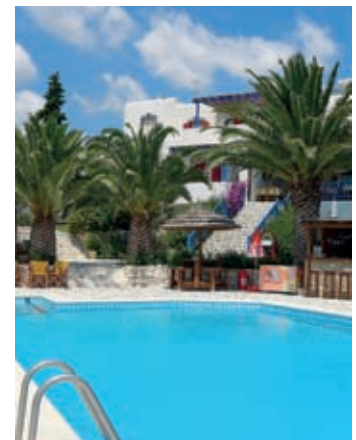
The Albatross is quietly located on a small rise just 200m from Logaras beach and a 15 minute walk from Piso Livadi harbour. The 36 rooms are housed in three 2-storey buildings surrounded by mature gardens.

Rooms are designed in the attractive island style, with built-in beds and pastel decor. All possess air conditioning, minibar, tv, tiled shower room, hairdryer and balcony with garden, sea or pool views.

To the front, away and below the rooms, is the large freshwater pool (c 140 sq m) with attendant snack bar.

The hotel gives complimentary safety deposit boxes, wifi (around the pool area) and pool towels.

You will find tavernas by the beach, and a wide choice in Piso Livadi.



Low Season Offer

For stays completed by 30/6 or commencing 1/9 onwards reduction c £50 to £70 per double room per week (single room reduction on request). Reductions vary according to season of stay - please enquire.



Piso Livadi



Plaza Beach Hotel Plaka Beach

- 3 Star Superior ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Free wired internet access

You'd be hard-pushed to find a better beach than Plaka, a beautiful stretch of golden sand which extends for some 4 kms between the small resort of Ayia Anna and Mikra Vigla to the south.

With only a small (currently) unmade road between the hotel and the beach, the Plaza enjoys an enviable location. Newly built in an attractive low-rise style, the 80 rooms are housed in a number of two-storey units in the gardens. All are of a good modern standard and possess air conditioning, wired internet access (free of charge), tv, hairdryer, fridge, safety deposit box, bath or shower and balcony. Half have some form of sea view (on request only).

To the front is a lovely 250 sq m swimming pool, with jacuzzi and a children's section, and a poolside restaurant and bar.

Elsewhere the hotel has a small fitness room (free), sauna and hamam (local charge). Sun beds on the beach are free for hotel guests.



A frequent and inexpensive local bus service runs between the Plaza and Naxos Town via Ayia Anna some 2-3 kms away – between the hotel and Ayia Anna you will find a number of restaurants, cafés, the odd shop and watersports from the beach. A fun alternative way of getting around would be bicycle hire as the area is fairly flat.



Beach at Plaza Beach Hotel



Hotel Nissaki Beach Naxos Town

- 4 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Free WiFi

You would be forgiven for thinking the Nissaki Beach is a brand new hotel, so complete is its recent expensive refurbishment and upgrade to 4 star status. It is, in fact, one of Naxos' longest established hotels and we have worked with the owner Andreas, and his father before him, ever since we have featured the island.

Being amongst the island's first hotels means that it bagged a prime spot, and is thus quietly located at the start of sandy Aghios Georgios beach yet only a ten minute walk from Naxos Town's bustling harbour front.

From 40 smaller rooms the hotel has reduced to just 26 larger ones, a mixture of standard doubles for couples only and suites. All possess air conditioning, lcd sat tv, ADSL line, cd player, hairdryer, fridge, safety deposit box, amenity pack, bathroom with hydro-massage shower (and jacuzzi bath in the honeymoon suites) and balcony. The standard rooms for 2/3 all have pool views; the superior suites for 2/3 are open-plan with a sofa-bed in the living room area (and we can



usually confirm one with a sea view balcony); the 2-room suites for 2/4 have a bedroom, a separate living room with 2 sofa-beds and sea or pool views.

Décor and furnishings are of top quality and have the hallmark of tasteful modern interior design.

The hotel offers room service and has a freshwater pool with hydro-massage section, an indoor and an outdoor bar, and an excellent restaurant directly above the beach.

The unbeatable combination of superb location, friendly professional service and top notch accommodation makes the Nissaki Beach the number one hotel on Naxos in our eyes, and worth the premium asked to stay here.





Birikos Apartments Aghios Prokopios (Naxos)

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Apartments for 2/4 ■ Air Conditioning ■
Swimming Pool

On the edge of the small seaside resort of Aghios Prokopios, an approximate three minute walk to the centre and the beach, these family-run apartments offer a friendly, comfortable stay.

There are 16 units here on two floors, split between studios and 1-bedroom apartments. The studios are mostly twin-bedded with open-plan kitchenette for light meals (electric rings), tiled shower room and front balcony. The apartments are mostly double-bedded and have the addition of a living room containing one or two sofa-beds. All units possess air-conditioning, tv and telephone. Some sea views are possible (on request). The 7 new Superior apartments are larger and have a full kitchen, bathroom with bath and shower, flatscreen sat tv and higher standard of furnishing and decor (prices on request).



The apartments have a pretty garden to the front and a large swimming pool measuring some 200 sq m (depth 1m-2.8m). A snack bar operates until 10pm.

An inexpensive and regular bus service operates to Naxos Town only 6 kms away in one direction and Plaka beach in the other.



Aghios Prokopios beach



Galaxy Hotel near Naxos Town

■ 3 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■
Swimming Pool ■ WiFi

The Galaxy completed a full refurbishment in 2009 and now offers a good modern standard within a short walk of the town (10 mins) yet only a minute from the sandy beach.

Designed in the attractive Naxos style, the hotel's 54 rooms overlook the gardens and/or pool area. All possess double or twin beds, smart modern shower room, air-conditioning, fridge, tv, hairdryer and balcony or garden terrace. Standard rooms have garden view; superior rooms are larger and have sea views. There are good sunsets from here.

The tempting freshwater swimming pool in the garden is of a generous size and pool towels are provided. There is a pool bar to one side serving drinks and snacks during the day.

The main building houses reception, breakfast room, lounge and bar – we found the staff to be helpful and friendly



Naxos Town





Pegasus Suites Imerovigli (Santorini)

- 4 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool
- Free ADSL Internet Access

Built into the cliffside high above the caldera at Imerovigli, views from the Pegasus Suites are, of course, spectacular. Imerovigli lies a couple of kilometres to the north of Fira via a stunning cliff-top path, and enjoys equally as dramatic a situation but without the crowds the capital often attracts. It has restaurants, cafes and small shops of its own, either perched on the cliff-edge or in the narrow lanes behind, all of which are generally lower-key than in town.

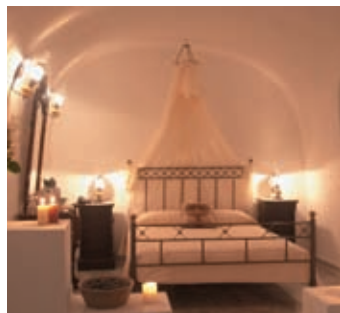
The Pegasus Suites are built into the cliff in the traditional Santorini 'cave' style. All possess air conditioning, sat tv, ADSL internet line, telephone, safety deposit box, hairdryer, light kitchen facilities with fridge, bathroom with bath or shower, and sea view terrace.

Standard studios are open-plan and double-bedded for couples only. We'd recommend an upgrade to the superior studios which comprise an open-plan bedroom with queen-size bed; living area and stylish traditional furnishings. There are a number of Junior Suites, which are larger with living room and some with outdoor jacuzzi (on request).

At the lowest level is the swimming pool (with jacuzzi section) and pool bar.

Breakfast is either poolside or served to your room terrace. The reception desk can arrange room service, laundry and massage.

Please note: The hotel does not accept children under 13 years of age.



Andromeda Villas Imerovigli (Santorini)

- 4 Star ■ Room Only ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool
- Free WiFi

This is one of the few cliff-side hotels with lifts to help cope with the steps, but even with this benefit there are still some 60 to manage between the top of the hotel and the pool area (porterage is provided for luggage!). However, the spectacular views over the caldera 300m below make it all worthwhile.

The hotel has 58 rooms, a mix of standard, superior and suites - some are built into the cliff in the traditional Santorini cave style. All have similar 'classic' style decor and furnishings - the main difference between them is size and location in the hotel.

All rooms are double-bedded and possess air conditioning, fridge, sat tv, tiled shower room (some with bath), hairdryer, room safe and, most importantly, your own front

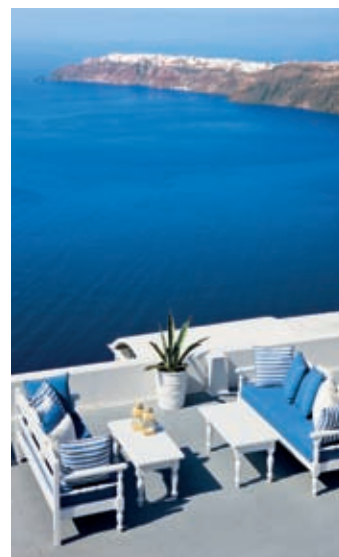


Superior room

caldera-view patio or balcony. Classic standard rooms are certainly comfortable but we would recommend upgrading to the Superior rooms or Junior Suites (which have a jacuzzi bath) for a bit more space, as they have an open-plan living area. VIP Suites have an outdoor jacuzzi.

At the lowest level is reception and the 10m x 6m swimming pool and pool bar, which serves light meals during the day. There is a restaurant here for the evenings. Room service is provided if you can't bear to leave your terrace. Near the hotel you will find a choice of other upmarket restaurants, cafes and bars, and Fira, the capital, is a 20 minute walk along the cliff-top path.

Breakfast: supplement £12 per person per day (either American buffet or served to your room at the time of your choosing).





Solaris Hotel Fira (Santorini)

■ 3 Stars ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool
■ Free WiFi

This small and friendly town hotel offers a well located and comfortable stay a 5 minute walk up the hill to the centre of Fira and another 2-3 minutes to the edge of the caldera.

The hotel has 20 rooms on two floors. All have air conditioning, lcd tv (CNN), fridge, safety deposit box, nice modern shower room and balcony with side sea views.

Standard rooms have a simple cheerful decor and furnishing as well as light kitchen facilities. Superior rooms have been recently refurbished in an attractive classic style and are more spacious - they have tea-making equipment but no kitchen area. For a family there is a maisonette-style apartment for up to 4, open-plan with a sleeping gallery above.

The pool to the side is large (c 180 sq m, depth 1m-2.5m) and has a cafe-bar where a buffet breakfast is laid out each day.



The hotel has a small fitness room and sauna (local charge) and offers complimentary wifi.

For what it offers the Solaris is well priced for Fira Town. Close to the centre, yet away from the bustle, this is also the best location from which to discover the island - the main bus station (very good service) is 600m.



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Kalimera Hotel Akrotiri (Santorini)

■ 2 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool
■ WiFi

This small and very friendly hotel is on the edge of the traditional village of Akrotiri, 15 kms to the south of the capital Fira. The pretty village is away from the main tourist areas, although it does have half-a-dozen tavernas and is known for its Minoan archaeological site dating from the eruption in 1625 BC.

The hotel has only 21 rooms on 3 floors or in a bungalow garden unit behind the pool. All are nicely furnished in a tasteful modern style and possess air-conditioning, fridge, TV, hairdryer, shower room and balcony or terrace. Most have some form of sea view, either over the road to the caldera or across vines to the south coast.

Some open-plan maisonettes for families are available. These have a sleeping gallery above a living area and are for up to four persons. The facilities are the same as the rooms.

The hotel has a well-liked garden bar and restaurant serving honest home cooking



(and the occasional BBQ) and an attractive freshwater pool measuring some 80 sq m. A roof-garden bar operates in the summer evenings.

The bus stop for Fira Town is nearby (service at least hourly) and a small beach at the foot of the caldera below can be reached in around 10 minutes via a track.

The Kalimera offers a quieter, friendly alternative to the more commercial areas, yet is within a short (c 20 min) bus ride of the capital and walking distance of beaches. Good value for Santorini.



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We have a selection of additional properties on the Cycladic islands available. Please see our website for details. Including:

Katerina Hotel, Aghios Prokopios, Naxos

(3 Stars, B/B or S/C)
Small and friendly hotel 100m from the gorgeous sandy beach of this small resort village. A frequent bus service links to others down the coast, and also to Naxos Town just 6 kms away.



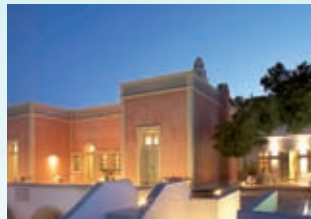
Naxos Resort, near Naxos Town

(3 Stars, B/B)
Next to the Galaxy Hotel, Naxos Resort also offers good modern standards close to beach and town. Designed in Cycladic style, the hotel has 90 stylishly furnished rooms in several small 2-storey buildings in the gardens, plus swimming pool and restaurant.



Aria-Lito Mansion, Fira, Santorini

(4 Stars, B/B)
In the old quarter of Fira Town, the island capital, this restored mansion provides high quality accommodation in a mix of rooms and suites. The hotel has a small swimming pool, and is just a few minutes' walk away from the lip of the caldera.



Amorgos

Amorgos is one of the most remote, yet most beautiful, of all Greek islands and remains one of the least-known and visited. Walking is a major attraction, and so with every holiday we include a Visitor's and Walker's Guide to the island (walks guided by the authors can be arranged).

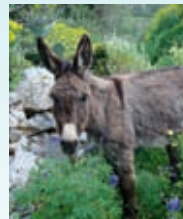
The Hotel Pagali, in the traditional hill village of Langada in the east, enjoys lovely views over Ormos Bay from its well liked terrace restaurant. Ormos has a beautiful sandy beach which can be reached on foot in 30 minutes or by local bus.

Holidays here include daytime scheduled flights to Athens and all transfers including

ferry (first class lounge, sailing time c 7½ hours) and BB hotel. Price

Guide: 8 nights £1034-£1170; 15 nights £1294-£1484. Amorgos can combine with Naxos and Paros.

For more details please see our website, also www.walkinggreece.com.



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