

Thira, Santorini

Port Information

Currency	The local currency is the euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception on deck 5. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafes and restaurants.	Language	The language spoken in Santorini is Greek. English is understood but not always spoken.
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Getting Around

Distance to town centre	The best way to reach the centre is by cable-car. This is €6,00 each way per adult and €2.50 each way per child. They run every 20 minutes. Alternatively, there is a tough hike of 580 steps. You will find donkey rides offered - We do not recommend this due to animal cruelty.	Main highlights	Don't miss Akrotiri , probably the most important archaeological site in the Cyclades. The city was one of the Aegean Sea's most significant before earthquakes and a volcanic eruption destroyed it in the 17th century BC. The volcanic material preserved the buildings and their content. You'll need a taxi to get there.																		
Taxis	Taxis are situated at the top of the cable car ride at the top of the cliff. They are only necessary if you wish to make your way further afield. If the ride is not metered, we suggest that you agree a price with the driver before entering the taxi.		Oia is the ultimate Greek Island village, with white houses and domed churches tumbling over the lip of the caldera. The town must be one of the most magnificent settings, with its converted peasant houses on the very edge of the crater and spectacular sunsets that draw coach parties from across the island.																		
Local buses	Local buses are infrequent and are not recommended.		There are many Boat Tours available from Thira that travel around the beautiful island of Santorini or to neighbouring islands.																		
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Tender operation	We drop anchor in Thira, so we tender to shore. If you're booked on one of our excursion we ask you to meet us in the Broadway Show Lounge, Deck 4, 30 minutes prior to the departure time on your ticket. If you are heading ashore independently, please check your Cruise News for further information.		The ruins of Ancient Thira are located on a headland called Mesa Vouna between the two popular beaches of Kamari and Perissa. In addition to its ancient ruins the site offers spectacular views over cliffs that drop into the sea on three sides.																		
Did you know?	Santorini's Cable Car serves 1200 persons per hour.																				

Essential Information

Tourist information	There are two tourist information centres in Thira situated in the town centre.	Shopping	Thira offers much in the way of shopping opportunities. You'll be amazed at the sheer number of jewellery shops around the centre of the town. Interspersed with these there are also a number of expensive boutiques. In both these types of shops be prepared for some excellent salesmen and assurances that whatever you're looking at is 'the best on the island'. The Hondos Centre is located right in the heart of Thira town in one of the busiest cobblestone streets of the island. In this department store you'll find anything you need concerning your beauty, hygiene and personal style.
Internet access	Wi-Fi is available in the local restaurants, bars and cafes.	PLEASE NOTE: As with all cities, always ensure you keep a close eye on your valuables.	
Nearest beaches	Red Beach is one of the most beautiful and famous beaches of Santorini. It has black and red volcanic pebbles and hot water. This is located 12km away from Thira. Vourvoulos is a beautiful beach only 4km away from Thira. However, strong winds blow frequently and make it uncomfortable and not recommended for swimming.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Thira.