WONDERGREECE

Santorini - Crete! Great combination!

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A trip to explore the natural beauty of Santorini, in conjunction with the historical beauty of Crete.

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PLAN SUMMARY

WONDERGREECE

Day 1

1. Imerovigli
   About region/Main cities & villages
2. Skaros Castle
   Culture/Castles
3. Firostefani
   About region/Main cities & villages
4. Fira
   About region/Main cities & villages
5. Museum of Prehistoric Thira
   Culture/Museums
6. Thira Archaeological Museum
   Culture/Museums

Day 2

1. Oia (Ia)
   About region/Main cities & villages
2. Katharos
   Nature/Beaches
3. Ammoudi
   Nature/Beaches
4. Castle of Agios Nikolaos or Apanomerias
   Culture/Castles

Day 3

1. Akrotiri
   About region/Main cities & villages
2. Archaeological Site of Akrotiri
   Culture/Archaelogical sites
3. Castle of Akrotiri or Punta
   Culture/Castles
4. Red Beach
   Nature/Beaches
5. White Beach
   Nature/Beaches

Day 4

1. Heraklion
   About region/Main cities & villages
2. The Fortress “Rocca al Mare” (Koules)
   Culture/Castles
3. Aquarium of Crete (Cretaquarium)
   Culture/Monuments & sights
4. Knossos Palace
   Culture/Archaelogical sites

Day 5

1. Perissa
   Nature/Beaches
2. Perivolos
   Nature/Beaches
3. Kamari
   Nature/Beaches
4. Wine Museum
   Culture/Museums

Day 1

WONDERGREECE

1. Imerovigli

About region / Main cities & villages

Note: You are at the highest point of the Caldera, at one of the most traditional settlements of Santorini. Get ready to see an image that combined with the blue sea will creat an indescribable feeling!

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.4327707, W25.42280740000001

2. Skaros Castle

Culture / Castles

Note: The castle of Skaros is accessible only on foot until you reach the top it would be better not look down!

Location:
Imerovigli

Απόσταση:
by car 0.8km
Χρόνος:
13΄

GPS: N36.43260198164928, W25.418456597778345

3. Firostefani

About region / Main cities & villages

Note: The hike from Imerovigli to Fira, is one of the most beautiful on the island, as you enjoy the wonderful views of the Caldera and the blue sea that only Santorini features.

Απόσταση:
on foot 1.6km
Χρόνος:
26΄

GPS: N36.42466186942514, W25.428791371936086

4. Fira

About region / Main cities & villages

Note: In Fira you can do the journey by cable car, starting from the old port and goes to Fira and vice versa. TIP: The price of the ticket for the cable car reaches 5 euros.

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.7km
Χρόνος:
10΄

GPS: N36.42000000000001, W25.43166670000005

5. Museum of Prehistoric Thira

Culture / Museums

Location:
Fira

Contact:
Tel:(+30) 22860 23217

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.4km
Χρόνος:
06΄

GPS: N36.41661125512215, W25.432529956622375

6. Thira Archaeological Museum

Culture / Museums

Location:
Fira

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 22860 22217

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.5km
Χρόνος:
05΄

GPS: N36.42008464584008, W25.430923505279566

Day 2

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1. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.4618199, W25.37531009999998

Note: Oia is accessible by car which takes about 30 minutes to arrive, and by walk from Imerovigli, which takes almost two hours and 20 minutes.

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2. Katharos

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
by car 1.4km
Χρόνος:
22′

GPS: N36.4665698982868, W25.36841730639651

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3. Ammoudi

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
by car 1.2km
Χρόνος:
17′

GPS: N36.45804479712807, W25.372108026001

Note: Access to Amoudi is done either by the old traditional way, mules or on foot, you need to descend 214 steps, or finally by car will be almost five minutes. Make sure to try fish at the restaurants next to the water!

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4. Castle of Agios Nikolaos or Apanomerias

Culture / Castles

Location:
Ia

Απόσταση:
on foot 0.0km
Χρόνος:
00′

GPS: N36.45949447561058, W25.372108026001

Note: When the sun goes down, the breath stops for a few seconds, the eyes fill shine and the words are not heard. By the time the sun is lost, all return but the mind is stuck by the beauty. All you can do is to applaud as loud as you can.

Day 3

WONDERGREECE

1. Akrotiri

About region / Main cities & villages

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.358677335078724, W25.39562563464358

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2. Archaeological Site of Akrotiri

Culture / Archaeological sites

Location:
Akrotiri

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 22860 81939

Απόσταση:
by car 1.8km
Χρόνος:
28΄

GPS: N36.35120376097702, W25.403414385583346

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3. Castle of Akrotiri or Punta

Culture / Castles

Location:
Akrotiri

Απόσταση:
by car 1.9km
Χρόνος:
20΄

GPS: N36.358677335078724, W25.39639811083987

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4. Red Beach

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
by car 8.1km
Χρόνος:
13΄

GPS: N36.348515840035596, W25.394681497070337

Note: It is accessible in two ways, either by boat from Akrotiri or by car. The car takes you up to a point and then you have to walk a bit to get to the beach.

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5. White Beach

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
by car 5.3km
Χρόνος:
13΄

GPS: N36.35050331160279, W25.38266520068362

Note: It is characterized by white rocks, pumice stones and clear water. The beach is accessible by boat from Akrotiri and Red Beach or by following the path that starts from Kambia beach and reaches the White beach.

Day 4

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1. Heraklion

About region / Main cities & villages

Note: You will need only 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to the port of Heraklion to start a new adventure to the Minoan civilization!! Are you ready?

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N35.3387352, W25.144212599999946

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2. The Fortress “Rocca al Mare” (Koules)

Culture / Castles

Location:
Heraklion

Απόσταση:
by car 1.5km
Χρόνος:
20΄

GPS: N35.34461633871706, W25.137024279840034

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3. Aquarium of Crete (Cretaquarium)

Culture / Monuments & sights

Note: The Aquarium of Crete is one of the most beautiful and large aquariums and is open daily, waiting to be visited.

Location:
Gournes

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 2810 337788

Απόσταση:
by car 19.4km
Χρόνος:
22΄

GPS: N35.33227595625087, W25.281799193627876

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4. Knossos Palace

Culture / Archaelogical sites

Location:
Knossos

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 2810 231940, 226470, 226092, 224630

Απόσταση:
by car 21.9km
Χρόνος:
24΄

GPS: N35.29796377247185, W25.1632998637848

Day 5

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1. Perissa

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
Start -
Χρόνος:
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GPS: N36.355152068696135, W25.474847360107447

Note: Begin the walk in order to climb the hill to Mesa Vouno (Mountain) to reach the chapel of the lower Prophet Elias. ATTENTION !!! The view is breathtaking !!

2. Perivolos

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
on foot 1.2km
Χρόνος:
14΄

GPS: N36.34692582625356, W25.46626429125979

Note: The beach of Perivolos offers clear waters, beach bars and a lot of people during the summer. If you like the parties do not make the mistake and not come .. !!

3. Kamari

Nature / Beaches

Απόσταση:
by car 3.2km
Χρόνος:
06΄

GPS: N36.37457361146372, W25.484546227905298

4. Wine Museum

Culture / Museums

Location:
Vothonas

Contact:
Tel: (+30) 22860 31322

Απόσταση:
by car 3.4km
Χρόνος:
07΄

GPS: N36.391537575071915, W25.46304564044192

Santorini

Access

By boat: The island has daily connections with Piraeus by boat that is approaching the island in about 8 hours, and fast ferries that arrive in about 5 hours. The frequency of flights and routes vary depending on the season.

By air: Santorini Airport is also receiving daily flights from Athens and Thessaloniki, as well as from abroad. The frequency of flights and routes vary depending on the season.

Local transportation

For getting around the island you can use the local buses through frequent routes connecting Fira with other villages and points of interest. You will find also many options to rent a car, motorbike or ATV.

Marinas: For anyone visiting Santorini by boat, the marina at Vlichada is the most organized, where boats can refuel and get water. Other options are Armeni below Ia, the Amoudi and at Thirasia, Korfos and Riva.

Useful telephone numbers

Health Services
Health Center (Fira): (+30) 22860 22237
First Aid (Emporio): (+30) 22860 81222
First Aid (Kamari): (+30) 22860 31175
First Aid (Ia): (+30) 22860 71227
First Aid (Pyrgos): (+30) 22860 31207
First Aid (Thirasia): (+30) 22860 29144
Municipality
Municipality of Thira: (+30) 22863 60100
Community of Ia: (+30) 22860 71228
Police
Police Station (Fira): (+30) 22860 22649
Port Authority
Port Authority: (+30) 22860 22239
Fire Service
Fire Service: (+30) 22860 33199
Transportation
Santorini Airport: (+30) 22860 28400
Bus station: (+30) 22860 25404
Taxi: (+30) 22860 22555
Other
Pharmacy (Fira): (+30) 22860 22700
(Fira): (+30) 22860 23444
(Fira): (+30) 22860 25310
Pharmacy (Ia): (+30) 22860 71464
Pharmacy (Kamari): (+30) 22860 32440
Pharmacy (Messaria): (+30) 22860 32566
Municipality of Thira (Office of Civil Marriages): (+30) 22860 28094
Cable Car (Fira): (+30) 22860 22977

Heraklion Prefecture

Access

By boat: There are two departures daily from Piraeus throughout the year, four during summer time. The journey takes eight hours, and the ships are large and comfortable. In summer time there is connection with the Cyclades (Anafi, Santorini, Milos, Mykonos, Paros, Ios) and the Dodecanese (Halki, Karpathos, Kasos, Rhodes). There is also scheduled service connecting Heraklion to Sitia. The frequency of departures varies depending on the season.

By plane: Heraklion has the largest airport in Crete, the international airport "N. Kazantzakis "and serves flights from Athens Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (a flight of fifty minutes') and from Thessaloniki Macedonia Airport (a flight of an hour and fifteen minutes). Heraklion is also connected by air with Santorini, Mykonos, Paros and Rhodes as well as the United Kingdom, Italy, Russia, Germany, etc., with a large number of charter flights. The frequency of service varies depending on the season.
Tel: (+30) 281 397 800
www.heraklion-airport.info

By car: The prefecture of Heraklion and Heraklion city have easy road access from the surrounding prefectures. Indicatively Heraklion is 138km. from Chania, 65km. from Agios Nikolaos, 79km. from Rethymnon and 68 km. from Elounda. If you are in Heraklion you are 5km away from Knossos, 36km. from Anogia, 60km. from Phaistos, 27km. from Hersonissos, 34km. from Malia and 70km. from Matala.

Domestic transportation

For transportation you can use the bus service that operates both within the county as well as connecting Heraklion with the big cities in the surrounding prefectures.
Information services: (+30) 2810 245020, 246530, 255965
www.ktelherlas.gr

Useful telephone numbers

Health Services
University Hospital: (+30) 2810 392111
Venizelio - Pananio Hospital: (+30) 2810 368000
Agia Varvara Health Center: (+30) 28940 22222
Ano Viannou Health Center: (+30) 28950 22626
Arkalohori Health Center: (+30) 28910 23013
Kastelli Health Center: (+30) 28910 29400
Mires Health Center: (+30) 28920 23378
Haraka Health Center: (+30) 28930 22545
Municipalities
Municipality of Heraklion: (+30) 2810 399 399
Municipality of Hersonissos: (+30) 28970 30000
Municipality of Kastelli: (+30) 28910 29360
Municipality of Arkalochori: (+30) 28913 40300
Municipality of Timpaki: (+30) 28920 51250
Police Authority
Heraklion Police Station: (+30) 2810 274010
Hersonissos Police Station: (+30) 29 338 2810
Kastelli Police Station: (+30) 32 100 2810
Heraklion Tourist Police: (+30) 2810 274 046
Port Authority
Port Authority: (+30) 2810 244912
Transportation

Airport: (+30) 2810 397800
Bus Station: (+30) 2810 255 965
Taxis: (+30) 2810 210 102