

DESTINATION SERVICES

THIRA, SANTORINI



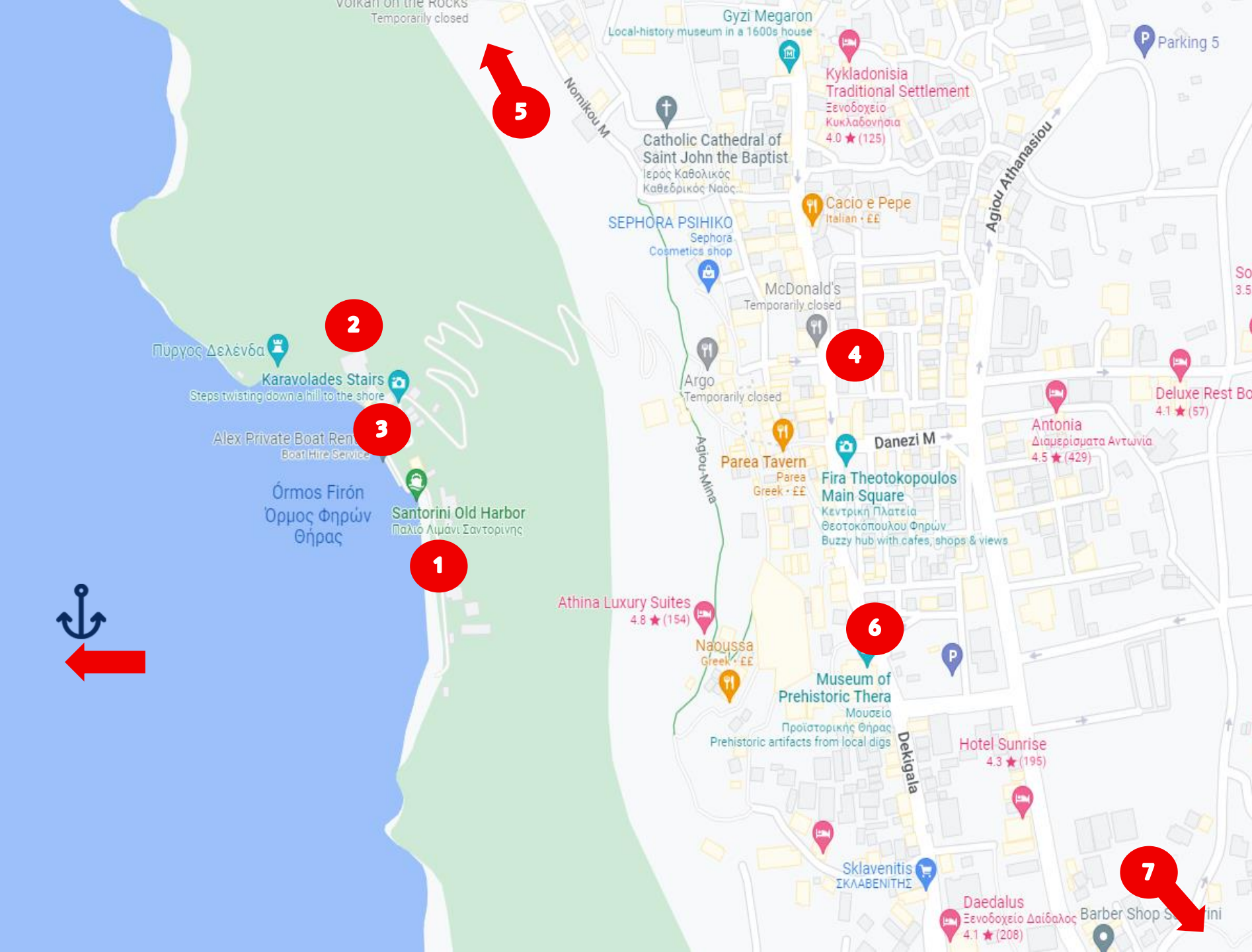
Ship's Location

1. Tender Drop Off/Pick Up
2. Cable Car Station
3. Steps (587)
4. Thira Town Centre
5. Oia
6. Museum of Thira
7. Perissa Beach

Distance to the town: 5 minute walk to cable car station

For more information please see the team at Destination Services

Source- [google.co.uk/maps](https://www.google.co.uk/maps)



EXPLORE ASHORE SANTORINI



LOCAL CURRENCY:
EURO



LANGUAGE SPOKEN:
GREEK



PHOTO ID:
NOT REQUIRED



SHIP'S EMERGENCY CONTACT:
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AT A GLANCE

Back in 1450 BC, a massive volcanic eruption caused the middle of the isle to collapse. It left a steep-edged crater known as a caldera peeping above the waves, which today is a spectacular sight from the island's clifftops.

It's not just the geological make-up of the island that turns heads, though. With its whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches and never-ending vineyards, Santorini is Greece at its traditional best.

Santorini is a tender port that drops you off at the Old Port of Skaa. You can either climb to the top of Fira by a set of stairs or take a cable car. The cable car takes around 3 minutes and is around €6 each way. There are steps to reach the cable car and the cliff-top station is further from the centre than the top of the stairs. 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. When more ships are in port, the return cable car trip is often very busy with long queues so allow yourself enough time before all onboard.

Until you reach the top of Fira, there are few facilities available.

DON'T MISS OUT ON

Oia: Known throughout the world for its quiet life and stunning views, it's certainly the most picturesque of the villages on Santorini. Situated on top of an impressive cliff 11km from Fira, you can either go by taxi, bus or fast boat trip.

Akrotiri: During the eruption 3500 years ago, this town was buried from time. Walk the excavated streets and notice the buildings are 2-3 stories high with running water!

Beaches: The most popular beaches are Kamari and Perissa with their beautiful surroundings and black sands.

Shopping: Simply wander Fira's tempting cobbled streets for souvenir and craft shops and clothes, or visit Ypapantis Street, coined 'Gold Street'. Considered to be Greece's biggest gold market; here you will find the most modern jewels from designers across the world.

EXCURSION OF THE DAY

Santorini Sights & Oia Village: Your journey starts along the sides of the caldera as you climb to Santorini's highest peak, Mt Profitis Ilias - the views from the top will take your breath away. Continuing on through traditional villages to the north-western tip of Santorini and the unique village of Oia, instantly recognisable as the poster-village of Santorini. It's positively bursting with Greek charm - its houses sunk deep into the volcanic soil, their whitewashed walls and blue domes sparkling in the sunlight. Enjoy around 1 hours free time to explore its narrow, cobbled white streets with houses, hotels, cafes and galleries stretched along the crest of the caldera providing wonderful views into the volcano and across the sea to the island of Thirassia. Your return journey back to the ship makes a quick stop at Fira, Santorini's capital and home of its famous cable car, for those wishing to get off, explore further and make their own way down, before it returns to Thira.

PORT MAPS

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BIKE TOUR?

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JUST SO YOU KNOW

Wear sensible footwear while exploring Santorini. Marella Cruises does not support or recommend utilising the donkeys as a mode of transport from the tender drop-off area. As with all tourist cities, pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas so please be mindful of your possessions.