# Thira

**Distance to town:** Around 10 minutes from the top of the Cable Car

Shopping:

Head up high to the heart of Thira's town, where you can shop till you drop all day long



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## **Top Sights:**

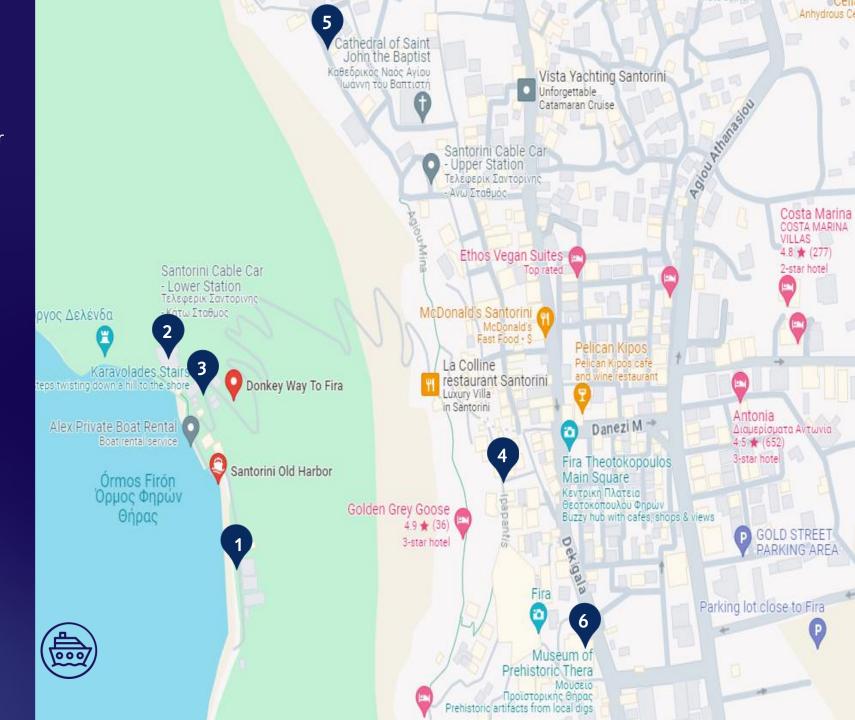
1 Tender Drop Off & Pick Up Point

Cable Car Station

3 Steps (587)

- 4 Odos Ipapantis (Gold Street)
- 5 Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
- 6 Museum of Prehistoric Thira

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## EXPLORE ASHORE SANTORINI

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

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CURRENCY EUROS



LANGUAGE GREEK



**TENDER TO SHORE** 

#### **AT A GLANCE**

Prepare to fall head over heels for this sun-blushed beauty. Santorini is the very essence of Greek charm. Sugar-cube houses cling to the cliffs. Vivid blue church domes add a splash of colour.

When we sail to Santorini, we will be anchored a short distance from the port and using a tender service to take you from the ship to the shore. On arrival to the Port, you'll see that the town of Thira is perched up high on the cliffs tops.

There's different options to explore the town with the most popular option being the cable car. The cable car takes around 5 minutes to reach the top and is around  $\in$ 6 each way. There's a few steps to reach the cable car station and once you arrive to the top, it's around a 10 minute walk to the middle of the town, although you'll find many tavernas and shops dotted along the way, if you fancy a little pit stop. The cable car is often very busy with queues so allow yourself enough time for your return back to the ship.

If you're feeling adventurous, taking the 587 marble steps can be good fun, however you will require sturdy footwear as the steps are uneven and can be slippery.

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**

**Oia Village:** Considered one of Europe's most romantic destinations, there's an undeniable appeal to this charming traditional village, bringing tourists here all year round.

**Archaeological Museum of Thira:** The Museum of Prehistoric Thera is divided into four exhibition areas covering different periods in the island's history and its geology.

**Cathedral of St John The Baptist:** This iconic landmark was was built in 1823 and is known for it's Baroque Style. The colours and size make it stand out and the clock tower stands proudly overlooking the town.

#### **BEST BEACHES**

If it's a beach day that you're looking for then Santorini has a few to choose from. It's said that Santorini's beaches aren't the ones in Greece to rave about but what it does provide is sunbathing opportunities with rugged geological features and unique scenery. Perivolos, Perissa and Kamari beaches are the ones to keep on your radar and all within a 15 to 20 minute taxi ride from centre of Thira.

#### SHOPPING

If you enjoy shopping for souvenirs on vacation, you're in luck with Thira. It's known for being the hub for shopaholics, offering up fashion, jewellery, trinkets, ceramics, and local artwork. On every corner you'll discover white washed walls that house all your Greek goodies that are ready to burn a hole in your pocket. If Greek Jewellery is on the agenda, head through to Odos Ipapantis, nicknamed the Gold Street.

#### DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

If you'd like one top tip for the day, it would be to indulge your taste buds in the local cuisine. Many of the cliff top restaurants serve your food fresh from the ocean or marinated and grilled to perfection. A top mouth-watering dish is the a tasty gyro which is a combo of grilled meat, such as lamb or beef, piled on pita bread with salad and yogurt.

#### JUST SO YOU KNOW

As with all tourist destinations, pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas so please be mindful of your possessions.

Santorini can be very hot and busy during the Summer months. You should expect queues to popular sites and attractions so we recommend taking water with you.

For more information on what to do ashore, speak to the Destination Services team on Deck 5