

Photo Tour Santorini

with professional photographer/instructor

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September 26-October 3, 2009

During the week David H. Wells will lead our group of photographers to visit the towns and villages of Fira, Imerovigli, Oia (pronounced Eee-ah), Akrotiri, Perissa & Pyrgos along with a local winery, beaches & harbors. We will also explore the inner islands during a day cruise, with optional visits to hot springs & the volcano, as well as the island port of Thirassia. Changes in light throughout each day, local activities and sunsets over the caldera will likely add to the variety of images we will capture.

And, in true Toscana Americana Workshops style, we will explore the local Greek culture, cuisine and wines while dining in local cliff-side restaurants 1000 feet above the water!

This is bound to be a wonderful week with plenty of opportunity to photograph in a relaxed and inspirational setting!

Accommodations are intended as follows:

Fira...Hotel Nissos Thira

Note: Accommodations may change based on availability.

See Itinerary & "What to bring" below...

Picture Yourself...

photographing among the sights and sounds of beautiful Santorini: Crystal blue water, vineyards, centuries-old buildings, narrow winding streets, bold color and vibrant sunlight.

Feel Yourself...

in the warm ambiance of Santorini, overlooking an ancient volcanic caldera, claimed site of the lost city of Atlantis, originally fortified by the Minoans, claimed by the Romans, touched by the Venetians, almost unchanged for centuries, one of Greece's jewels.

Experience...

the joy of learning and gaining photography skills and confidence with the expert instruction of an acclaimed professional photographer and the camaraderie of a small group of learners.

Enjoy...

great Mediterranean food, delightful wines, new friends, breath-taking vistas, history and the hospitality of the people of Santorini.

Santorini...

Santorini is one of the cycladic islands, created by the eruption of the volcano 1500 B.C. (thought by some to have brought about the end of the Minoan civilization and speculated by some as the famous island of Atlantis). Due to this, the island offers a versatile landscape with on the one hand steep darkish rock formations and on the other hand beaches and small white villages. Besides that, there are several interesting monuments and the active volcano of course. Thira offers, besides remnants from several eras, ruins of the old Roman baths, theatres and markets.

Santorini is a group of islands in a circle about 10 KM across - the rim of a large volcano that is still producing small islands in the center. Steep slopes lead to the central area and gentle slopes lead to the sea that circles the island. It's really a group of islands even though it is usually discussed as if it were one. Settlements are scattered around the island as a series of small villages.

The famous white buildings are huddled close to one another on and over the cliff of the central caldera. Hiking paths and trails lead all over the island, but a charming time can be had walking the paths that interconnect the settlements and exploring the shops. Visitors can take ferry boats to the central island(s) to visit the new land and soak in hot springs.

All-inclusive enrollment options include:*
Six days of discovery and photography on
the Island of Santorini: Its villages, beaches,
vineyards, landscape, people and culture
*Seven nights accommodations** in historic Fira*
Local museum
*All meals****
(continental breakfast, lunch and dinner)
Daily wine tasting opportunities
Day cruise into the caldera to visit hot springs,
volcano and the nearby island of Thirassia
A farewell wine tasting dinner

**Air travel is not included and is the responsibility of each participant. Santorini is served by airlines from Athens.*

All-inclusive starts at US\$2649.00 per person,
double occupancy.
US\$2749.00 per person single occupancy.

**All-inclusive plans are Hotel plans only.*

***Hotel Nissos Thira or equivalent. Based on availability*

****Included with "All-inclusive" plans only*

*All guests are responsible for handling their own luggage/baggage...
...we suggest to pack light.*

Itinerary

(Itinerary in progress, subject to change)

26 Saturday– Arrival in Fira, Santorini

-Arrival and Check-in in Fira (Participants are responsible for transfers to hotel)

- 7:00p Welcome to Santorini wine & chocolate tasting at Zafora.
- 8:00p Dinner at Zafora

27 Sunday - Fira

- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- Wine tasting at Zafora
- Dinner in Fira at Cesare

28 Monday - Fira & Imerovigli

- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- Wine tasting at Zafora
- Dinner in Fira at Nousa

29 Tuesday - Oia

- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- Wine tasting
- Dinner in Oia at Alykona

30 Wednesday - Full-day Caldera Cruise

- 11:00a Depart by bus for Athinios Port
- 5:30p approx. return to Fira
- 7:00p Wine tasting at Espresso Caffe
- 7:30p Dinner in Fira at Ouzei

1 Thursday - Akrotiri

- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- Wine tasting at Zafora
- Dinner in Fira at Dionysus

2 Friday - Perissa & Pyrgos

- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- 8:00p Farewell Wine Tasting Dinner at Zafora

3 Saturday – Departure- Morning Check-out & departure

Note: Toscana Americana reserves the right to alter this itinerary.

All times for all sessions to be determined. Some days may have early starts and/or late ending times.

Evening dining hours to be determined.

Arrange departure taxi through Hotel front desk.