



Tour descriptions and distances

Day 1	
Arrival Santonini/Naxos	
Day 2	10 km
Circular Walk Naxos	
Day 3	7 km
To Eggaes	
Day 4	12 km
To Mt Zas	
Day 5	10 km
Back to Santorini	
Day 6	13 km
To Akrotiri	
Day 7	10 km
From Fira to Oia	
Day 8	
End of Tour	

Tour Details

Departs Daily from Apr to 25 Oct

Cost: \$1595 per person
High season supplement:
July and August add \$95

Single room charge: on Request
Length: 8 days / 7 nights
Grade: Moderate/Intermediate
Starts/Ends: Santorini

Santorini & Naxos Hiking

Santorini is one of the most stunning of the Greek islands, instantly recognizable around the world. It has everything, with its multicoloured cliffs that soar out of a sea-drowned caldera topped by drifts of whitewashed buildings, dazzling panoramas, romantic sunsets and volcanic-sand beaches. It's hardly surprising the island is one of the most popular destinations in Greece.

Then discover Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades Islands. It was a cultural centre of Classical Greece and Byzantium, and Venetian and Frankish influences who all left their mark. Its high mountains form rain clouds, and consequently Naxos is more fertile and green than most of the other Cyclades islands. It produces olives, grapes, figs, citrus fruit, corn and potatoes. Mt Zeus (also known as Mt Zas; 1004m) is the Cyclades' highest peak and is the central focus of the island's mountainous interior. On Naxos you explore the highest mountain of the area: Zas. From its summit you enjoy breath-taking views of olive-orchards around you that are in sharp contrast with the deep blue Aegean Sea.

Its main city has a gorgeous waterfront and a web of steep cobbled alleys below its hilltop, but you needn't travel far to find isolated beaches, distinctive mountain villages and ancient sites.

And what better way to discover this unique landscape than on foot?

Fast Facts

- Outstanding scenery, truly only appreciated on foot
- 7 nights using charming accommodations throughout with breakfast included
- Luggage transfers, route notes and maps
- Transfers Naxos/Santorini and internal taxi during walk as described
- Transfers to/from Santorini Airport or Port

Day 1 Arrive Santorini and travel to Naxos

Your trip starts at Santorini airport where you will be met by a taxi for a transfer to the port for your ferry to Naxos. The journey between the islands takes two hours then you will be met at the port and taken to your hotel. If time allows, you can do the 1 ½ hour walk to Chrisostomos starting at the port. This is a great way to get to know the town and admire some great views over Chora, the remains of an ancient acropolis, while stretching your legs.

Day 2 Circular walk from Chalki via Melanes 10 km

Take a local bus to Chalki in the heart of the Tragea plain and explore the fertile countryside of central Naxos. This is an area that boasts having olive trees that are over a thousand years old! You walk on cobbled paths via the Venetian Fortress, Ano Kastro, to an ancient marble quarry where you find a 10m high statue dating back to the 6th century BC. You may end your walk in the nearby village of Melanes. Here, you can take either a taxi or local bus back to the hotel.

Day 3 Walk from Kynidaros to Eggares 7 km

After a short transfer to Kynidaros, enjoy a gentle walk to the small village of Eggares. Enjoy lunch in one of the tavernas on the stone-built main square before returning to your hotel.

Day 4 Walk from Filoti to Apiranthos via Mt. Zas 12 km

Today you will take another public bus or taxi to the village of Filoti to start today's walk. From the village, built at the foothills of Mt. Zas (also known as Mount Zeus), you climb to the summit of this legendary mountain and be rewarded with panoramic views. After descending back down, you walk through agricultural fields and along a monastery to the village Apiranthos. After a relaxing break in a local café, you can take a taxi or public bus back to your hotel.

Day 5 From Naxos to Santorini 10 km

Today you will travel from Naxos to Santorini. The hotel bus will take you to the port of Naxos. You will be impressed by the views to the steep coloured cliffs of this ancient volcanic island and the whitewashed villages of Santorini. You may take a short round walk from Akrotiri along the caldera or visit the ancient site of Akrotiri, time allowing.

Day 6 Walk from Perissa to Akrotiri 13 km

Today a transfer will take you to Perissa, where you start hiking up an old path to a scenic valley. First you walk up to Ancient Thira - the capital of the island in Roman times, then descend via an old path to the quiet interior of the island, walking through vineyards and through picturesque villages. Continuing through the volcanic landscape, you walk back to Akrotiri village.

Day 7 Walk from Fira to Oia 10 km

This morning you will catch a public bus to Fira, the capital of Santorini. Here you can explore the narrow alleyways of this whitewashed town, built on the top of volcanic cliffs. You may also wish to visit some of the museums. In the afternoon, you hike the famous trail from Fira to Oia. You will mainly walk along a well-maintained mule-path with fabulous views of the lagoon and the spectacular steep cliffs. When you reach the small town of Oia you will be picked up and transferred back to your hotel.

Day 8 Departure

Your trip ends today after a short transfer to Santorini airport.



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be warm and sunny. In Spring and Fall, you can expect high 70's (high 20's C), and cooler evenings. Sunscreen is a must during the day, as is a sweater for the cooler nights. Traditionally it does not rain, but it is recommended to bring some rain gear in case. Summers are hot and sunny.

How many hours of walking a day?

Be prepared to walk between 4-7 hours daily, rarely on flat terrain. There are some portions of the Greek countryside with hills, however, these are shorter rolling ascents and descents - very do-able with short distances in order to enjoy your day.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, and some long distance hiking experience is recommended but not required. If you think you cannot do all of the mileage, we can add some internal transfers (at a cost) to shorten the route.

What are the hotels like?

We use mostly 3* accommodations, with twin-bedded rooms, all with private facilities in the itinerary.

Getting There

The main airport closest to the starting point is Athens International Airport. Then you can take a local flight directly to Santorini. On arrival, you will be transferred to the first hotel. At the end of your trip, you can extend it to some of the other islands or back to Athens. We will provide the transfer back to the airport on the last day.



How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire booking process.
- Download the reservation form from our website and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent immediately or simply complete it online.
- Deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Terms & conditions are outlined on the back of our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or directly a travel insurance provider.
- Ensure that you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.