Walking on Santorini & Naxos

Trip Code: SGSN

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Island hop sun-kissed Greek islands from Santorini to Naxos
- Hike to the summit of Mount Zas (1,003m), the highest point of the Cyclades, for 360 degree views
- Discover the ancient sites of Thira and Akrotiri, and the statues of Kouros
- Explore the contrasts of volcanic terrain and lush valleys in this unique landscape
- Hotel upgrade option available to 3* & 4* hotels

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days walking & sightseeing
- Daily departures
- Join at Santorini

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

The islands of the Cyclades are the epitome of quintessential Greek island paradise: think of iridescent lapis lazuli seas, white-washed buildings with classic blue shutters reflecting the colours of the Greek flag, and stunning beaches galore. Immerse yourself into Greek history and mythology on your daily walks and get a real taste of traditional life in the countryside. Combine this with the friendly welcome you'll be sure to receive, and wonderful fresh Mediterranean cuisine, you won't want to leave.

On this one week self-guided walking holiday you will spend 3 nights in Santorini, discovering its volcanic landscapes and the remnants of one of the largest eruptions in history. Your walks on Santorini take you to the quiet interior via ancient Thira and along the cliffs of the old caldera from Fira to Oia, with the opportunity to visit the Archaeological Museum to learn of the fascinating history and heritage of the island. You then take the ferry on to Naxos for 4 nights, to explore the fertile slopes which produce abundant Greek staples including olives, figs and grapes. Your walking week will culminate with a climb to the summit of Mount Zas (1,003m), the highest point of the Cyclades, for a glorious panorama of Naxos and the surrounding islands.

Your holiday is arranged in comfortable, perfectly located 2* and 3* hotels on a B&B basis, allowing you to sample the delicious cuisine at local tavernas and restaurants of your choice.

WHY NOT TREAT YOURSELF TO A HOTEL UPGRADE?

On this trip we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to upgrade your accommodation to 3* and 4* hotels. Perfect if you are looking to treat yourself for a special occasion, or simply prefer to travel with a little more luxury.

Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is perfect for you if you love to explore on foot at your own pace. Your daily excursions will take you on hilly to mountainous terrain, walking around 4-5 hours each day, with some days offering the option to extend your day's walk. The biggest climb of the week is to achieve the summit of Mount Zas (1,003m). Paths are well kept, generally on a mix of unsurfaced tracks, cobbled paths, and some short sections on tarmac roads. Due to the nature of the landscape some trails are positioned on steep ground with some exposure. With two comfortable hotel bases over the week (and the option to upgrade your hotels), you'll have the opportunity to explore the locality at your leisure and relax after your day's walk, or even opt out of a day's walking if you prefer to take it easy.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your map and route notes
- Transfer from Santorini airport to your hotel on Day 1 (shared)
- Transfer from your hotel to start of walk in Perissa on Day 2
- Transfer from end of walk in Oia to your hotel on Day 3
- Transfer from Santorini hotel to Santorini ferry port on Day 4
- Ferry from Santorini to Naxos on Day 4
- Transfer from Naxos ferry port to Naxos hotel on Day 4
- Transfer from Naxos hotel to Naxos ferry port on Day 8
- Ferry from Naxos to Santorini on Day 8
- Transfer from Santorini ferry port to Santorini airport on Day 8 (shared)
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to/from Santorini
- Visas (if applicable)
- Tourist taxes may apply and are usually under 5 Euros per room per night
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Transfers by local bus or taxi
- Entrance fees
- Personal equipment
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

GPS Travel App

This holiday includes a GPS navigation app, which contains the routes for you to follow each day, as well as attractions, coffee stops and points of interest along the way. The app does not need to have Wi-Fi connection to work, you simply follow the instructions we provide you to download the app to your personal smartphone device before you leave home and you are ready to go.

While the travel app is running, your phone battery charge can be consumed faster than normal, so we strongly recommend that you pack a power bank with you just in case you require it.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking or cycling holiday for your family, a centre-based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a day's walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool, or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our Sales Team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The trip starts and ends at Santorini. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport for this trip is Santorini Airport with many departures from regional UK airports. You will be met at Santorini Airport on Day 1 and taken to the first night's hotel in Akrotiri. At the end of the holiday, the ferry from Naxos arrives to Santorini in the afternoon. You will be transferred from the port to Santorini Airport, please book your flight to depart after 19:00 on the final day of your holiday.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your holiday.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Water from the taps is perfectly drinkable on this holiday - please use this to fill your personal bottles for your daily activities. We do not encourage the purchase of single-use plastic bottles.

Greek food has a vast culinary influence throughout Europe and beyond thanks to its ancient traditions making for an excellent mix of tasty Mediterranean dishes alongside a fantastic range of fresh vegetables and salads. Greek food tends to be influenced by the seasons and geography with local menus on the islands including plentiful fresh seafood, fava, olives, aubergines, fresh cheeses, filled filo pastries, lamb and poultry, plus don't forget the excellent breads to dip in taramasalata and tzatziki. All accompanied by a glass of locally produced wine of course.

For those with a sweet tooth you can look forward to the delights of buttery Baklava, a filo pastry tart layered with nuts and butter soaked in syrup after baking, or the delicious Amygdalota almond cookies- perfect with a cup of coffee.

Accommodation

During this trip we spend 3 nights on Santorini and 4 nights on Naxos on a bed and breakfast basis, allowing you the flexibility to enjoy the many fantastic restaurants around. Each of the small, family-run 2* and 3* hotels we use has been chosen for its location and standard of service. All the hotels offer comfortable en-suite bedrooms and great communal areas including restaurant/bar and outdoor areas to enjoy these sun-kissed isles, in Akrotiri the hotel has a pool.

It is possible to arrange additional nights accommodation if you would like to extend your stay on Santorini. Please speak to one of our sales team for further details.

During high season you may be booked into an alternative accommodation of a similar standard in the area.

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On this trip we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to upgrade your accommodation to 3* and 4* hotels. Perfect if you are looking to treat yourself for a special occasion, or simply prefer to travel with a little more luxury. In Akrotiri, Santorini you will stay in the 4* Goulielmos Hotel in garden view room with private balcony or terrace. Goulielmos Hotel has a contemporary, stylish décor and boasts an outdoor pool with magnificent views overlooking the caldera. You will also spend 4 nights in the 3* Naxos Resort Hotel in a garden view room with private balcony or terrace. This hotel is perfectly situated for Agios Georgios Beach and offers extensive facilities including bar & restaurant, outdoor pool, wellness area and gym.

Please speak to one of our sales team to find out more. Please note that hotels are subject to availability and an alternative of a similar standard may be offered.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

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Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided walking holiday is that you decide the pace however, getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable your walks will be. You should be comfortable with walking 4 to 5 hours for consecutive days on varied terrain. Some of the routes are along rugged and high paths where surefootedness and a head for heights is required to enjoy the views.

Climate

The Cyclades region experiences a Mediterranean climate, with hot, sunny summers with daytime temperatures averaging 27 C, and mild, moderately rainy winters. With this in mind the optimum time to undertake this walking holiday is during the spring and autumn seasons (September to mid-October) where temperatures are more comfortable than the very hot summer months.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

Greek Islands - Lonely Planet

The Cyclades: Discovering the Greek Islands of the Aegean by John Freely

Fire in the Sea: The Santorini Volcano: Natural History and the Legend of Atlantis by Walter Friedrich and Alexander McBirney

The Santorini Odyssey by Peg Maddocks

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Self Guided Equipment List

- Hiking boots with good-grip soles
- Hiking socks
- Long / short hiking trousers
- Functional base layer top and leggings
- T-shirts
- Fleece / extra warm layer
- Windproof jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Hat, gloves, and neck gaiter
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sunhat
- Small first aid kit inside your rucksack
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Camera (and batteries / memory card)

- Reusable sealable picnic boxes for picnics
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Walking poles
- Headtorch with spare batteries
- Personal wash kit
- Your self-guided route notes
- Rucksack (approx. 20L)

Land Only Information

Please note our 'from price' listed is based on 4 persons in double or twin occupancy, however we can quote for any number of travellers, including solo travellers - contact our Sales Team for a quote.

When considering your travel dates, you might like to investigate any seasonal opening times of attractions and points of interest.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights' accommodation before or after your self-guided trip - ask our Sales Team to find out more about this.

Our Sales Team will be happy to provide you a quote for scheduled flights, or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

Why Choose KE

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This fabulous dual-island holiday starts in Santorini, allowing you to relax and settle in for a few days before hopping on to Naxos for the second half of the week. Staying in comfortable, perfectly located hotels and with the option to upgrade your accommodation, you can really make this holiday your own.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 19/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change