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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.

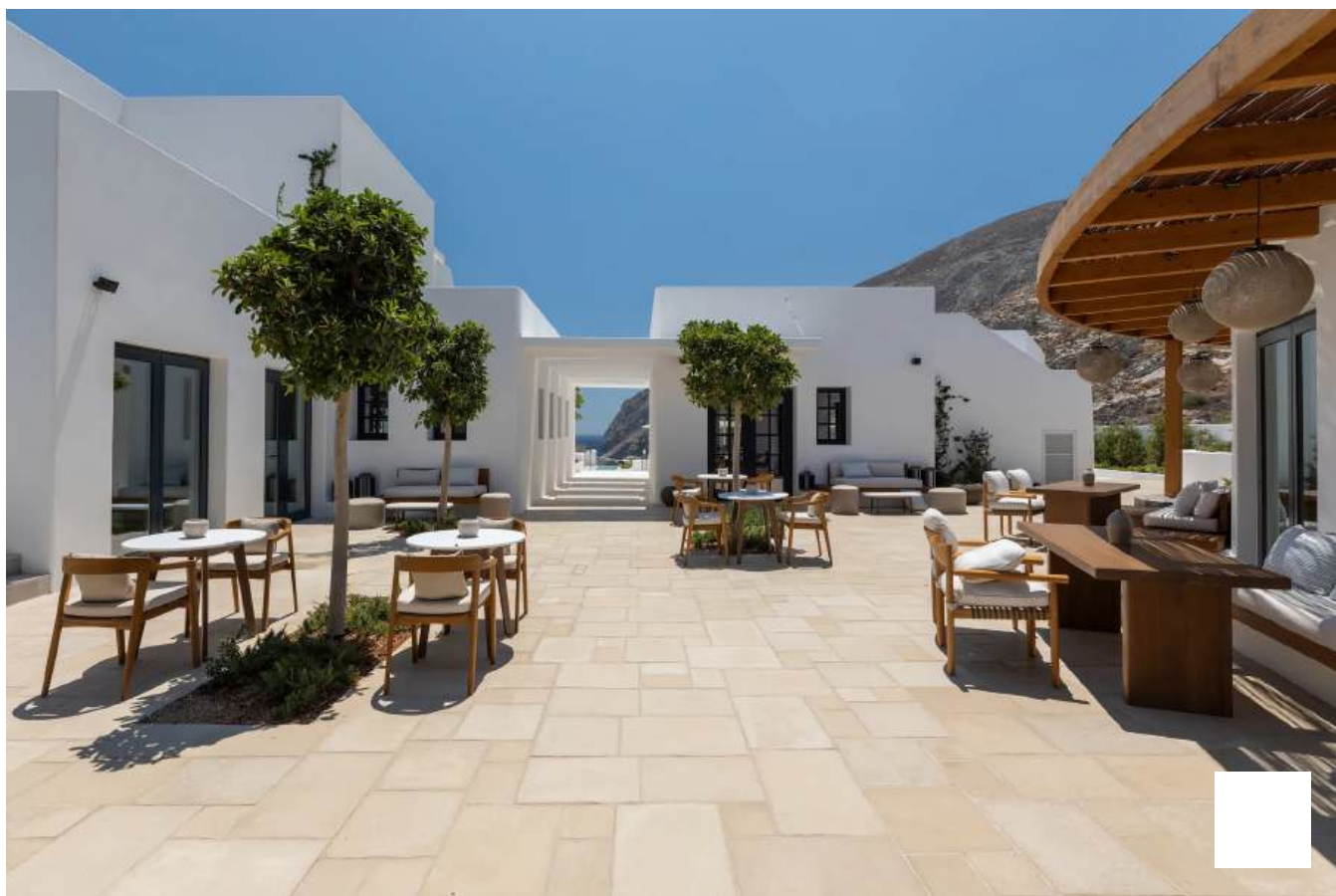
If you want to sleep amid the action, there are a handful of hotels that offer tranquil spaces away from the madding crowds and come with front-row views of the sensational caldera. Or, if you're more content spending the night in a small traditional village surrounded by some of the [best restaurants 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.

Draw a curtain, order a cocktail and take a dip at these beloved addresses; these are the best hotels in Santorini for 2025.

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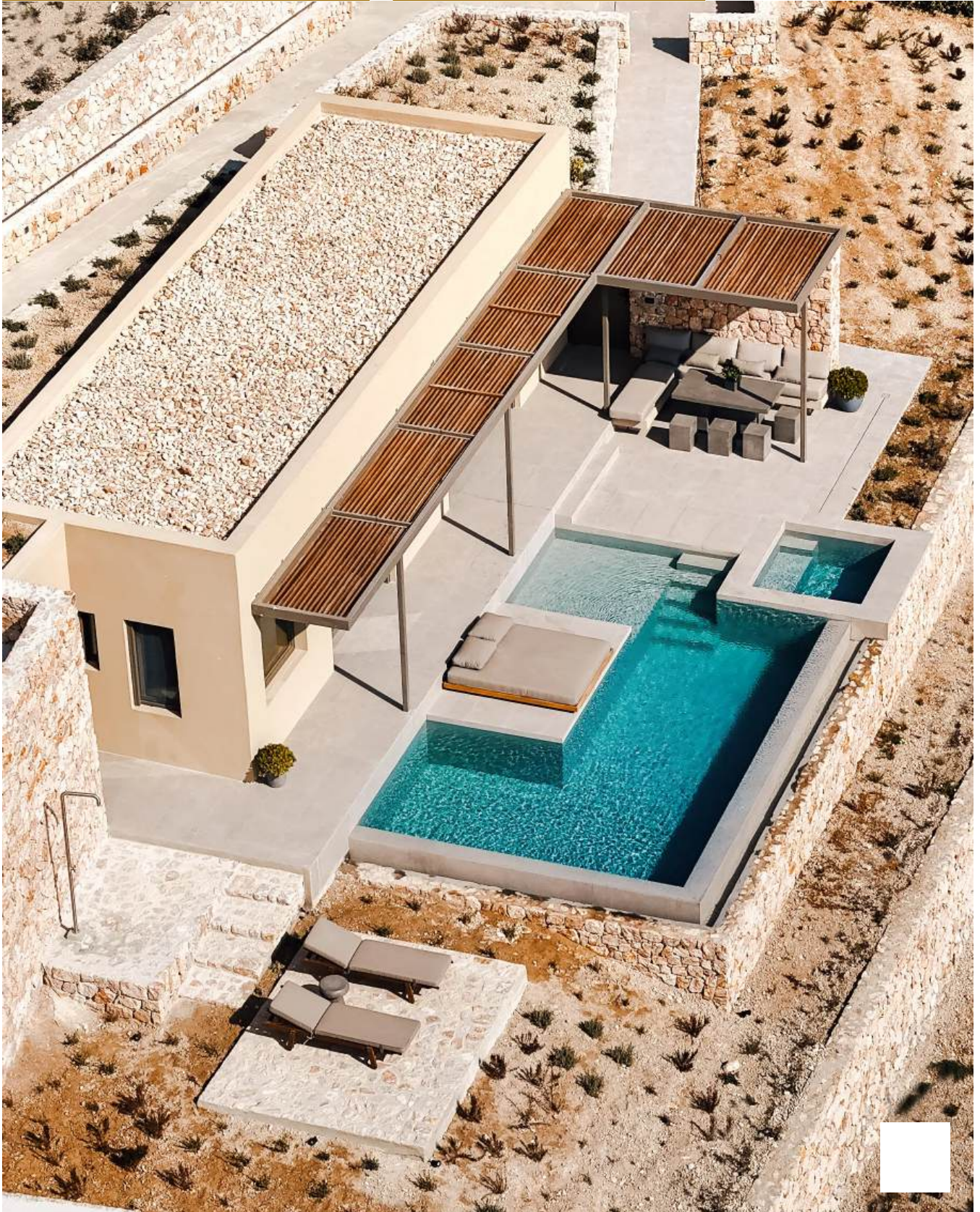
Sandblu

Sandblu only opened in 2024, and is back for 2025 with 15 new rooms designed, like the rest of the hotel, by coveted New York-based architects, Rockwell Group. Located on the east of the island, away from the caldera crowds (yet only eight kilometres from Fira for when you do want to join the selfie-taking masses), Sandblu is a relaxed retreat, burrowed into mountain foothills and a 10-minute walk from volcanic-black-sand Kamari beach. Sixty-six rooms, suites and villas are designed in the style of a typical Cycladic village – stone exteriors, whitewashed walls and pops of blue to match the stretching sea views. Wellness is taken seriously at the spa, which features a sauna,

indoor pool, and treatments using products by 111Skin and ESPA. There are also two infinity pools that become the backdrop for elegant dining on Mediterranean dishes as the sun sets over the sea below.

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Santorini Sky

Close to the clouds – and actually sometimes above them, on the rare occasion of a bad-weather day – Santorini Sky is perched high above sea level on the island’s highest hill. This elevated location affords guests truly some of the best views on the island; you might not spot the caldera from your suite but, perched at a table at the cliffside Sky Lounge, views trace the island shape, stretching from Megalochori on the west, to the Bronze Age site of Akrotiri in the south, and across to the Perissa black-sand beach in the west. There’s a natural, earthy feel to all of the suites, villas and residences, each with spacious outdoor terraces, private pools and small kitchenettes – the hotel is, in theory, self-catering but you’ll find a generous supply of pastries, coffee and cakes by reception. The best villas include the new for 2025, 125-square-metre Master Villa, and the large, step-free and fully accessible Junior Residence with private parking, ramp access, and more. The first Pride event in Santorini was hosted here, and in March 2025, they were chosen by a couple from Texas to host the island’s first same-sex marriage, following the legalisation of same-sex marriages in Greece a year prior.

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Hōm Santorini

Santorini is home to many small, boutique hotels, but when you exclude the big, well-known brands from your search, it can be difficult to get a true sense of a hotel’s essence. Hōm is among the best. Located in the popular town of Oia, this 12-room hotel describes itself as a summerhouse. While the soul of a summerhouse is clear – easy, breezy, carefree days under the summer sun – the space is so much more than the term might suggest. For starters, there’s the poolside, caldera-view dining on dishes such as moussaka with bechamel sauce and potato confit or sea bass with fennel-flavoured orzo. Then there’s the gym or the spa treatments. And there are the rooms, most of which have hot tubs and sea views, and one (the Master Suite) which features a plunge pool. Lastly, there’s the service, which goes above and beyond, but remains personal. The bigger names may somewhat overshadow this stylish spot, but it offers a stay to rival them all.

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HOTEL

Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection →

Sitting directly in front of the famed Skaros Rock, with each level, from the 363 Bar to Varoulko Santorini, boasting unobstructed views, Grace Hotel has rooms peppered across the grounds, creating a real sense of privacy for each and every guest. We were lucky enough to stay in one of two Infinity Suites, an ultra-private addition to the boutique address, which features private infinity plunge pools and plush loungers positioned for lazing the day away. Interiors are pared-back minimalism at its finest, with calming greys and warm American walnut accents creating a relaxed ambience. Suites come with living areas that let light filter through the volcanic stone, keeping the space cool in the afternoon sun and ideal for enjoying a drink from the well-stocked mini-bar. At the heart of the culinary offering here is Varoulko Santorini, which overlooks the caldera and where Champagne breakfasts are a daily occurrence. Come evening, guests can enjoy a menu led by Michelin-star chef Lefteris Lazarou – either à la carte (which must include a starter, main, and dessert) or let chef Lazarou guide you through one of three tasting menus – Aegean, Exploration, or Lava. At nearby 363 Bar (so named as it sits 363 metres above sea level), cocktails are curated by Athens-based bar Babu Au Rum, which, in 2024, was named on The World's 50 Best Bars list for the tenth time.

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HOTEL

Santo Mine →

Opening in 2024 and clustered along a hillside topped by the dazzling white blaze of Oia town high above, this adults-only resort gazes out over its glittering infinity pool to Ammoudi's picturesque taverna-lined bay and the volcanic caldera's red-and-white cliffs beyond. Reached via winding alleys lined with sweet-scented shrubs, 37 spacious open-plan suites have barefoot-friendly tiled floors and breezy brine-kissed sea views from plump king-sized beds; some also have standalone bathtubs framed by grainy pumice statement walls that perpetuate the resort's sultry volcanic vibe. Best of all are the blissfully private terraces framed by high stone walls where plunge pools or whirlpool baths offer the same idyllic sunset vistas as Oia's famous castle viewing spot above, only without the crowds. Beyond the suites, a serene candlelit spa offers the perfect healing retreat after a long day's sightseeing, whilst the resort's cool, cave-like wine cellar is the perfect spot to sample mineral local wines that will prepare the palate

for a firework flavour-display of fresh and dry-aged seafood treats served up along with spectacular volcanic caldera views at Santo Mine's fine-dining restaurant, *Ālme*.
Heidi Fuller-Love

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HOTEL

Domes Novos Santorini, Autograph Collection →

This isn't your typical trad white-washed bolthole. Instead it's a modern, low-set complex in an intoxicating shade of terracotta pink. One that changes with the light, and matches the sky perfectly during the island's famed sunset – best admired from the poolside Vatanee restaurant. This bolthole marks the Santorini debut for the growing Domes portfolio and is a pebble's throw from the bustling cruise-crowded cliffs of Oia. It feels a world away though, with the sprawling hotel's angular walls peppered with volcanic stone, swimming pools and fragrant gardens that attract butterflies. Across the 50 rooms (referred to as retreats or bungalows depending on size) and two villas, the layout and decor vary, all with a calming neutral aesthetic,

private pools and terraces. The overall mood is a zen adult's retreat, one that also welcomes children (a rarity on Santorini) via a range of very appealing features – step-free, spacious rooms and a squirrelled-away kids' club. Drop wee ones off and make a beeline for the spa – a tranquil and earthy subterranean burrow with an impressively expansive heated pool. *Lauren Burvill*

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