



VILLA
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SANTORINI

GuideBook

MEGALOCHORI | SANTORINI

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WELCOME!

This interactive guidebook serves as an introduction to the traditional village of Megalochori, in which we recommend local offerings, activities and amenities. Also included, are some of our favorite things to do and places to see on the island of Santorini.

We recommend booking activities and tours in advance of your trip, especially during the peak season (June through September).

We look forward to welcoming you at Villa Agalitsa!



GETTING AROUND IN SANTORINI

Villa Agalitsa is close to public transportation and within very close walking distance (less than 1 minute) to Megalochori's lively village square for shopping and dining.

Best Way to Get Around Santorini: Rent a car

Best Website to Rent A Car in Santorini: [RentalCars.com](https://www.rentalcars.com)

Free public parking is available in multiple parking areas around the village.

Car Services and Tours: Villa Agalitsa can help you arrange a car service and tours of the island.

Santorini buses: The bus ticket costs 2.00-2.50 euros (depending on your destination)

[Check Santorini Buses Timetables here](#)

There is a bus stop very close to the villa.

All local buses depart from and finish their route from the Fira Town main hub. [Fira Main Bus Station on Google Maps](#)

The longest drive on the island is about 40 minutes to Oia.

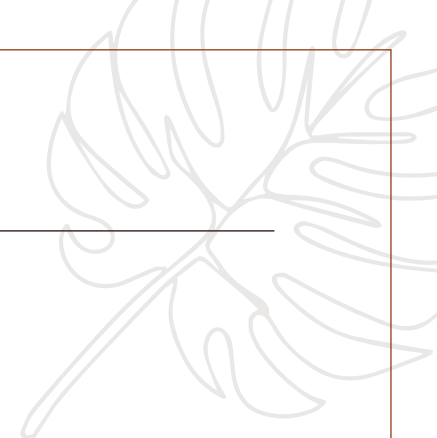
From Fira to the Airport is a 10 minute drive.

From Athinios Ferry Port to Fira is a 20 minute drive.

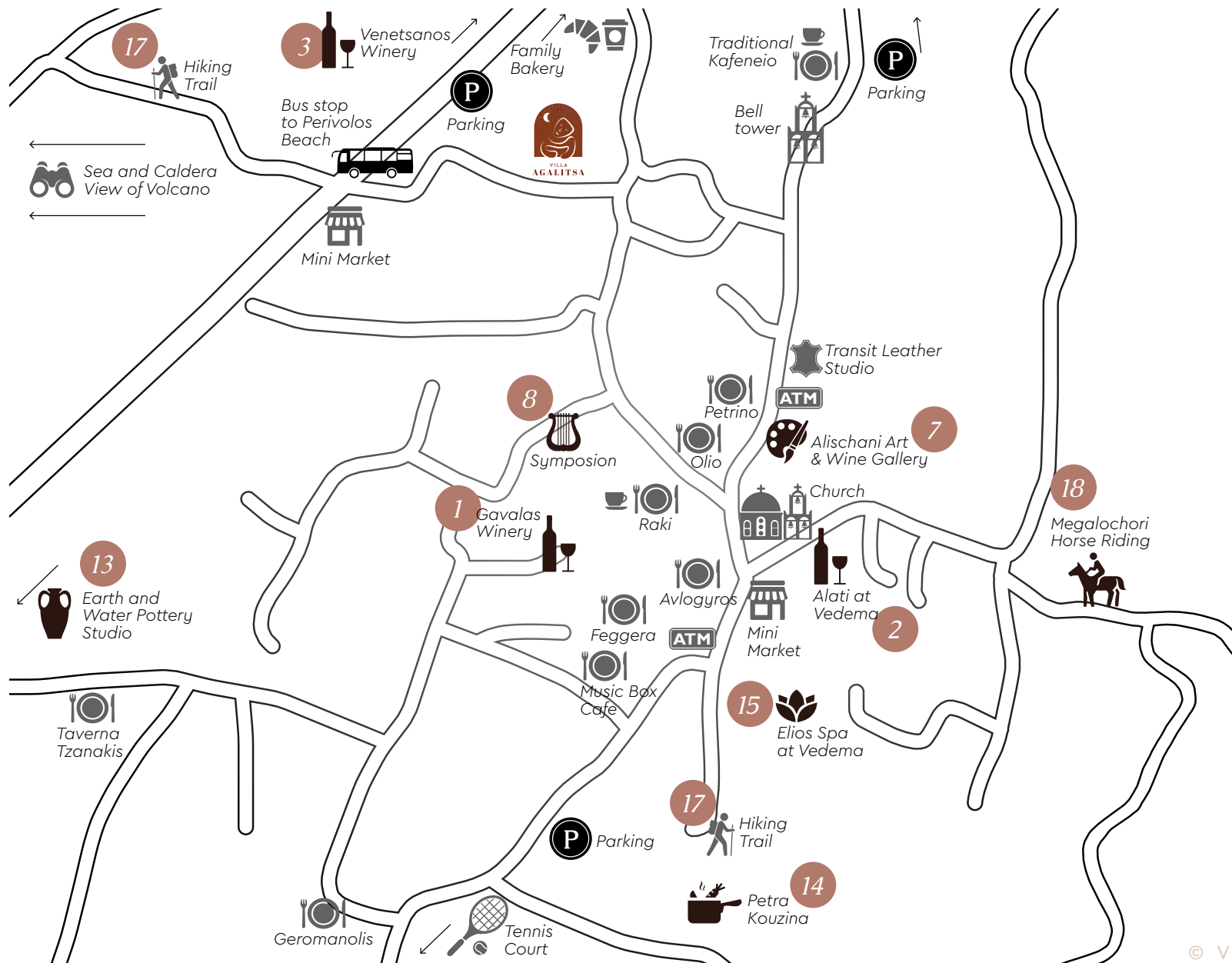
Taxis are few in Santorini and Uber and Lyft do not exist in Santorini. There are no taxi meters in the taxis and fares are fixed. Always ask in advance what the price will be.

Walking is also a great way to see the island of Santorini on its hiking trails. There are designated hiking paths in the village of Megalochori that go to the famous caldera view of the volcano and through the wine roads and vineyards. There is also a very well known hiking trail that goes from Fira to Oia. [Explore Santorini's hiking trails here.](#)

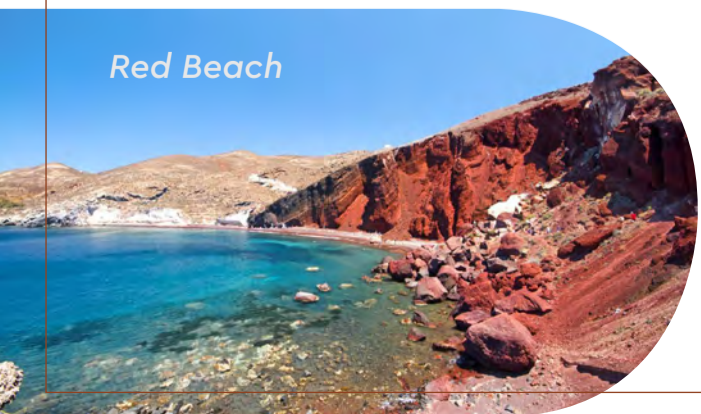
Biking tours are also available in Megalochori. [Book here.](#)



THINGS TO DO IN MEGALOCHORI



THINGS TO SEE & DO IN SANTORINI



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GAVALAS WINERY

In Megalochori Village | Website | winetasting@gavalaswines.gr | +30 22860 82552

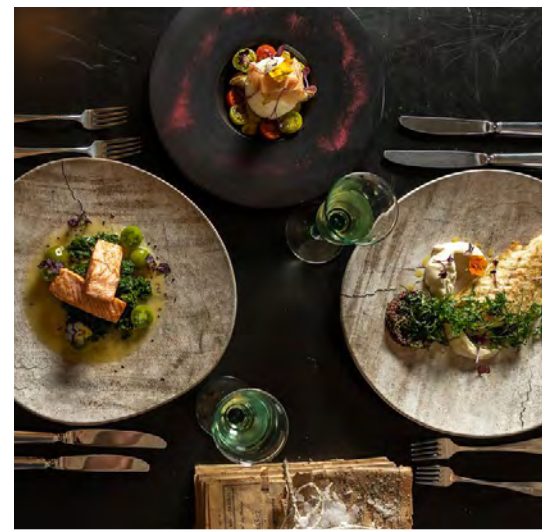
Gavalas family winery, one of the oldest wineries in Santorini, lies in the traditional village of Megalochori. Their wines highlight the particular characteristics of Santorini's terroir. It is owned by local, fourth generation winemaker, George Gavalas and the fifth-his son, Vagelis.



ALATI RESTAURANT AT VEDEMA

In Megalochori Village | Website | info@lcsantorinirestaurants.gr | +30 22860 71114

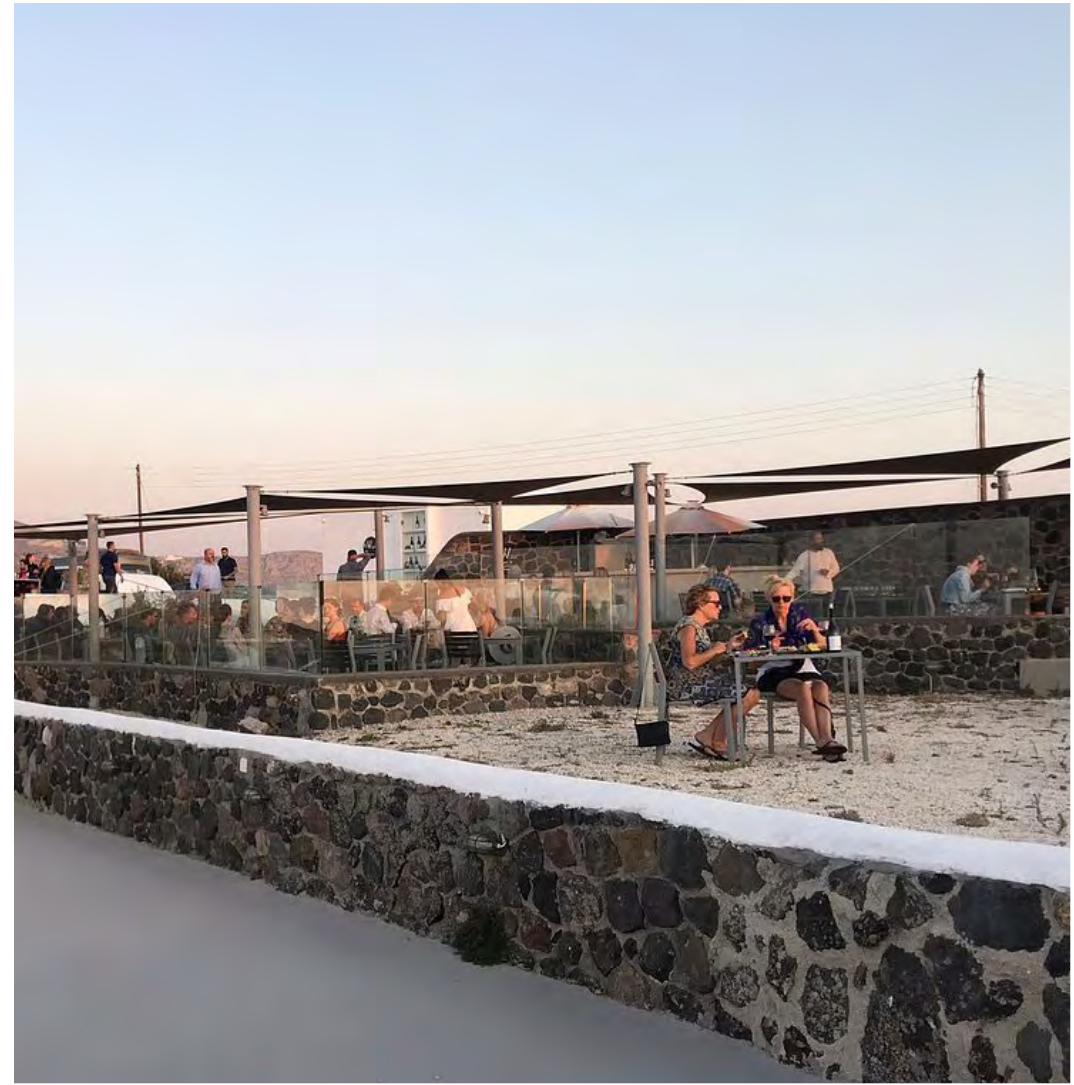
Alati, which means salt in Greek, showcases two completely different sceneries for guests to chose from and wine tasting. Located within the stone walls of a 400-year-old winery cave and surrounded by candlelight, Alati invites food lovers to a journey over the Aegean sea and its treasures.



VENETSANOS WINERY

In Megalochori | Website | info@venetsanoswinery.com | +30 22860 21100

Built in 1947 by the Venetsanos family, the winery is located right above Athinios ferry port, overlooking the magnificent caldera of Santorini. It has a very rich history, unique architecture and amazing views. Visit their cafe, the wine tasting area, their shop or hire their terraces for a private event.



SANTO WINES

In Pyrgos | Website | bookatable@santowines.gr | +30 22860 22596

Founded in 1947, SantoWines is committed to safeguarding the local traditional cultivations, producing highest quality Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) Santorini wines and products as well as promoting sustainable agriculture development. Santo Wines offers a market with a wide range of its local products such as preserves, capers and tomatoes.



DOMAINE SIGALAS

In Oia | *Website* | winetasting@sigalas-wine.com | +30 22860 71644

The tasting area of Domaine Sigalas is open daily, with some tables on the patio right under vine-covered pergolas and others in the vineyard. At day's end, visitors have the opportunity to enjoy the world-famous Oia sunset, sipping on superior wines harmonically paired with delicious local produce, some even grown in Domaine's own vegetable garden.



SAFOWI – SANTORINI FOOD & WINE TOURS

Entire Island | [Website](#) | [Book with SAFOWI's Guide, Phenix Gilbert on the Website's Contact Form](#)

SAFOWI has created a variety of small, personalized events and tours starting from most villages on the island to assist visitors in exploring the tasty side of this legendary island. Learn all about the celebrated PDO wines of Santorini, their history and evolution, terroir-driven and sustained by the unique micro-climate of this ancient, volcanic island.



A photograph of ancient stone ruins on a hillside. The ruins consist of various stone structures, including walls, steps, and columns. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery on the left. The text "ARTS & CULTURAL SITES" is overlaid in white on a semi-transparent dark rectangle in the center of the image.

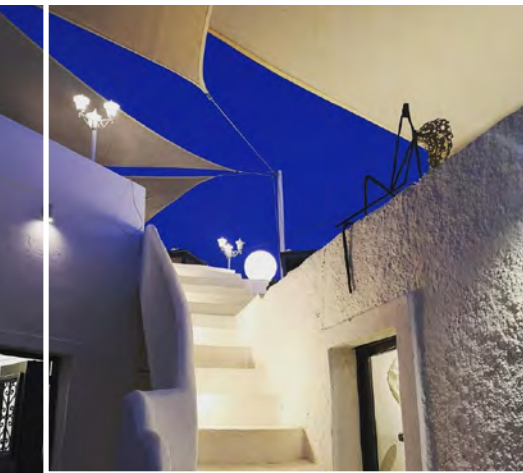
ARTS & CULTURAL SITES

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ALISCHANI ART & WINE GALLERY

In Megalochori Village | Website | alisachniartwinegallery@gmail.com | +30 69442 89531

In the lively square of Megalochori, you can visit Alischani's art gallery and admire, but also purchase works of art by owner, Natassa Nikoletou and other contemporary Greek artists. Made with quality and local ingredients, Alischani's imaginative and creative cuisine will take you on a culinary journey accompanied by fine local wines.



SYMPOSION

In Megalochori Village | [Website](#) | info@symposionsantorini.com | +30 22860 85374

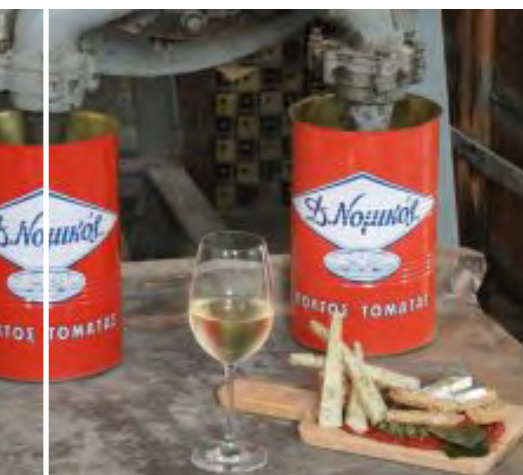
Symposion is dedicated to preserving Greece's cultural heritage. Inspired by the nine muses of Greek mythology, Symposion is a cultural center housed in a turn of the century winery, offering an immersive experience of music and mythology to locals and to visitors from around the world in a boutique setting.



TOMATO INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM | SANTORINI ARTS FACTORY

In Vlychada | Website | +30 22860 85141

Complete with a cafe and gift shop selling works by Greek artists and industrial designers, the historical tomato factory of D.Nomikos has been transformed into a modern Industrial Tomato Museum, offering its visitors a journey back to the industrial past of Santorini. The museum tour guides visitors through the cultivation, processing and production of tomatoes.



AKROTIRI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

In Akrotiri | Website | efakyk@culture.gr | +30 22860 81939

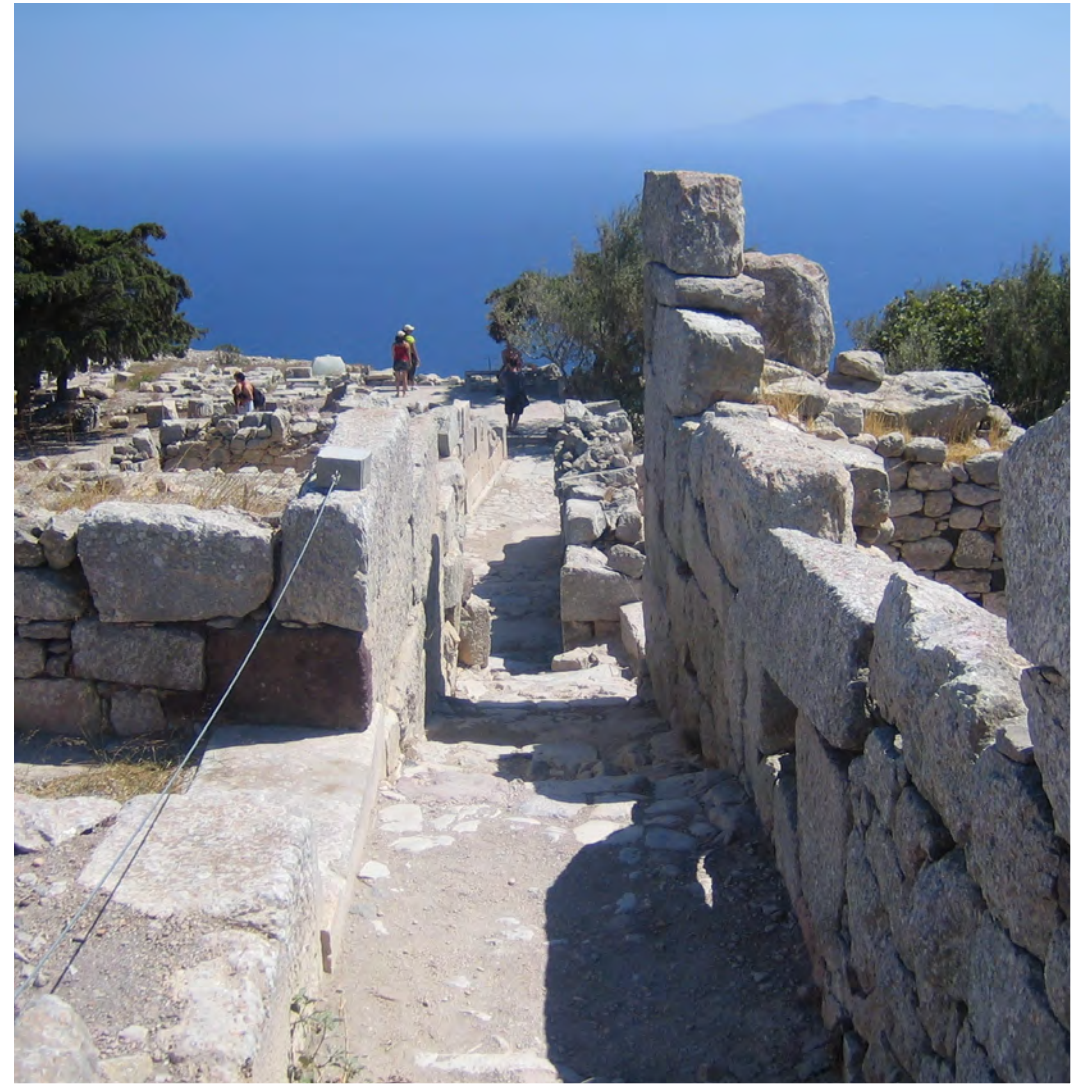
Akrotiri is one of the most important prehistoric settlements of the Aegean. The first habitation at the site dates from the Late Neolithic times (at least the 4th millenium B.C.). The town's life came to an abrupt end after the eruption of Santorini's Nea Kameni volcano. The artifacts have been protected up to present and can be viewed at the archeological site.



ANCIENT THIRA

In Kamari | Website | efakyk@culture.gr | +30 22860 81939

This 11th century BC Dorian settlement includes remains from Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine periods. Ancient Thira is not as accessible as Akrotiri and it is quite a hike or a scenic drive up the mountain to the ruins at the top. This site offers great views of the island from above. Be sure to check the hours of operation before going.



ART SPACE

In Exo Gonia | Website | info@artspace-santorini.com | +30 22860 32774

Art Space is a unique art center within the caves of a centuries-old winery. Since 1999, it has served as a hospitable retreat for all Greek and foreign artisans, art lovers and collectors who share a passion for creativity. Wine tastings, a museum and vineyards, based on organic farming methods are also on-site.





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EARTH AND WATER POTTERY STUDIO

In Megalochori Village | Website | makaris.pottery@gmail.com | +30 22860 82625

Owned by award-winning master ceramicist Andreas Makaris and his wife Kristi Kapetanaki, Earth and Water has a mixture of contemporary and traditional pottery that is popular with both residents and tourists. Andreas and Kristi offer lessons and workshops as well as taking on pottery apprentices and students at their studio in Megalochori.



PETRA KOUZINA

In Megalochori Village | Website | info@petrakouzina.com | +30 69810 76655

Guests are invited to take part in the preparation and tasting of a traditional Greek meal in a cave house that has been specially designed to offer a full gastronomic experience. Petra Kouzina's cooking classes are a social endeavor, bringing people together, uniting them in their love of creating good food and connecting them to the lifestyle of Santorini.





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ELIOS SPA AT VEDEMA

In Megalochori Village | Website | eliosspa@vedema.gr | +30 22860 81796

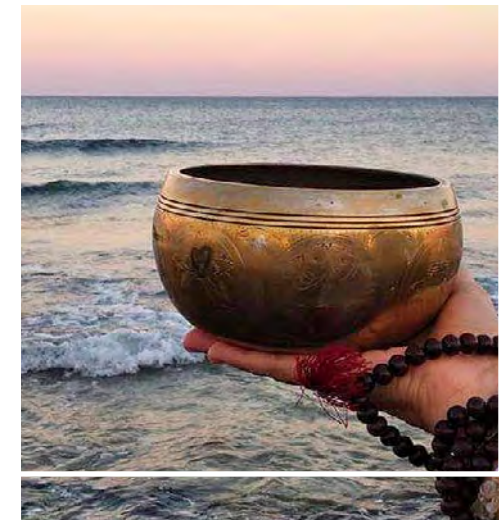
Deriving its name from the Greek word for the sun (ήλιος), Elios Spa captures the timeless roots of mind and body wellness and combines them with a philosophy that is inspired by the ethos of nature and man in harmony together. This retreat offers luxurious skin treatments, customized massages, manicures, pedicures and a relaxing outdoor whirlpool.



SOUND THERAPY & HEALING ARTS BY LAOURA GINI

At Villa Agalitsa | [Website](#) | [Contact Form on Website](#) | [Ask Villa Agalitsa Host](#)

Having treated thousands of people on the island of Santorini, Laoura Gini is focused in human spiritual awareness and well being through twenty-two years of experience in the field of Oriental Therapeutic Arts. She will take you on an extra-sensory journey beyond relaxation, using harmonic sound meditation, gong therapy, singing bowls, yoga and massage.





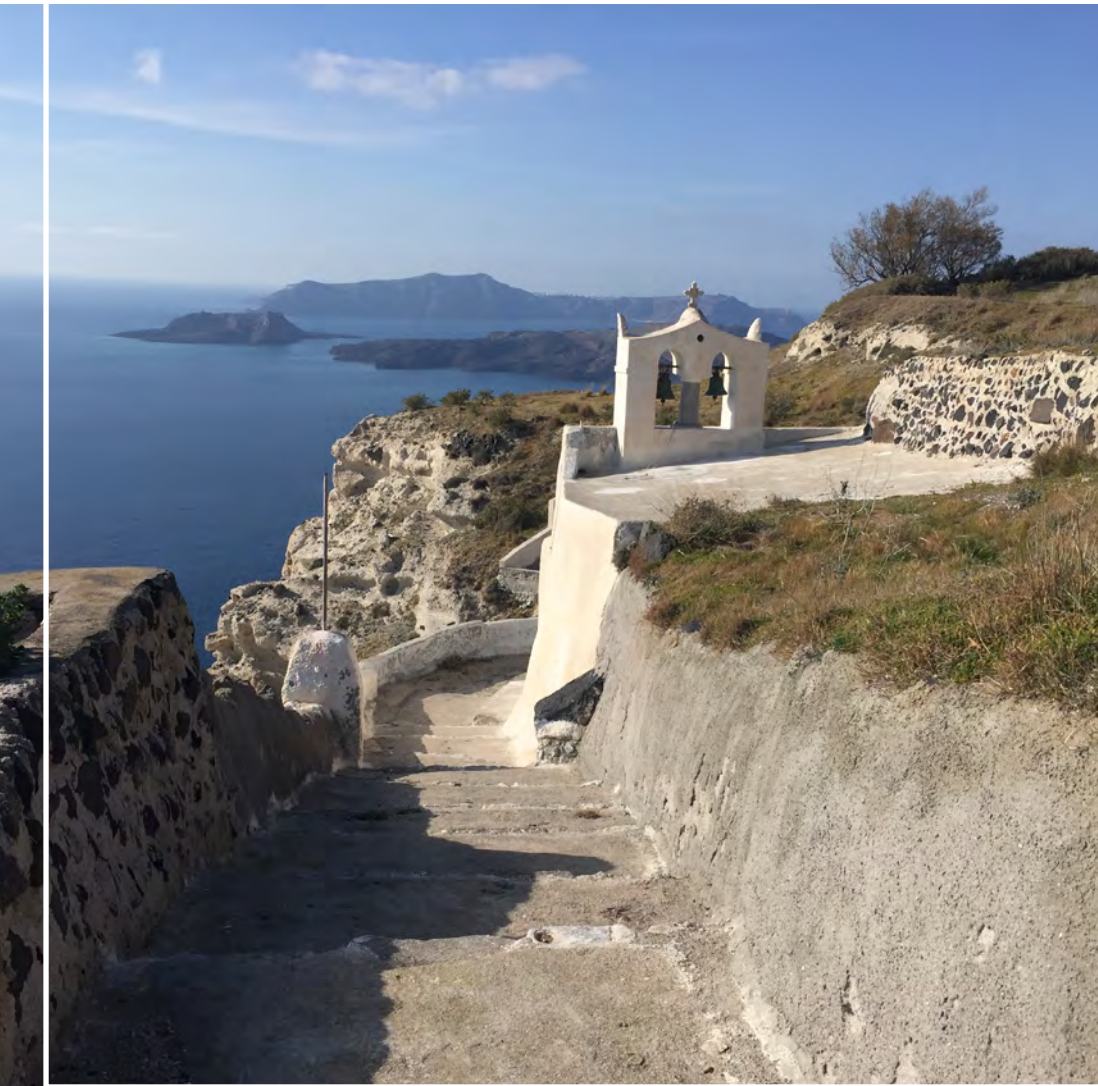
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MEGALOCHORI & SANTORINI'S HIKING TRAILS

In Megalochori Village & Around Santorini | *Best Trails in Megalochori* | *Best Hiking Trails in Santorini*

Santorini is laced with scenery-rich hiking routes. Walk on cobbled streets past quaint settlements, amid lush vineyards, along the beach or on top of a volcano. Whether you're after a challenging or more relaxed walk, Santorini's trails and paths unveil the island's sublime landscapes and rich history, every step of the way.





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SANTORINI HORSE RIDING

In Megalochori Village | Website | info@santorinihr.com | +30 69895 30430

Santorini Horse Riding stables in Megalochori village is home to 20 horses, each with their unique personality and character. Their trained instructor-guides will match you to a horse that suits you and your riding experience along ancient paths through the natural wonder of the Santorini landscape. Also offers professional photo sessions and a unique selection of tours.





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SAILING CRUISES & BOAT RENTALS

Around Santorini & Aegean Territory | Ask Villa Agalitsa Host for Booking

Sailing cruises are a great way to see the majestic nature of the island of Santorini and see its famous sunset. A selection of tours are available including day cruises, romantic sunset cruises, volcano tours with a dip in the hot springs, and private boat rentals. Routes and stops are suggested and can be altered upon arrangement with the captain.





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EROS BEACH

Between Vlychada & Akrotiri | On Google Maps | Ask Villa Agalitsa Host for Details & Recommendations

On the southern coast of the island, starting at Akrotiri and continuing east to Vlychada, Eros Beach is dominated by the hard white volcanic rock of Santorini in formations reminiscent of a lunar landscape, ending at steep vertical slopes just before the sea. You can rent sunbeds and umbrellas at the beginning of the beach.



VLYCHADA BEACH

In **Vlychada** | On Google Maps | *Ask Villa Agalitsa Host for Details & Recommendations*

Very close to the Tomato Industrial Museum, Vlychada Beach, sometimes known as the "moon beach" or the "moon-shaped beach," is known for its lunar shape and scenery surrounded by white cliffs formed by the wind in various shapes. It is a quiet E.U. Blue Flag beach (awarded in 2017), with sunbeds, umbrellas and a small canteen at the beginning.



PERIVOLOS BEACH

In Perivolos | [Google Maps](#) | [Ask Villa Agalitsa Host for Details & Recommendations](#)

Perivolos Beach is the longest black beach of Santorini and is located in close proximity to Perissa beach which is a mere 3 km away. On the beachfront, there are numerous restaurants and bars. Perivolos also offers a plethora of exciting water-sports facilities like scuba diving and jet ski. This beach is very accessible via the bus stop near Villa Agalitsa.



EXO GIALOS BEACH

In [Exo Gialos](#) | [On Google Maps](#) | [Ask Villa Agalitsa Host for Details & Recommendations](#)

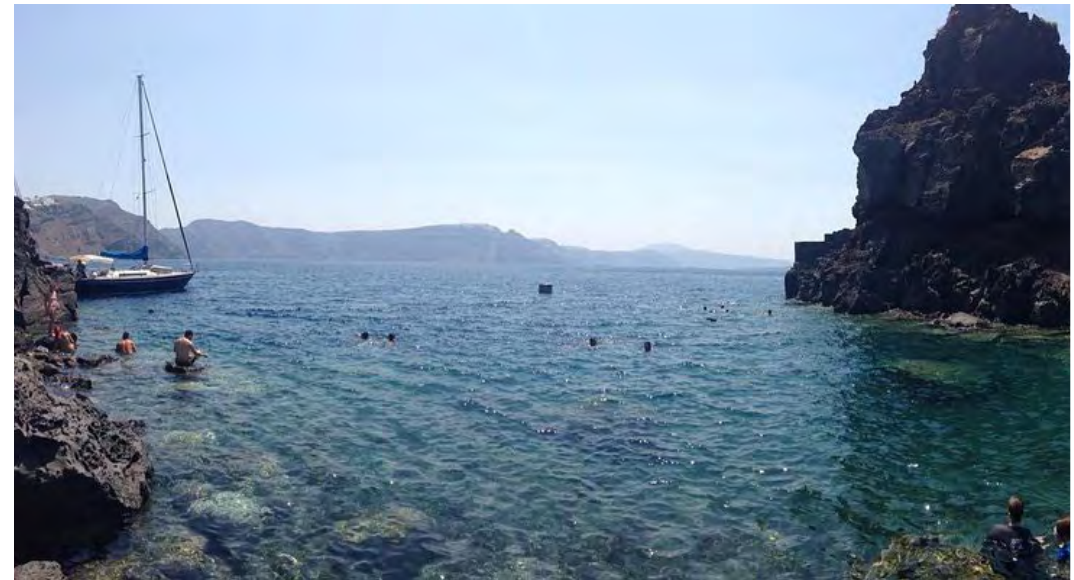
Exo Gialos Beach is the closest beach to the island's capital, Fira (about 4 km east) and it is considered by locals as Fira's beach. It consists of both black sand and pebbles. You will come across stunning volcanic rock formations here. There's also a small port for fishing boats complete with resident swans and perfect for a stroll at the water's edge.



AMOUDI BAY

In Oia | On Google Maps | Ask Villa Agalitsa Host for Details & Recommendations

Set into the high, red volcanic cliffs of western Santorini below the town of Oia, Amoudi is well known for its waterfront seafood taverns serving fresh fish and traditional Santorinian cuisine. Great for lunch, or dinner while watching the sunset—book 30 minutes in advance of the sunset. For experienced swimmers, cliff jumping at Agios Nicholas here is a must!





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