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## The best hotels in Santorini

Draw a curtain, order a cocktail and take a dip at these beloved addresses, these are the best hotels in Santorini

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Santorini is one of the most well-known [Greek Islands](#), and the best hotels in Santorini are also (it must be said) some of the [best hotels in Greece](#). It's the place you probably picture when you imagine that postcard-perfect view: a jumble of small whitewashed buildings tumbling cliffside towards a sparkling blue sea. And it is just that pretty in real life. But Santorini's beauty, which is also its main draw, is often its downfall due to the crowds that follow. No one wants to jostle for space as they compose that idyllic Santorini shot, after all. The good news is that most of the selfie-seeking crowds are confined to two [villages](#): Oia and Fira, but there's a whole island beyond, much of which is surprisingly serene.

If you want to sleep amid the action, there are a handful of hotels that offer tranquil spaces away from the madding crowds and come with front-row views of the sensational caldera. Or, if you're more content spending the night in a small traditional village surrounded by some of the [best restaurants in Santorini](#), in a swished-up space at the end of a dirt track, at the foothills of a mountain, or high above it all with a bird's-eye-view of the island, these are the best places to do so.

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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 four 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-earthly-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 kids' club with a considered focus on holistic learning. Dining options include the Pacman Sunset Restaurant, where the sushi menu is a standout, and Riccardo Giraudi's Beefbar. 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.

*Tanya Fernandes*

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## Andronis Boutique Hotel →

Andronis is set right in the heart of Oia among the traditional whitewashed houses and blue-domed roofs lining the landscape. Twenty-five suites and villas – each with private terraces and sea views, some with hot tubs or plunge pools – are dotted around the curves of the hotel's traditional cave-style architecture. The hotel's restaurant, Lauda, was the first restaurant to open in Oia, back in 1971, gathering locals and visitors to convene over traditional food sourced from the local area. That ethos continues today – using regional ingredients to create fresh dishes and bringing in top chefs to rustle up knock-out menus featuring Greek dishes such as the locally caught fish with eggplant and lemon verbena and a fava dish served with Greek mushrooms. Guests must be 13 or older to check in, and the vibe is definitely much more **romantic** retreat than family affair. *Cordelia Aspinall*

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