

Aegean Queen

Experience the unique flavors of the astonishing Santorini where the local products grow on volcanic

soil, under a burning sun and the strong winds of the Aegean Sea

The southernmost volcanic border of the Cycladic complex, the “daughter of an enormous wrath” of the poets; the place that combines the windswept sceneries with the warm hospitality; the world class wines with the folk tavernas and the unique and rich culinary tradition with the cosmopolitan spirit; welcomes you on board to one of your most extraordinary gourmet experiences. The aromas, smells and flavors are going to be the memories of your Santorinian tale...

Day 1. Arrive & get settled

Arrive in Santorini and check-in at a 5* hotel. Enjoy the hotel facilities and relax by the swimming pool. Meet your guide and your fellow travelers and enjoy together a welcome dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

Day 2. Akrotiri, Prehistoric city & Oia

The day starts with a guided tour to the prehistoric city of Akrotiri, to admire the high level of technology, architecture, fine arts creations and gastronomy of this great Cycladic civilization. Next stop will be the Prehistoric Museum of Thira where you will join in a guided tour to see all the important artifacts and relics of the prehistoric city. Proceed to a nearby restaurant famous for its 100% local kitchen, where you will enjoy lunch and an introduction to the Greek cuisine. In the afternoon, you will follow a wine tasting seminar in the most famous wine bistro of the island. At the end of the seminar, a light buffet of Greek delicacies will wait for you to taste it, followed by a walk to the picturesque village of Oia.

Day 3. Pyrgos & Fira

Visit the oldest and most celebrated restaurant on the island, with a folklore museum, where you will follow a lecture about the traditional way of cultivation and production of all the local products of Santorini. Participate in a hands-on cooking class, held by an expert chef. You will then enjoy the fruits of your labor accompanied by local wines and take part in a food photography seminar. Have a walk to Pyrgos village and visit the Venetian castle, the small quarters and the countless traditional chapels. The day will close with a light dinner of Greek snacks in a “meze”-specializing restaurant in Fira.

Day 4. Winery tour around the island

The day begins with a guided wine tour of three of the most important wineries on the island. Take advantage of the presence of our wine guide, to answer all your questions about the secrets of winemaking and taste more than 20 different wine labels! Close the tour with a light lunch at one of the wineries, where you will taste dishes made exclusively by vegetables growing on the island. Visit the renovated walls of the Venetian castle of Akrotiri, hosting a wind-operating musical instruments workshop. The next stop will be a restaurant in Fira for your creative- traditional dinner.

Day 5. Sea & the sunset

Spend the morning swimming and sunbathing on the black volcanic sand of Vlychada beach. Walk to the most special fish restaurant on the island, for a presentation of the local seafood and fish cuisine and a rich lunch. In the afternoon, you will enjoy the most romantic cruise around the island with stops for swimming & snorkeling at the White and Red beach. Visit the hot springs and relax in the warm mineral waters. You will then experience barbeque on board, where the catamaran crew members will serve you a delicious dinner of local dishes, wine and soft drinks. Make a last stop close to Oia vilage, to watch the magnificent sunset from one of the best spots on the island and return back before the night falls.

Day 6. Santorinian gastronomy: history & tradition

Start your day with a visit to the Wine Museum, where you will have the chance to learn, through an interactive presentation, the history of wine on the island. Enter an old cannava (wine cellar) house, transformed to an art gallery for some art and wine pairing and to one of the oldest wineries in Santorini, for a special tasting. Have lunch at a restaurant by the sea, where you will enjoy the

creations of one of the most upcoming Greek chefs. In the evening, proceed to one of the most famous restaurants of the island for your closing hands-on cooking class and goodbye dinner, all about Santorinian classic recipes and delicacies.

Day 7. Farewell breakfast and transfer to the port/airport for departure, before picking your next Culinary Experiences destination!

Included:

- Accommodation in Aressana 5* hotel, Fira
- Airport pick up & drop off
- Private group luxury transfers
- Guided five-day tour to traditional villages, archaeological & historic sites and natural attractions, like the famous Volcano of Thera
- Visit to Akrotiri archaeological site and profound learning of prehistoric cultures' cuisine
- Three cooking classes by expert chefs
- Three wine seminars & visit to wine museum
- One food photography seminar
- Visits & tastings in the work field, of winemakers, and more
- Short distance trekking activities (level of difficulty: easy)
- One half day cruise
- Six breakfasts
- Five lunches & five dinners
- All entrance fees for scheduled activities / visits
- English speaking guide
- Travel insurance

Excluded:

- International & domestic flights
- Visas
- Meals & Drinks, where not listed as included in the itinerary
- Optional additional tours or activities during free time
- Tips and items of a personal nature