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The Best Hotels In Santorini For 2024

There's more to the Greek isle than sunsets – namely, stylish Santorini hotels

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The Greek island is the world's undisputed champion of sunset viewing – and also home to some *seriously* stylish Santorini hotels (from which to watch the sun go down, obviously).

The Cyclades may span hundreds of different islands, but few get more footfall than Santorini and Mykonos, and with just one glimpse of Santorini's famous volcanic caldera from along its croissant-shaped coastline, it won't take you long to see why. Whitewashed, cave-like suites are the standard here, but the island also has some more colourful hotels, many of which still focus, unsurprisingly, on sourcing the prime position for sunset.

Andronis Arcadia at the northern tip of the island has individual, plunge-pool-enhanced suites, for straight-to-your-terrace sunset perfection – along with an amazing sushi bar for poolside lunches that beat a club sandwich. The hotel is also now the proud owner of a Beefbar outpost, ready for carnivores to get their fix with supersize steaks and elevated street food.

Down at the black-sand shores of Perivolos, Istoria tells a tale with former-stable suites, a creative restaurant and the beach (and beach clubs) on your doorstep.

The cruise liners may drop anchor at certain times of the day, creating an influx of visitors, and there are of course crowds that convene around Oia for sunset, but the island is a bucket-list destination for a reason.

It's not all about sunset, either. Santorini has plenty to keep its many visitors entertained while the sun's up: there's the archaeological site of Akrotiri, vineyards for wine tastings, the caldera-edge town of Oia for blue-dome-church hunting and various volcanic beaches. Inland, the village of Pyrgos is worth a visit – the energetic can hike from here up to the Prophet Elias monastery.

Here's our list of the best hotels in Santorini for 2024 – you're welcome.

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Andronis Arcadia, Oia



On Santorini's sunset-ready northernmost tip, Andronis Arcadia gives guests exclusive access to the dazzling nightly show that the coach-loads are lined up outside to catch – with your suite's private terrace and plunge pool on hand to make it even better, with far fewer elbows to jostle.

Laid-back lunches of intricate sushi and gourmet burgers are served poolside and in the Pacman restaurant. Come evening, guests can dine at the island's Beefbar outpost, with the sky still lit up from the fiery sunset. The brand has spread far and wide since it opened in Monaco in 2005, garnering a loyal following everywhere from Mykonos to Hong Kong for its huge steaks, obscenely buttery mash and refined takes on street-food favourites.

The spa at Andronis Arcadia has a sea-facing hammock, complete with billowy curtains, to snooze in post-treatment. The hotel is also home to the biggest swimming pool in Santorini.

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