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Santorini

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ARRIVAL & YOUR FIRST TRANSFER

Cruise ships normally anchor in the caldera and passengers go ashore by tender. The Old Port below Fira is a common landing; some excursions use Athinios. Confirm the exact arrival and return points with your ship. Old Port has no road connection up to Fira: plan for the cable car or a steep stepped path, and allow for queues.

CHOOSE YOUR PORT DAY

Fira & the cable car

The cable car connects the Old Port with Fira. Check the official operator for current fares, opening hours and accessibility. The stepped path is steep, can be slippery and is shared with animals; assess suitability carefully. Fira offers caldera views, shops, cafes and churches.

Volcano & hot springs

Boat excursions may visit the volcanic islands and offer swimming when conditions allow. Check the actual departure port, trip duration, physical requirements and return point. Weather, volcanic conditions and local restrictions can change access.

Local food & photo stops

Try tomato fritters, fava, Greek salad and seafood. Caldera viewpoints in Fira, Oia and Imerovigli are popular. Sunset plans only fit if your ship remains late enough; protect the tender return.

Oia & Imerovigli

These cliff-top settlements are reached by road from Fira. Oia requires a ground transfer beyond the cable car. Check bus routes or arrange suitable transport and a return plan. Narrow lanes, steps and crowded viewpoints can slow your visit.

Beaches & wineries

Kamari, Perissa and Perivolos are options reached by road. Santorini is known for volcanic wines, including Assyrtiko. Book tastings if needed and check current beach access and local conditions; avoid combining too many distant stops.

Choose a manageable day

For a shorter call, choose Fira and one nearby area. For a longer call, choose one main road or boat excursion. A scenic ride time does not include tender queues, cable-car queues, transfers or waiting.

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PRACTICAL PLANNING

Before going ashore

Check landing arrangements, mobility access, passenger restrictions and the last return tender. Rules and capacity controls can change. Follow the ship and local port instructions.

Return planning

Work backwards from the ship deadline. Leave time for road delays, cable-car queues and tender boarding. Keep an earlier personal return target and avoid relying on the final possible connection.

Before you leave the ship

Confirm ship time, the official all-aboard deadline, the return pickup or landing and a suitable earlier personal return target. Carry required documents, water and sun or weather protection. Recheck opening hours, tickets and transport for your actual date. This guide is planning guidance, not live port instructions or a navigation map.

OFFICIAL SOURCES & LIVE CHECKS

https://santorinicablecar.gr/

https://santorinicablecar.gr/storage/2026/04/Pricelist_EN_V1.pdf

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Sources checked for the 25 October 2026 review. Operators and governments can change fares, access rules and timetables. Check again for your sailing.