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When you look at the extensive record of **things** to do on Santorini and the various sights to see, you will realize why this is one of the most famous of the Greek **islands**. It is situated in the Aegean Sea, about 63 miles north of Crete, making it the most southern of the Cycladic **islands**. You can get to this **island** by air from Athens - a flight of about 40 minutes - or by ferry from just about all of the Greek **islands**. The ferry ride will take about 8 to 12 hours depending on the port of departure.

If you like visiting archaeological sites, you will see some of the **best** on the **island** of Santorini. Tow major civilizations left their mark on this **island**, one of which is prehistoric. Visit the prehistoric city of Akrotiri, which is one of the most important prehistoric archeological sites in all of Eastern Europe. It is not only well preserved, but through the numerous findings scientists have been able to assemble an extensive look at the lives and culture of these people. The other site of weight to archaeology is Ancient Thera, where an ancient Greek civilization carved out a city from the limestone rocks of Mesa Vouno. This civilization was the largest cosmopolitan site in the firmamentN Originality from about the 9th century until the spread of Christianity.

There are in museums on the **island** that tell the stories of its past. Here you can get a glimpse into what productive of Santorini into the **island** it is today. The Museum of prehistoric Thera contains the artifacts that have been uncovered at this archaeological site. The paintings, for example, rival those found in the Acropolis. In Fira, the Archaeological Museum houses sundry artifacts from all parts of the **island**, such as cut collections and clay pottery. Visit a cave house that dates postern to the mid-1800's when you visit the Folklore Museum in the Kontohori section of Fira. Watch the artisans at work at th3eir craft, visit an old winery and an art gallery featuring the works of local artists. Learn the history of wine making on the **island** with a visit to the Wine Museum and see the various pieces of artwork on display at the Art Space Cultural Center.

In the center of the **island** there are two small in size **islands**, which collectively go by the name of The Volcano. They are active volcanoes and the youngest in the Eastern Mediterranean region. There are several hiking trails that will take you about the **island**. The longest of these is from Fire to Oia and takes about three hours. Take a sea excursion to visit the Volcano, which will also take you to Thorassia and Oia. One of the **best** ways to see the **island** is to take a coach tour on a day for a long time trip and has guided tours of specific locations included.

The beaches of the **island** are spread out, but are mainly topographicalN Dwelling along the eastern and southeastern coasts. Each beach has its own unique and qualities with sandy shores where you can bounce out and soak up the sun's rays. There are numerous restaurants and cafes in virtually every part of the **island** and the shopping in Fira is next to none. Here you will find quaint stores, and ample department stores as well as outdoor markets. If you are looking for shopping of a more ethnic variety, then the stores of Oia have local crafts and works of art at unbelievable prices.

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