Eastern Cyclades

Santorini

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.

Naxos

c 1 hr by ferry from Mykonos or c 2 hrs from Santorini

c 5 hrs by ferry from Athens or 40 min. 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 muchimproved 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 and guided walks can be booked locally.

Paros & Antiparos

c 1 hr by ferry from Mykonos or c 3 hrs from Santorini

c 4 hrs by ferry from Athens or 40 min. 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 pretty resort village 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

The satellite island of Antiparos, just a 10 minute ferry hop from the west coast of Paros, can feel like a refuge. Antiparos has most attractive little port with a sophisticated, counter-cultural vibe. Life revolves around its elegant waterfront and main street, beneath a canopy of flaming bougainvillea.

uncrowded sand.

The town has beaches of its own, but they get better as you go south, the pick being Soros which has a couple of tavernas. The island is distinguished by a spectacular set of hilltop caves more than 100 metres deep, with a stunning array of huge stalagmites and stalactites.

Mykonos

Together with Santorini, rocky Mykonos is the star of Cyclades tourism and has been the haunt of celebs since the 1960s (they were called 'the jet set' in those days!). This party island has long been a haunt of the glamorous and famous, but that's not to say that mere mortals can't enjoy a stay here too!

Only 75 sq kms in size, it packs enough golden sand, upmarket hotels, restaurants, cafés, bars and clubs to satisfy the most hedonistic visitor – with prices to match. But Mykonos certainly has plenty of charm, not least within the pristine labyrinthine lanes of the town – one of the prettiest of all island capitals – and the island's ubiquitous windmills and countless tiny chapels.

Mykonos is also the best place from which to visit the sacred island of Delos, a large and important site just offshore, and boats leave from the harbour every morning.

Obviously Mykonos is not an island from which to escape the crowds, nor one for a traditional Greek atmosphere, but what Mykonos does it does exceedingly well.







ASTERN CYCLADES INFORMATION

Getting to the Islands

SANTORINI, MYKONOS Both islands have flights from Gatwick, Heathrow and Manchester several times per week, allowing odd durations and 'open-jaw' itineraries. Also Luton to Mykonos. Alternatively fly via Athens with onward domestic flight or ferry. Transfers on arrival and departure to/from your accommodation provided (max. 30 mins).

PAROS, ANTIPAROS, NAXOS, IOS Fly to Mykonos or Santorini, transfer to the port, ferry to the island (included), onward transfer to your accommodation (max. 30 mins). Antiparos requires a secondary short ferry trip of c. 15 mins – the small cost of this is payable locally. On the return the reverse applies. Alternatively fly via Athens with onward domestic flight or ferry. The best routing can vary according to flight timings and seasonal ferry schedules. If an overnight hotel is necessary we will include it and all transfers in the quoted holiday price.

Multi-Centre and Island Hopping

All these islands can combine – the minimum stay on each is 3 nights.

Gorgona Hotel Mykonos Town

The Gorgona is a family-run hotel located on the hillside above the sea a 15 minute walk (1 km) up from the port and centre of town, behind the upmarket Cavo Tagoo Hotel.

The hotel has 19 rooms on ground or first floor. Mostly double bedded, the rooms have simple furnishings and decor. All possess AC, Wifi, room safe, TV, mini-fridge, hairdryer and a small shower room (renovated). The big selling point is that each room has a good sized open terrace facing west, offering 180 degree sea views and fabulous sunsets.

To the side is an attractive and spacious swimming pool area - the pool is freshwater, measures some 80 sq m and is served by a pool snack bar.

We stress that the Gorgona is a modest hotel and we have a range of higher category hotels in town to choose from for those seeking higher levels of room space and comfort. We have selected the hotel primarily for its views, pool and proximity to town. However as a 'budget' hotel option (for Mykonos!) we think it also provides good value considering its location.

The Hotel:Air Conditioning2 StarsSwimming PoolBed & BreakfastFree WiFi







Paraga Beach

Zephyros Hotel Paraga, Mykonos

Paraga is one of a string of famous sandy beaches spread along Mykonos' south coast and served by an excellent 'hop-on hop-off' water taxi service. As with nearly all beaches on the island, it is organised with two tavernas and a beach bar/club on the headland. There is another small beach to the other side (with a good taverna) and others can also be reached on foot.

Just a minute's walk from the beach the Zephyros is a most comfortable hotel of 40 elegant rooms done in a pretty Mykonian style. All possess AC, Wifi, minifridge, TV, safety deposit box, and most have a balcony with garden, pool or sea views (some ground

The Hotel: 3 Stars Bed & Breakfast

Air Conditioning Swimming Pool Free WiFi

floor rooms overlooking the garden

have no balcony and are sold at a

The attractive pool area is to the

front and side and has a pool bar

The town is 6 kms away and has a

good bus service from just outside

the hotel. Other beaches can be

water taxi service from the beach.

easily reached by the frequent

reduction).

and restaurant.



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Santo Maris Oia Luxury Suites & Spa Oia, Santorini



Located at the edge of Oia, Santorini's prettiest clifftop village at the northern tip of the island, the allsuite and villa Santo Maris opened its doors in 2016 and provides everything those looking for a serene and rejuvenating retreat should require.

The hotel comprises 57 stylish suites and villas spread over three 'neighbourhoods', and designed in traditional Santorini style with whitewashed dome-roofe d bungalows contrasting with the dark volcanic stone.

All rooms have their own sun loungers and heated Jacuzzi tub on their terraces, and some also have a private pool. All higher category units look to the sea, many with sunset views. For further room details please see our website. The resort has five outdoor pools, a high quality restaurant with an emphasis on the best modern Greek cuisine, a pool bar (serv es light meals and snacks during the day) and a main bar, a gym and the Royal Spa, which was honoured with the title of Greece's Best Resort Spa at the World Spa Awards 2019 for the third consecutive year. Private dining on your room terrace can be arranged, as can butler service at an extra charge.

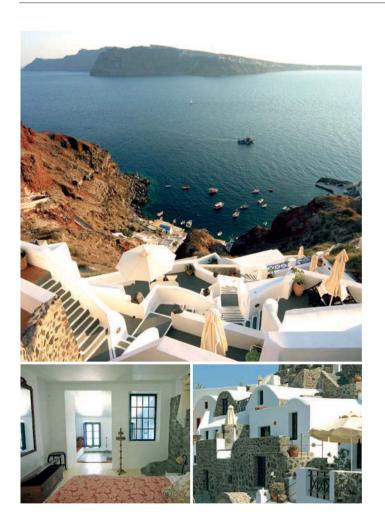
It is just a 5 minute walk to the centre of Oia, which has a fair number of restaurants, cafes and chic bars, so me on the cliff boasting stunning views over the caldera.

Note: the hotel does not accommodate children under 12 years of age.

The Hotel: 5 Swimming Pools 5 Stars Spa Air Conditioning Free Wifi







Esperas Hotel Oia, Santorini

Oia is the prettiest and most upmarket of Santorini's cliff-top villages, and famed for its sunset. In a peaceful location a ten minute walk from the centre of the village, and built down the cliffside (so plenty of steps), the Esperas enjoys the most fantastic caldera views (and sunset, from all but Standard rooms and Esperas Suite).

The hotel's 17 rooms are designed in the traditional island 'cave' style, being built into the cliff. All have Queen-sized beds, tea-making facilities, mini-bar, Sat TV, DVD, CD/MP3 player, room-safe, Wifi, shower room and sea/caldera view terrace. Studios are for couples only; Houses offer more space (some splitlevel), Junior Suites have a living room area open-plan with the bedroom; and the Suites have one or two bedrooms, a separate living room and a private outdoor Jacuzzi on the terrace.



Please enquire for more detailed room descriptions. The swimming pool is (for cliff accommodation) a reasonable size - carved into the rock it has a surrounding terrace and snack bar. The hotel has a restaurant, offers private dining and breakfast can be taken on your room terrace.

The Esperas occupies a truly privileged location, one of the best on Santorini, and has the views, style, comfort and facilities to match. Please note that children under 12 years are discouraged, and the many steps make a stay here unsuitable for anyone with mobility problems.

The Hotel: Fodor's Award -Best 100 Boutique Hotels (2014)

Luxury Boutique Hotel Bed & Breakfast Air Conditioning Swimming Pool Free WiFi

Kalimera Hotel Akrotiri, Santorini

This small and very friendly hotel is on the edge of the traditional village of Akrotiri, 10kms to the south of the capital Fira. The pretty village is away from the main tourist areas, although it does have some halfdozen tavernas and is known for its Minoan archaeological site dating from the eruption in 1625 BC.

The hotel has only 23 rooms (plus a pair of Suites) 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.



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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 roofgarden 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 steep track.

The Kalimera offers a quiet, 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. Recommended, and good value for Santorini.

The Hotel:

Bed & Breakfast

2 Star

Air Conditioning

Swimming Pool

Free WiFi





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The Melina is a small family-run hotel in a central but quiet location that allows convenient access to the main bus station (3 mins.), the centre of Fira (5 mins.) and the caldera edge (8-10 mins.).

The 20 rooms here are a mix of twins, doubles and triples, all with simple pretty decor and furnishings. All possess air conditioning, shower room, hairdryer, room safe, minifridge and balcony.

There is a ground floor breakfast room and lounge (with seasonal bar), and an outdoor freshwater pool with furnished terrace surrounds. We consider the Melina to be a simple, convenient and well priced town hotel - ideal as a base from which to make the most of both Fira Town and Santorini, as the excellent bus service starts from the central bus station nearby and runs to all points including the famous volcanic beaches.

The Hotel: 2 Stars Bed & Breakfast Air Conditioning Swimming Pool Free Wifi (public areas)



Contaratos Beach Hotel Naoussa, Paros

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 beach (free sun beds here for hotel guests).

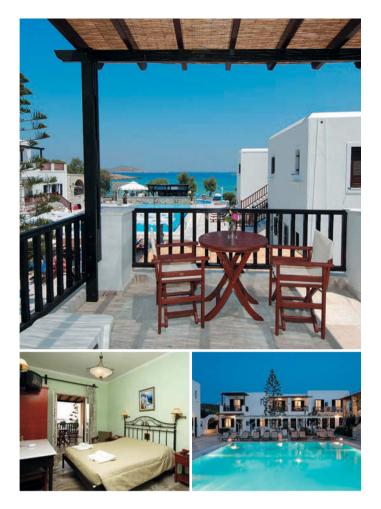
The hotel has upgraded significantly over the past few years. It has 36 rooms, a mix of Standard, Superior and Suites, all with air conditioning, Sat TV, r oom safe, fridge/mini bar, hairdryer, shower or bath and balcony with pool or sea views. Superior rooms are larger, have a higher standard of furnishing 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 sun beds. To the side is the pool bar and hotel restaurant. The hotel also has a tenni s 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 over the hill, although you will find a choice of local tavernas within only a few minutes' stroll.

The Hotel:Air Conditioning4 StarSwimming PoolBed & BreakfastFree WiFi







Parian Boutique Hotel Naoussa, Paros

A minute's walk away from the Contaratos Beach Hotel and Agii Anargyri beach, and thus sharing an equally advantageous location, these hotel rooms are designed in the local Cycladic style.

They comprise a mix of twin or double Superior rooms for 2-3 (some interconnecting) and Junior Suites with double bedroom and living room containing one or two full-size extra beds. Spacious and very tastefully furnished, all units possess air-conditioning, WiFi, TV, telephone, minibar, contemporary shower room, hairdryer and balcony or patio (some with sea views).

On the common terrace to the front is a large outdoor jacuzzi for guests'

use – a swimming pool is planned for 2020. Breakfast is available at a local charge when requested in advance and can be served to your room until midday.

Parian Boutique Hotel combines a high standard of accommodation with a peaceful location and a good sandy beach close to hand. A 10-15 minute walk via the church up the hill brings you to the heart of this popular village, although you will find a couple of tavernas closer to hand.

The Hotel: Room Only 3 Star Air Conditioning Free WiFi



Agii Anargyri Beach

Naxos Resort Hotel near Naxos Town

Naxos Resort offers a high standard. It is a short walk from sandy Aghios Georgios beach (one minute) and Naxos Town's bustling waterfront (ten minutes).

Designed in local style, the 88 rooms are housed in a number of small two-storey buildings with pretty landscaped surrounds.

All are very nicely furnished and decorated in a tasteful modern style, and possess air-conditioning, fridge, TV, hairdryer, wired internet access (free), shower room and balcony with pool, garden or (a few) sea views.

The hotel has a good-sized pool with children's section and a lowkey pool bar to one side, a terrace restaurant, fitness room (no charge) and a sauna/hamam (local charge). WiFi is available in public areas.

The Hotel:Air Conditioning3 Star SuperiorSwimming PoolBed & BreakfastFree WiFi



Naxos Town taverna





Aghios Prokopios beach



Georgios Beach

Birikos Apartments Aghios Prokopios, Naxos

On the edge of the small seaside resort of Aghios Prokopios, an approximate 3-4 minute walk to the centre and the beautiful beach here, these family-run apartments offer a comfortable stay in a convenient location and with possibly the friendliest owners on the island. We believe they also represent excellent value for money.

The accommodation is split between two buildings of two floors, surrounded by lush attractive gardens. Standard units are typically simply furnished and possess air conditioning, TV, an open-plan basic kitchenette for light meals (electric rings, fridge), a tiled shower room and front balcony. Distant sea views may be possible on request.

The studios comprise one openplan room and are mostly twin bedded. The 1-bedroom apartments are for up to 4 persons with a double bedroom plus a living room containing one or two sofabeds. We'd recommend an upgrade to the Superior 1-bedroom, which has a full kitchen, bathroom with bath and shower, flat-screen Sat TV and more modern furnishing and decor. The 2-bedroom apartments have a second bedroom and a small separate kitchen - an extra folding bed can be placed in one of the bedrooms for a smaller child.

The Birikos has 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 c 10pm.

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

The Apartments: Self Catering Studios for 2 Apartments for 2/4

Air Conditioning Swimming Pool Free WiFi

Galaxy Hotel near Naxos Town

The Galaxy offers a good modern standard within a short walk of the town (10 mins) yet only a minute from the sandy beach of Aghios Georgios.

Designed in the attractive Naxian style, and with beautifully lush gardens to the front surrounding a large swimming pool, the hotel has 54 rooms of varying types and size.

The superior double rooms are for couples only (20 sq m) and either first floor with balcony or ground floor with patio and have views to the sea or gardens/pool. There are larger triple and quadruple rooms, some with direct access to the gardens and pool.

All rooms possess double or twin beds, hydro-massage shower room,

air conditioning (central unit), fridge, TV, hairdryer, room-safe and balcony or garden terrace.

The tempting freshwater swimming pool in the garden is large and pool towels are provided. There is a pool bar to one side serving drinks and snacks during the day and a restaurant for the evenings.

The main building houses reception, breakfast room, lounge and bar. Good standards, lovely pool and gardens and close to beach and town.

The Hotel:Air Conditioning3 Stars PlusSwimming PoolBed & BreakfastFree WiFi





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Beach at Plaza Beach Hotel

Plaza Beach Hotel Plaka Beach, Naxos

You won't find a better beach than Plaka, a beautiful 4 km stretch of wide golden sand which runs south from the small resort of Ayia Anna. Only a small road separates the hotel from the beach.

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, free WiFi and wired internet, TV, hairdryer, fridge, roomsafe, bath or shower and balcony. Half have some form of sea view (on request only).

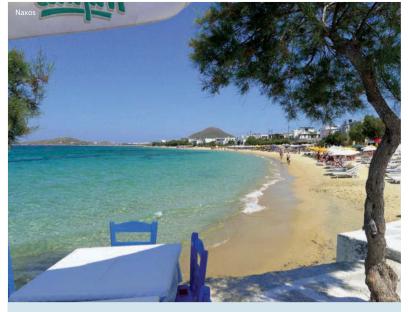
request only). To the front is a huge 250 sq m swimming pool, with a poolside restaurant and bar. The hotel has a fitness room (free), sauna and hamam (local charge). There are sun beds on the beach.

On the beach road you will find a choice of tavernas, cafes and small shops. It's a 30 minute walk to the bright lights of Ayia Anna (2½ kms) or 5-10 minutes by regular bus, which then goes on to Naxos Town. An alternative way of getting around would be bicycle hire as the area is flat.

The Hotel:Air Conditioning3 Stars PlusSwimming PoolBed & BreakfastFree WiFi







Free Naxos Walking and Info App

We have combined with Alternet Greece, who specialise in the promotion of alternative tourism to selected Greek islands, to offer all clients staying on Naxos for three nights or more free access to their Naxos App which normally costs \in 40.

The app includes:

- a hiking/walking map of the island with the most popular walking trails marked. For each trail a description, an elevation profile and length will be provided, plus a list with nearby points of interest (typically those of environmental and/or historical/cultural interest)
- places to visit (museums etc.)
- discounts with local businesses, shops, restaurants. These businesses have been selected for their quality and commitment to good environmental practice e.g. shops selling or restaurants using local island produce

The app is (at the time of printing) under development but instructions of how to download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play onto a smart phone and gain access using a code will be advised with your tickets. There is also a mobile-friendly website planned.

EASTERN CYCLADES											
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Not included: Overnight Stay Tax of €0.50 to €4 per room, apartment or villa per night payable locally – the amount varies according to the category of the accommodation (i.e. most self catering and 1-2 star hotels = €0.50, 5 star hotels = €4).