



## ONE DAY SANTORINI

Black sand and white houses, indigo sea and grey earth, green fields and petrified lava . No other island quite compares with the wild natural beauty of the volcanic island of Santorini .

The history of Santorini is the history of a volcano . Contrasting layers of pumice-stone and santorinean soil, bear witness to the eruption of the volcano, which took place some 3500 years ago, causing three quarters of the island to sink into the sea . The vivid marks this enormous catastrophe, in connection with the ruins of a highly advanced civilization, remnants of which were recently found at Akrotiri, have lead many to believe that Santorini is the legendary lost Atlantis .

The atmosphere of this unique island will intoxicate you, just as much as the taste of the strong local wines and the view from Fira, the town perched on the top of the sheer cliffs of the devastated earth, will remain with you, long after your cruise to Santorini will be over .

### SANTORINI PROGRAM

- 09.45 Departure from Heraklion with the fast and luxurious FLYINGCAT 4.
- 11.30 Arrival on Santorini at the port of Athinios. Embarkation on the coaches and departure for Pyrgos.
- 12.00 Arrival at Pyrgos, the first capital of Santorini. Dating to the middle ages, the old capital of the island is an extraordinary example of a fortified settlement: the walls of the outermost houses are an integral part of the fortification. Winding streets lead to an old monastery on the summit and ancient churches of great interest.
- 12.40 Departure from Pyrgos heading to Oia.
- 13.20 Arrival at Oia. Free time to admire the old neo-classical manors as well as the houses carved on the rock, the manmade eyries that seem to hang on the edge of the precipice. Oia is the most graphic village of the island with fantastic view, narrow streets and marvelous mansions.
- 15.00 Departure from Oia heading to Fira.
- 15.20 Arrival at Fira. Free time to visit the capital, go for shopping or enjoy your drink with a bird's view over Caldera.
- 17.00 Departure from Fira to the port of Athinios.
- 17.45 Departure from Santorini heading to Crete.
- 19.25 Arrival at Heraklion.

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