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where to stay

# Santorini

Santorini is the beauty queen of the Cyclades, an Aegean archipelago between Athens and Crete. The Greek icon – just 11 miles from tip to tail – is known for its whitewashed villages clinging to cliffs, cobalt-domed churches and sunsets that draw applause. Beyond these famed views, the island is quietly evolving, drawing families, keen hikers tracing caldera-edge paths and visitors hungry for reimagined Greek flavours. Its hotel scene is changing in kind. Travellers are now venturing beyond white-cube resorts to discover characterful stays, from village addresses to retreats by the seaside, where the black sands were forged by a spectacular volcanic eruption over 3,000 years ago.

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## Best for fine dining

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Burrowed high into the rock and spilling down the caldera to the Aegean, this warren of 39 cave dwellings is just off Oia's main marbled street. It's easy to miss at first, largely unheralded by signs to maintain an air of seclusion. But take a peek down from the walkway and you'll spot Lycabettus, its superlative restaurant on its own tiny peninsula. It's here that chef Christos Karagiannis combines traditional Greek ingredients with contemporary flair, creating dishes like soft red shrimp tartare in a bloom of kohlrabi petals and tangy green gazpacho. After dinner, walk along the higgledy-piggledy flight of stairs to the rooms. Each is awash with dark woods and creamy stone, with their own lounge-backed whirlpool baths, plunge or infinity pools. It's a muted environment that only highlights the main attraction: that backdrop of endless blue sea.

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