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## Andronis Arcadia

### Oia, Greece

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9/10

Telegraph expert  
rating

"The pool area at the biggest of the Andronis hotels in Santorini has been supersized to create a mega resort a five-minute walk from the tourist throng, cobbles and stairways of the most visited village on the island."

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Rooms from  
**£520** per night

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1 room, 2 adults, 0 children

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Telegraph Review

By Mark C. O'Flaherty

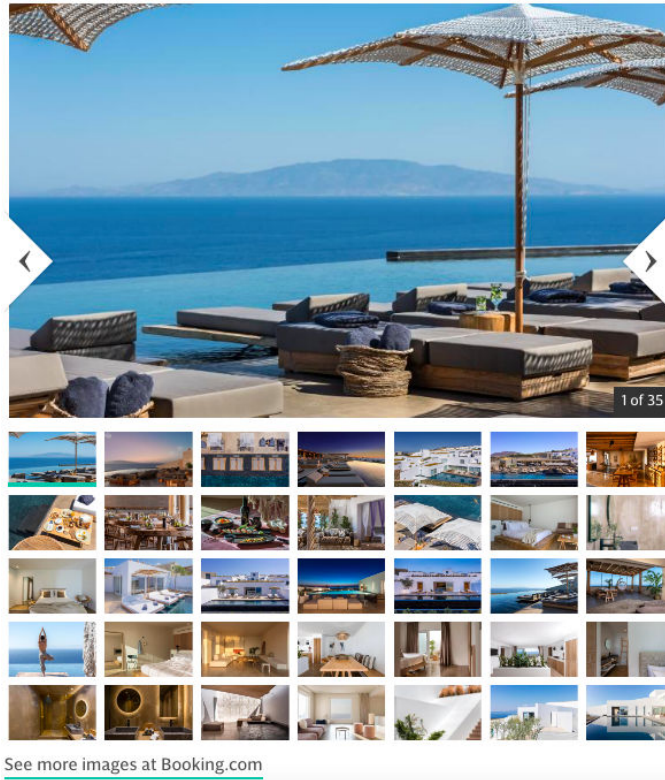
## 9/10 Location

Its sibling hotels are built into the cliffs of the village, but this Andronis property has the best of all worlds – there’s no need for a taxi if you are focused on Oia, but when you’re past the gates you have a super-sized resort with a pool, spa and room sizes that dwarf anything nearby. That pool is also one of the best spots to see the sunset at the top of the island, and infinitely more pleasurable than any of the bars up the hill, with their exorbitant cover charges. The airport is a 25-minute drive away.



## 8 / 10 **Style and Character**

The resort has the look and scale of a luxury residential complex, with lots of Greek whitewash, polished plaster and modern art punctuating spaces and walls – most notably riffing on cuboid sculptures. The white spaces contain pleasing rustic elements – warm wood furniture, and parasols and hammocks by the pool that are crocheted rather than fabric. There’s also a lot of cane used to create private areas, and landscape gardening brings flashes of green across roof areas, to contrast with that typically cobalt blue sky. Things are generally tranquil, but you may tire of the umpteenth play of Wicked Game by the pool.



## 9 /10 Service and Facilities

While the rest of Europe seems to be suffering from a dearth, this hotel has an army of charming staff. The meet and greet at reception, and explanation of the layout of the resort and facilities, was too long and bewildering, but there's an app to help (which wouldn't play dice with my iPhone, sadly). The expanded pool area below the original infinity pool and bar is the biggest on the island and looks incredible in every photograph.



The Evexia spa is vast. The massage I had was superb, but the weird Water Path walk I had in on a loop through the alternately ice cold and hot channels of the Kneipp pools was better. At first it made me grimace, but I left high as a kite.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Fitness centre
- ✔ Parking
- ✔ Restaurant
- ✔ Sauna
- ✔ Steam room/hammam
- ✔ Beach
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Pool
- ✔ Room service
- ✔ Spa
- ✔ Wi-Fi

## 8/10 Rooms

Some (me included) will dislike the pronounced ledges around the bed frames, which are awkward to navigate when nature calls in the middle of the night. That aside, each room has a private plunge pool and a sea view, so offer a great way to immerse yourself in privacy at sunset. The polished plaster bathrooms are chic, and I loved the complimentary natural sponges. I would have liked a bathtub, but skinny dipping in the plunge pool after dark was good compensation.

## 9<sub>/10</sub> Food and Drink

Opson is a Mediterranean rustic-meets-fine-dining spot with a variety of tasting menus, each inspired by gods, philosophers and farmers. Pacman is big, buzzy and poolside, with sunset cocktails, fabulous croques and a yoghurt trolley in addition to all the usual breakfast menu favourites, and parallel sushi and Greek classic lunch and dinner menus. The simpler nigiri and sashimi plates are better and lighter than the rolls, but there are some elevated local dishes you must try – especially the aubergine stuffed with peppers, walnut and feta. The wine cellar downstairs is immense, and the superb, extravagantly tattooed sommelier is more than happy to walk you through some great local varietals and blends.

Guests are encouraged to visit the swanky French-accented al fresco cliffside restaurants at the nearby sibling Andronis hotels: the nine-course menu at Lauda is big on local seafood, while you'll find extremely fancified lobster, chicken and wagyu at Lycabettus, which when viewed from above might be the most beautiful restaurant in the world, appearing to float over the sea.

## 8<sub>/10</sub> Value for Money

Double rooms from €580 (£515) in low season; and from €830 (£736) in high season. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

This is not a resort for those on a budget – prices are on par with Mayfair (or indeed the rest of five-star Santorini), and if you want to luxe-up the breakfast that’s included in the room rate, there’s a “special dish” of Osietra caviar and blini for a supplement of €384 (£340).

## **Access for guests with disabilities?**

There are two accessible rooms, but many of the dining and pool levels aren’t wheelchair-friendly.

## **Family-Friendly?**

There are children's amenity packs with shampoos and shower gels and sketch kits; kids' spa treatments and “yoga for the young”, as well as family cooking lessons. There are also several family-friendly suites with two bedrooms.

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