

# Eastern Cyclades

## Santorini

**Direct flights from Gatwick, Heathrow, Birmingham, Newcastle and Manchester, or via Athens (ferry or domestic flight).**

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

**Fly to Mykonos or Santorini, or via Athens**

**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 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,

Naxos



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

**Fly to Mykonos or Santorini, or via Athens**

**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 uncrowded sand.

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.

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.

It is easy to pop across to Paros for the day, as ferries are frequent and cheap. A trip to the nearby island of Despotiko is a highlight: heavily populated in ancient times due to its strategic maritime position, it is now uninhabited, leaving behind the ruins of its Hellenistic and Roman past. Coupled with its empty beaches and striking sea-caves, the deserted island seems to have been created from the romantic imagination.

## Ios

**Fly to Santorini or Mykonos, or via Athens**

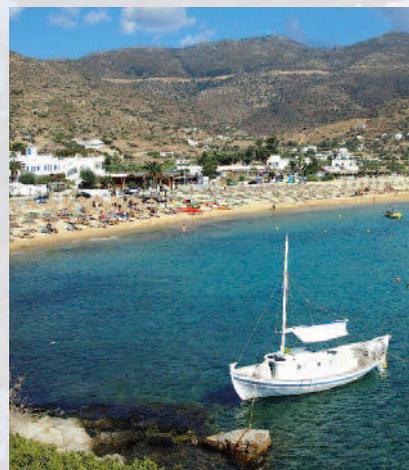
**c 1 hr by ferry from Santorini or c 2½ hrs from Mykonos**

**c 5 hrs by ferry from Athens**

Ios has made something of a comeback in recent years. And deservedly so, as the island has a friendly little port (Gialos), very pretty traditional main village (Chora) on the hill above, and some of the finest beaches in the Cyclades.

Our hotel is at Gialos, and here you will find some 10 traditional tavernas, plus cafes and small shops, as well as the usual Greek hoo-ha every time a ferry docks! Gialos has a nice sandy beach of its own.

Please see our website for further details.



Milopotas Beach, Ios

### EASTERN CYCLADES INFORMATION

#### Getting to the Islands

##### SANTORINI, MYKONOS

Both islands have flights from Gatwick and Heathrow up to four times per week, allowing odd durations and 'open-jaw' itineraries. Weekly charter flights from Manchester and Birmingham operate to Santorini and from Manchester and 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). 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.

## 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, 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 sun beds. 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 over the hill, although you will find a choice of local tavernas within only a few minutes' stroll.

The Hotel: 4 Star  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi



Naoussa harbour



Agii Anargyri Beach

## 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 (free of charge). 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.



Naoussa harbour

The Hotel: 3 Star  
Room Only  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi

## 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 low-key pool bar to one side, a terrace

restaurant, fitness room (no charge) and a sauna/hamam (local charge). WiFi is available in public areas.

**Early Booking Offer**  
Reduction applies if booked by 31/3. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

**The Hotel:** 3 Star Superior  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi



Naxos Town taverna



Georgios Beach



Aghios Prokopios beach

## Birikos Apartments Aghios Prokopios, Naxos

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 very friendly, comfortable stay.

There are 16 units here on two floors, split between studios and 1-bedroom apartments. The studios are mostly on the ground floor with garden/pool views and twin-bedded with open-plan kitchenette for light meals (electric rings), tiled shower room and front balcony. The 1-bedroom apartments are mostly upper floor, double-bedded and have the addition of a living room containing one or two sofa-beds. All units possess air-conditioning, TV and telephone. Distant sea views may be possible on request.

Standard studios and apartments are simply furnished and have bright, cheerful decor.

The 1- or 2-bedroom Superior apartments are larger and have a full kitchen, bathroom with bath and shower, flat-screen Sat TV and higher standard of furnishing and decor.

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 is fully refurbished and 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 standard double rooms are 14 sq m (so for couples only) and either first floor with balcony or ground floor with patio or seating area in the garden. We'd recommend upgrading to a Superior double room (20 sq m) which has views to the sea or gardens/pool. There are larger triple and quadruple rooms, some with

direct access to the gardens and pool.

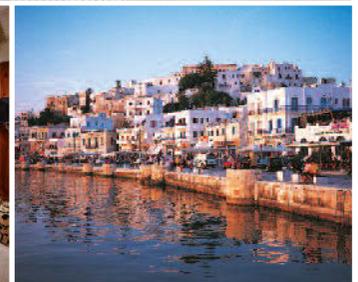
All rooms possess double or twin beds, hydro-massage shower room, air conditioning (central unit), fridge, TV, hairdryer, room-safe and balcony or garden terrace.

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: 3 Stars Plus  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free 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, room-safe, bath or shower and balcony. Half have some form of sea view (on 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.

### Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made by 28/2 and 30/4 - the earlier you book the higher the discount. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

The Hotel: 3 Stars Plus  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi

## Aigialos Residences & Suites Fira, Santorini



This cluster of sixteen 18th and 19th century neoclassical houses is quietly situated on the edge of the cliff directly above the spectacular caldera, it is a 5 minute walk to the centre of Santorini's capital with its plethora of stylish shops, bars and restaurants.

The 18 one- and two-bedroom houses for 2-5 persons are split into three categories - Residences, Suites and one Mansion - and priced depending on size, privacy and views. All are different and have a mix of traditional (some antique) and contemporary furnishings. The houses possess double bed(s) (mostly king-sized), - as well as a marble bathroom, sitting room area, air-conditioning, sat tv with dvd player, mini-bar and wifi. All have a private or shared balcony, terrace or patio boasting spectacular sea and sunset views over the caldera (Signature and Authentic Residences have a shared terrace - Boutique Residences, Suites and the Mansion are private).

Aigialos has a small pool and a gourmet restaurant (residents only), and private dining as well as breakfast can be arranged to the terrace of your house. Room service is available 24 hours.

For those looking for an exclusive and unique accommodation, which provides a real taste of old Santorini coupled with discreet luxury and individual service, Aigialos will suit.

**Note:** no children under 6 years. Children aged 6-12 years can be accommodated in certain houses only.

<b>The Hotel:</b>	Luxury Mansion Hotel
Awarded 'Most Romantic Historic Hotel of Europe' (2014)	Bed & Breakfast
	Air Conditioning
	Swimming Pool
	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 split-level), 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.

<b>The Hotel:</b>	Luxury Boutique Hotel
Fodor's Award - Best 100 Boutique Hotels (2014)	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 half-dozen 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.

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 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: 2 Star  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi



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## Melina Hotel Fira, Santorini

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, mini-fridge 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)



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EASTERN CYCLADES		Guide prices in £'s per person						
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May/Oct		Jun/Sep		Jul/Aug		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	
<b>Paros</b>								
Contaratos Bay	Studio	2 BB	847	1120	1049	1397	1296	1643
	One Bedroom Apartment	2 BB	906	1245	1135	1569	1454	1888
		3 BB	807	1036	994	1285	1229	1520
Parian Boutique	Standard Room	2 RO	860	1117	1073	1441	1396	1987
	Superior Room	2 RO	1051	1496	1307	1912	1690	2565
	Suite	2 RO	1250	1894	1555	2409	1921	3029
<b>Naxos</b>								
Birikos	Studio	2 SC	744	909	928	1129	1022	1428
		2 SC	794	1008	986	1241	1157	1696
	1 Bedroom	3 SC	725	870	893	1066	1008	1370
		4 SC	691	801	847	979	933	1206
	Superior 1 Bedroom	2 SC	924	1267	1206	1641	1322	2028
		3 SC	812	1043	1040	1333	1118	1591
		4 SC	756	931	957	1179	1015	1372
	Superior 2 Bedroom	2 SC	968	1357	1305	1815	1456	2257
		3 SC	842	1103	1106	1449	1207	1744
		4 SC	778	976	1007	1266	1082	1487
Galaxy	Standard Garden View	2 BB	856	1133	1134	1455	1201	1702
	Superior Garden View	2 BB	924	1267	1223	1618	1291	1881
	Superior Sea View	2 BB	990	1401	1313	1782	1381	2059
	Family Pool View	2 BB	1071	1562	1426	1982	1515	2328
Naxos Resort	Standard Garden View	2 BB	875	1168	1197	1635	1213	1826
	Standard Pool/Sea View	2 BB	990	1401	1283	1814	1308	2072
Plaza Beach	Standard Room	2 BB	810	1038	949	1179	1098	1536

ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May/Oct		Jun/Sep		Jul/Aug		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	
<b>Santorini</b>								
Aigialos	Superior Residence	2 BB	1635	2814	2108	3621	2093	3608
	Premier Residence	2 BB	2032	3608	2548	4501	2532	4486
	Authentic Residence	2 BB	2094	3733	2567	4543	2554	4528
	Panoramic View Suite	2 BB	2429	4404	3112	5630	3098	5617
	Ambassador Suite	2 BB	2576	4697	3446	6300	3432	6285
	Honeymoon Suite	2 BB	2763	5073	3676	6761	3663	6745
	Mansion Suite	2 BB	3434	6413	4785	8978	4772	8964
Esperas	Standard Studio	2 BB	1467	2479	1606	2618	1591	2603
	Superior Studio	2 BB	1593	2730	1731	2869	1716	2853
	Standard House	2 BB	1718	2981	1857	3120	1841	3105
	Superior House	2 BB	1877	3299	2015	3438	2001	3423
	Junior Suite	2 BB	2409	4363	2548	4501	2532	4486
	Superior Suite	2 BB	2660	4864	2798	5003	2783	4989
	Honeymoon Suite	2 BB	2660	4864	2798	5003	2783	4989
Kalimera	Standard Room	2 BB	697	933	880	1162	965	1344
	Honeymoon Suite	2 BB	782	1103	970	1340	1073	1560
	Maisonette	2 BB	840	1220	1042	1484	1170	1756
		3 BB	716	972	897	1195	978	1371
4 BB	655	848	825	1049	882	1178		
Melina	Standard Room	2 BB	795	1139	1010	1419	1140	1694

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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).**