



*'Taste the world your way'*

## Greece, Santorini - Live Like A Local

### Overview

Santorini is maybe the only place on earth where you feel that you have stepped into a postcard. Spend a week living the perfect Greek lifestyle, immersed in local cuisine, culture and wine. Learn all about their cuisine through cooking classes, taste the celebrated wines, learn of their history and evolution, and the unique microclimate of this ancient, volcanic island.

**Travel Type:** [Food and Wine](#), [Small Group](#)

**Location:** [Greece](#), [Santorini](#)

**Code:** GRJTRAFFW

**From AUD:** \$3,319

**Duration:** 8 Days

**Offer Expires:** Mar 31, 2020



### Summary

For eight days you will live the life of a local on the postcard-perfect Greek Island of Santorini. Your hosts will welcome you warmly to your home for this time and invite you to share in learning about the amazing Mediterranean cuisine they enjoy. With a lovely balance of organised activities and free time, you will come to know the culture, as well as the food and wine which in many instances is unique to Santorini. Day tours for wine exploration, cooking classes and a sunset cruise are among the many highlights of your stay.

### Itinerary

#### Day One (Saturday) Arrival

After arriving to Santorini, you will be welcomed and escorted from the airport or port to your



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beautiful Hotel. Enroute your personal driver will take you through a uniquely stunning landscape, to the one of the most picturesque and luxurious places in the world. It has been described by many as “one of the most beautiful places on earth”. This inviting, charming boutique hotel will be your home for the week. Upon check in you will have time to unpack and relax for the remainder of the day. Enjoy a free evening to begin exploring the magic of your surrounds. Dinner on your own.

No Meals

#### Day Two (Sunday) Santorini, the Mythical Atlantis?

After breakfast, your first day will start with a visit to the Akrotiri Excavations, one of the most important settlements of the Aegean. Akrotiri is a Minoan Bronze Age settlement on the volcanic Greek island of Santorini (Thira). The settlement was destroyed in the Thiran eruption about 1627 BC and buried in volcanic ash, which preserved the remains of fine Frescoes and many objects and artworks. Here with our guide learn about the legends of Santorini, investigating whether it is the fabled Lost City of Atlantis. Discover evidence of winemaking that has been estimated to date back to the 3rd Millennium BC, making Santorini as one of the oldest winemaking regions in the world.

We will then continue on to the mountain of Prophet Elias with an altitude of 600 metres, and visit the old Christian Monastery from the 1700's. Continue your wine discovery by strolling through the island's basket vines at a traditional winery, and learn about Santorini's unique viticulture traditions. The tour will finish with a wine-tasting, and a light lunch will be served at the end of the tour. The afternoon is free to enjoy personal activities. You may wish to visit Fira, Firostefani or Imerovigli for example, or you may wish to relax. Dinner on your own.

Meals B,L

#### Day Three (Monday) Discover the Mediterranean Flavours of Santorini.

Leaving the hotel after breakfast, your fabulous cooking day begins. Today you will learn how to cook like a Greek under the guidance of an awarded local chef at a traditional restaurant located on the island's east coast. Enjoy plenty of Greek appetizers as you assist in preparing a Greek 'field to table' tasting menu for your lunch. Savour your work, enjoying your freshly cooked lunch, all washed down with traditional Greek aperitifs such as Raki and Ouzo. Come away with some classic Greek recipes and some great memories. The afternoon is free for your personal activities. Today you may wish to swim at the red or black beach. Dinner on your own

Meals B,L

#### Day Four (Tuesday) Explore the Vineyards of Santorini

Following breakfast, we will depart for the countryside of Santorini where you will visit a number of distinct wineries and cellars. Learn about the ancient vineyard of Santorini, the history of the island through the centuries and how the volcanic soils influence its winemaking. Winemaking on Santorini dates back more than 4000 years and your tour covers the most traditional cellars of the island, starting at a vineyard on the volcanic soils. Taste a selection of different wine styles from across Santorini and Greece, such as Assyrtiko, Nykteri and the sublimely sweet Vinsanto wine served with local cheese and

olives. Lunch on your own today and the afternoon is again free for you to enjoy the island or relax. Dinner on your own.

Meals B

#### Day Five (Wednesday) Free Day

Free day for you to explore Santorini Island or/and its surroundings. You may rent a bike, a scooter, a car or to take the local buses to make your way around the island. If you prefer you can visit the neighbouring island of Ios, or just relax by the beach or the pool. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Meals B

#### Day Six (Thursday) Unique Cooking!

After breakfast, you will attend to a cooking class at an authentic nearby venue. Learn about the cuisine of the Cycladic Islands and particularly of Santorini, as well as the unique local products of the island. In Santorini, with more than 300 days of sunshine and its rich volcanic soil, the island yields a bounty of unusual indigenous herbs and vegetables. White eggplant, capers and caper leaves, fava (small yellow peas), exquisite baby tomatoes - all grown virtually without water.

Then, the presentation and the demonstration of different recipes will take place. After we have prepared the dishes, you will be able to enjoy what you cooked accompanied by bottles of delicious wines from Santorini which will be presented to you.

Dinner on your own.

Meals B,L

#### Day Seven (Friday) The Scent of the Aegean Sea

In the morning, you will be free to relax, to swim or to go shopping. Lunch on your own. In the late afternoon and for our last evening, you will be taken to enjoy a sunset sailing tour. From onboard you will watch the sun set over the Mediterranean Sea while you reflect on what a wonderful week you've enjoyed on the island. During the cruise it's possible to swim at the island's volcanic hot springs and enjoy dinner which will be served on board.

Meals B,D

#### Day Eight (Saturday) Departure

After breakfast your hosts will make arrangements for your transfer to either the port/airport of Santorini, and your perfect stay sadly comes to an end.

Meals B

## Inclusions

Transfer from/to Santorini airport or Athineos Port in a modern minibus

Seven nights at a premium quality Hotel in Santorini

Daily breakfast made of local ingredients

Meals mentioned in the program

Two Greek Cooking lessons taught by one of the most awarded chefs of Greece  
Two wine tours & tastings visiting the best wineries of the island  
One historical excursion and private guided tour to the legendary Akrotiri excavations  
Sunset sailing tour around the Volcano with a dinner served on board

Excludes

Flights

Museum Entrance Tickets

Meals, drinks, excursions that are not listed in the program

Travel insurance, personal expenses, tips.

Your Accommodation

Your charming accommodation is a traditional Cycladic Hotel, and it is situated very close to the famous Caldera which offers amazing breathtaking views, and is a few minutes away from Fira, the main town and the cultural capital of Santorini. Fira offers a world class variety of boutiques, restaurants and cafes perched at the high rim of the caldera. Many cafes and restaurants offer spectacular views!



Distances: 6km from the Airport, 8km from Athinios Port, 5 Km from the closest beach.

Rooms are fully equipped and include common or private balcony or terrace, direct dial telephone, TV satellite, air-conditioning, central heating, bath or shower, hair dryer, refrigerator, safety box, free wifi, luggage storage and access to taxi services (not free).

## Package

Departure Date

Every Saturday during May and June

Every Saturday during September and October

Price

\$3319 per person based on twin/double share

\$1189 single supplement

Minimum of participants: 2

Maximum of participants: 8