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## The best hotels in Santorini

*Stunning villas, private pools and views over the Caldera – these are the best Santorini hotels to stay, sleep and soak up the Aegean sunshine*

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When the world dreams of the [Greek Islands](#), it's [Santorini](#) that they picture. The view of white-washed [villages](#) dangling on the edge of the volcanic caldera may be a romantic cliché, but it still takes your breath away. And while day-trippers clamour to capture that overworked sunset shot, the best hotels in Santorini serve it up on a platter. Draw a curtain, order a cocktail or take a dip at these beloved addresses and you'll enjoy a front-row seat to Santorini's sensational views. It's not just the sun-soaked backdrop that these Santorini hotels promise; privacy is also part of the innate appeal. On this list you'll find boltholes hidden at the end of dirt tracks, intimate villas with uninterrupted sunset views and fish baked in vine leaves served at guest-only restaurants. It's the Greece of dreams. Make it a reality with our edit of the best hotels in Santorini.



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## Andronis Arcadia

Much of the whitewashed hotels on Santorini are confined to honeymoon-worthy adult-only stays, which is why Andronis Arcadia – one of five Andronis properties on the island – is a real find for families. There's no scrimping regarding swoon-worthy good looks – suites here retain the island's authenticity, with bright-white-meets-earthy-neutral interiors composed as if they've been carved out of the rock itself. With only suites and villas, there's room for the whole crew – the largest villa sleeps up to 12. All open out onto private infinity pools. There are three more sweeping pools on the property (including one for kids) to choose from, each cascading down the caldera and offering a unique perspective. Activities for tinies are in keeping with the hotel's nature-loving ethos – yoga, family cooking classes and a kid's club with a considered focus on holistic learning. Dining options include the Pacman Sunset Restaurant, where the sushi menu is a standout, and the Beef Bar, which, as the name suggests, specialises in carnivorous street food, plus a decent selection of vegetarian options. The staff here are what really brings the magic to life, though. Ever accommodating, especially to our son, knowledgeable and passionate about making your stay peaceful and personal.

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