



Santorini Island

Date: Friday to Sunday, 25 to 27 September, 2020

Cost with airline ticket (40' flight time): 495 € per person in a DOUBLE room (minimum participation: 20 persons)

Cost with ferry ticket (7 hour sail time): 385 € per person in a DOUBLE room (minimum participation: 20 persons)

Preliminary program

Day 1

- **Arriving at Santorini island (either by “Airplane” selection or by “Ship” selection)**
- **Settling at the hotel, Free time at island’s main city Fira**
- **Visit at the famous picturesque village of Oia at the northern part of the island.**
There we will have the opportunity to walk at the famous alleys of the village, to observe the cave houses dug into the volcanic rock (pumice), but most of all to enjoy the breathtaking sunset from Oia’s old castle (Goulas).



Day 2

- **Visit at the volcanic islets of Kammeni complex (the active Volcano)**
In the morning, we will take the cable car to go to Fira old harbor (Gyalos). Boarding on the boat to visit the volcanic islets of New and Old Kammeni, located in the center of famous Santorini caldera, approximately 2 miles away from the main island.
The volcanic islands (the youngest volcanic islands in the Eastern Mediterranean) are the result of the volcano’s most recent activity (latest eruption recorded in mid 50’s). From the foothills of the volcano, there will be visit of the main points of interest in New Kammeni (the volcano itself), visitors will be informed for the volcano activity that built the island and they will visit the monitoring area of the Institute for the Study and Monitoring of the Santorini Volcano (ISMOSAV).



Afterwards we will move to the oldest islet of Old Kammeni where you have the opportunity to bathe at the undersea hot springs of Agios Nikolaos with a temperature of 35°C.

Return at Gyalos harbor and by the cable car or the traditional donkey we will arrive at Fira.

- **Wine tasting at Santo wines winery.**

With a spectacular view at the edge of the caldera, we will have a wine tasting of the famous Santorini's wines, at the local winery, combined with another perspective of Santorini sunset.



Day 3

- **Visit the famous Red Beach at the Southern part of the island.**

Red beach is one of the most scenic and interesting beaches of the island, located near the Akrotiri archaeological site. Over there we will have the time to discuss about the natural hazard of this area (swimming is officially forbidden there due to systematic rockfalls), that owe its presence to the uninterrupted combination of sea erosion and massive rockfalls. The Red Beach cliff, mainly composed of volcanic scoria





cones, was found to be very challenging case for determining a feasible engineering geological solution. Its numerous requirements with respect to rockfall control and stabilization in conjunction with the necessity of maintaining the landscape's natural beauty and preserving the adjacent archeological site further complicated the problem.

- **Visit at Akrotiri Archaeological Site**

The Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri was one of the most important centres and ports in the Aegean Sea by the time it was covered by volcanic ash followed the 17th century BC eruption. The settlement has a number of notable features: An elaborate drainage system, and was made up of sophisticated multi-storey buildings that were decorated with exquisite wall-paintings. The quality and quantity of the furniture and ceramic vessels are evidence of the town's prosperity. The whole civilization developed in the area disappeared simultaneously with the mass eruption of that era, and resulted the devastation of the island and the formation of the caldera.



- **Return back to Athens (in the evening) (either by “Airplane” selection or by “Ship” selection)**