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Firostefani village can offer breathtaking and panoramic views to the caldera. The settlement extends to the edge of the caldera and has luxury hotels, restaurants, shops and much - photographed churches.

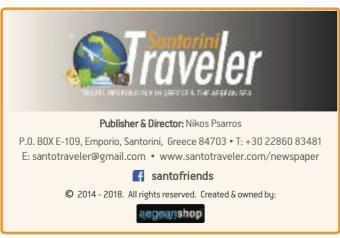
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The impressive path that connects Fira -Imerovigli passes through Firostefani, constantly overlooking the caldera and offers different images both in the morning and in the evening, so do not miss the chance! The shape of local traditional architecture facing the sea and the reflection of the sunset light are the key factors for great photographs.

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Bougainvilleas & the Oleander

It was a blessed season this spring of 2018 for bougainvilleas and oleanders as well.

From my 5th floor balcony in Athens, above the vast Alexandras avenue, I have the privilege of viewing two old bougainvillea ladies and two more oleanders, flourishing on the opposite pavement behind the railings of little gardens decorating the front of old apartment houses. In the nearby Pedion tou Areos Park (Field of Ares), there are no bougainvilleas. It is full of oleanders. Pink and red (the Rhododendreos variety) but mostly the white variety. Those that we meet arriving in magical ...



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But here queen of the climbing plants is the Mediterranean bougainvillea. The kind and variety of deep red, purple rather. So here we are, and I propose — if not provoke you — to walk around and just look around you. Forget the magnificent vistas from high above (you'll have plenty of time to re-admire the glorious sunset from world-known 0ia). Just walk around the towns, the villages, the neighbourhoods, the zigzagging pavements (forgetting, en route, the intriguing windows of tempting shops).

Just look around you! Watch the colours: white — all the human made white constructions — and then blue, how many variants of blue. So different is the one from above us, the sky, from the deep blue sea, and then as well from the blue of the church domes.

And then suddenly, in a turn of an alley, there she is: queen bougainvillea! Repeating her glorious prestige at the side of outdoor steps, in front of humble houses or old manors, restaurants, at the entrance of 5 star hotels, rooms to let, studios or apartments. But most of all decorating — as she climbs above the famous "avli" — the courtyards of small private houses. Saluting as she arrives at the roof and offering a much needed shade. As well as producing a sight of splendor and uniqueness, rare in the whole world. The Bougainvillea! Come and meet her in Santorini!

ANDREAS RIKAKIS, JOURNALIST



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THE CORINTH CANAL IS NOT JUST A CANAL

Every visitor going to Ancient Olympia or Epidaurus stops at the old bridge of the Corinth Canal to admire the largest technical project in Greece in the 19th century. As strange as it may seem, it is one of the most popular attractions in Greece: every day hundreds of tourists cross the canal by boat but also try bungee jumping, kayaking, SUP, swimming and other activities.

Location

The Corinth Canal connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. It cuts through the



narrow Isthmus of Corinth and separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland, making the peninsula an island. The canal was dug through the Isthmus at sea level and has no locks. It is 6.4 kilometres (4 mi) in length and only 21.4 metres (70 ft) wide at its base. In this way, a 3-day trip around the peninsula is done in just a few minutes.

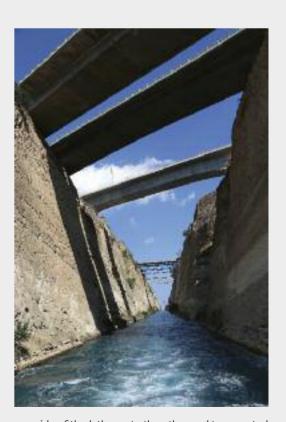
Some history

The Isthmia area, due to its strategic location, was inhabited since the 5th millennium BC.

In the area, the celebration of Isthmia became the second most important celebration in the antiquity after the Olympic Games. The celebrations began in 582 BC and ceased after the destruction of Corinth by the Romans in 46 AD.

The archaeological site of ancient Isthmia may not be well known nor a priority for the visitor today. However, it is worth a visit to the place where Isthmia celebration took place and to the museum, where many glass artefacts found in a shipwreck from Alexandria, Egypt are exhibited. In the archaeological site you will see the ruins of the Temple of Poseidon, the stadium, the theater and the Roman baths where an enormous mosaic similar to those in Ostia and Pompeii is preserved in excellent condition.

In the 7th c. BC, the tyrant Periander constructed an overland portage road, named the Diolkos or stone carriageway, along which ships could be towed from



one side of the Isthmus to the other and transported merchandise and ideas, making Corinth a commercial and spiritual center. The visitor can see today the ruins of ancient Diolkos at the northern exit of the Isthmus towards the Corinthian Gulf in the area of Posidonia and visit the Center of History and Science.

It was about 7.5 kilometers long and was considered a miracle of engineering as its construction took advantage of the slopes of the soil.

Construction of the canal

The Roman emperor Nero was the first to attempt to construct the canal in 67 AD, but the project was abandoned when he died shortly afterwards.

The idea of a canal was revived after the Greek war of Independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1830. In 1881, the Société Internationale du Canal Maritime de Corinthe was commissioned to construct the canal and operate it for the next 99 years. Construction was formally inaugurated on 23 April 1882 in the presence of King George I of Greece. After the company went bankrupt, construction resumed in 1890 when the project was transferred to a Greek company, and was completed on 25 July 1893 after eleven years' work.

Serious damage was caused to the canal during World War II. On 26 April 1941, Nazi German invading parachutists attempted to capture the main bridge over the canal, defended by British troops. The bridge had been wired for demolition. The Germans surprised the defenders with an assault in the early morning of 26 April and captured the bridge, but the British set off the charges and destroyed the structure.

Three years later, as German forces retreated from Greece, they used explosives to set off landslides to block the canal, destroyed the bridges and dumped locomotives, bridge wreckage and other infrastructure into the canal to hinder repair work — the relevant footage can be found in Youtube.

Nowadays

Crossing the canal with a tourist boat is an awesome experience. The trip starts from the Coast Guard Office at the end of the canal in Isthmia and crosses the whole channel to the other side and back. There are more boats doing longer trips to Aegina and Aggistri islands that pass through the canal too.

Naturally, due to its difficult terrain, the canal has experienced financial and operational difficulties. The narrowness of the canal makes navigation difficult; its high rock walls channel high winds down its length, and the different times of the tides in the two gulfs cause strong tidal currents in the channel.

This year landslides blocked the canal and ceased its operation for several days.





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Corinth Canal SUP Crossing

30 September

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Register: corinthcanalsupcrossing.gr



Participants will paddle 6.343 meters across the Canal of Corinth.

Registration: 09:30 - 11:00SUPers Meeting: 11:00 - 11:15

Race Start: 11:30Lunch: 14:00Ceremonies: 15:30End of event: 16:30

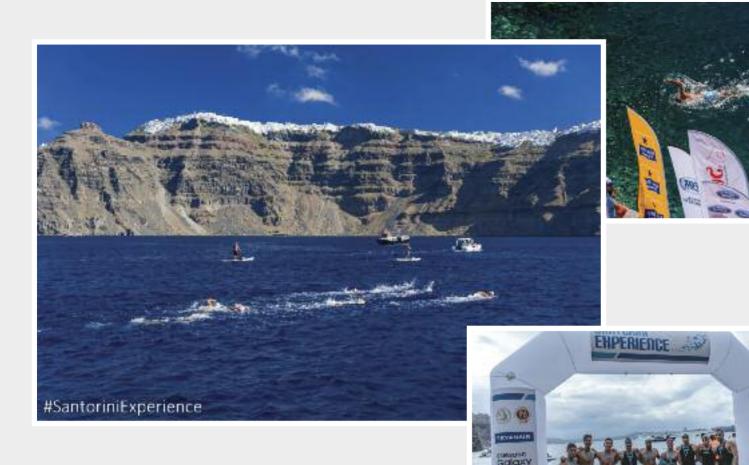
The starting time of the race may change due to canal currents



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4th SANTORINI EXPERIENCE

You are lucky to be in Santorini in the beginning of October, as one of the biggest sports events of Santorini is on its way.

Santorini Experience is for the 4th year on our island and athletes from all over the world are preparing to participate in the events: running from 0ia to Fira and back and swimming from the volcano to the Old Port.

Stay tuned for the details!

Running

Regarding the racing part of the event, on Saturday October 6th, the schedule includes 3 different trail running routes especially for fans of running, which have as background the unique images of the volcano overlooking the Caldera as well as the stunning settlements at Imerovigli,

Firostefani and 0ia. In particular, the 5 km "Aristides Alafouzos" route, is ideal for running and dynamic walking, the 10 km route is designed for the experienced runners and the 15 km route for those who love power, stamina, technique and adrenaline. All routes start from the desalination plant in 0ia, including parts of trail track, and finish in 0ia.

The running routes are designed by the former marathon runner, Greek classic route record holder, running trainer and director of All About Running, Nikos Polias, who stressed: "It is a great pleasure for us, to be on the beautiful island of Santorini, for the fourth consecutive year, to live another breathtaking experience with 3 splendid routes on the Caldera, having as a backdrop the island's worldfamous volcano. Three quite demanding routes, with a 135m. minimum altitude and a 334m. maximum altitude. On a dirt path with recessed stones, with paved and asphalt road in some points, making it even more difficult for the runners. Our goal this

year is to see as many runners as possible from many places around the world, since last year we had the impressive number of participants from more than 40 countries. Santorini Experience has been established in the runners' consciousness and we wish everyone who chooses this event to be completely satisfied".

"Santorini Experience" has joined the World's Marathons world running community (which counts more than 4,146 races all over the world).

Swimming

As far as the open water swimming race is concerned, we must highlight that any event involving an open water swimming race should take place only by having the approval of the Hellenic Swimming Federation, in accordance with FINA's safety rules; as is always the case with "Santorini Experience".



This year many great Greek athletes will participate in the open water swimming race. Members of the Greek National Swimming Team, such as the world champions Kelly Araouzou and Antonis Fokaidis, European champion Giorgos Arniakos and Greek champions Dimitris Negris, Stellina Aplanti, Dejan Jovanovic and Dimitris Manios.

Scan the QR code to see details about the routes:









4th Santorini Experience

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"Santorini Experience" continues its preparations in anticipation of the races that will be held between October 5th and 7th, in the enchanting island of the Cyclades. At the same time, the successful event continues to be distinguished, as another prize was added to its collection. "Santorini Experience" won the gold award at the Sports Marketing Awards 2018, in the "Integrated Marketing Campaign" category in the "Sports Organizations" section.

Social Events

Regarding the social events of the island related to "Santorini Experience", the Municipal Sports Cultural Environmental Organization of Santorini (DAPPOS) will organize an open concert for the public in the surrounding area of the Indoor Hall DAPPOS on Saturday afternoon, on October 6th, with the music band C: Real; a concert that will be offered for free to all the participants of "Santorini Experience".

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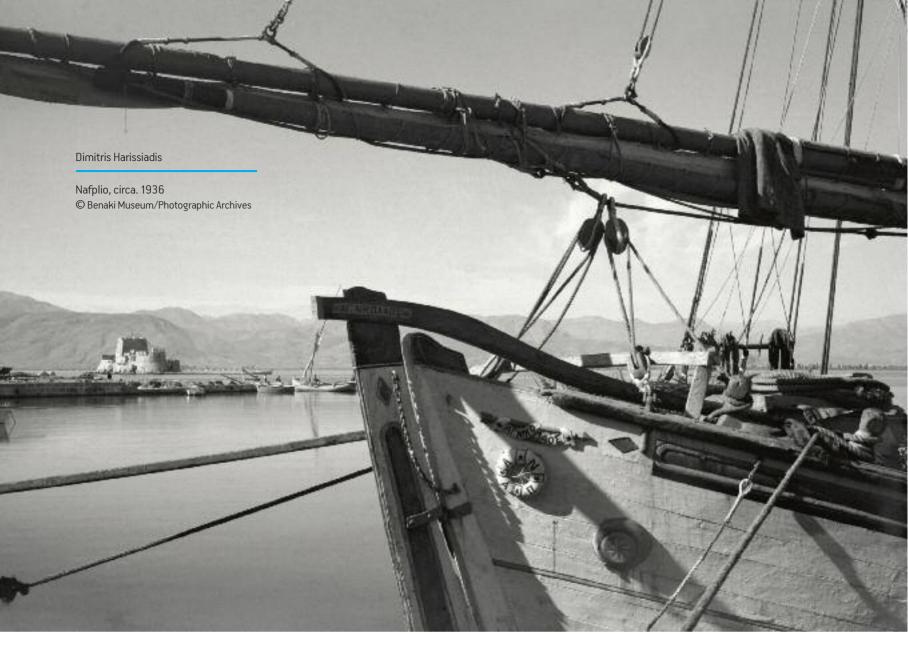
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More info: santorini-experience.com







GREEK SEAS

A Photographic Journey in Time

Over the centuries, the Greek sea - inextricably interwoven with the history of the place and with the life of the inhabitants - has not ceased to inspire poets and artists.

Following the invention of photography around the middle of the 19th century up until today, countless photographs of the Greek sea have added to the representations of the same subject in painting. Ports, islands, coastal areas, seascapes and scenes from the life of sailors and fishermen have been captured both with a view to their documentation and with artistic intentions.

The photographs presented are divided into four chronological sections and they investigate the way in which Greek photographers and their foreign colleagues who visited or lived in the country for long periods of time, approached and interpreted the Greek seas from the mid-19th century until the late 1970s.

The four sections include:

- The Sea in the 19th century Photography. An accidental Presence.
- The Sea as a reflection of human activity at the beginning of the 20th century. The Magic of the snapshot.
- The Photographic Depiction of the Sea in the interwar years. Attempts at artistic expression.
- Towards the sea landscape after the war. The Aegean Sea as a representation and sense.

The exhibition, with photographic material from the Benaki Museum collections, is presented in a video entitled "Greek Seas- A Photographic Journey in Time". It includes a selection of photos that were presented at the exhibition held at the Benaki Museum- Piraeus 138 from 10 October 2013 to 14 January 2014.

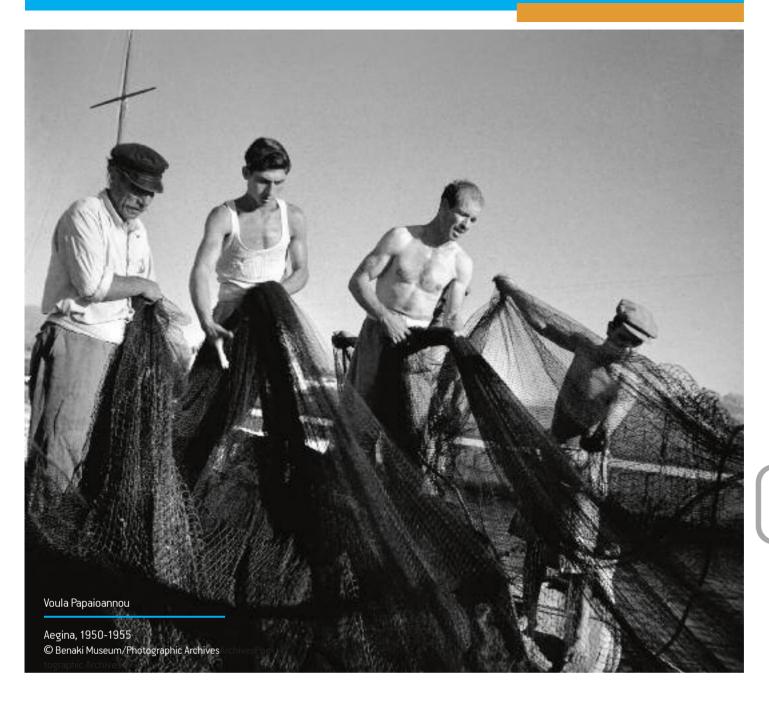
You can watch it at the Art & Culture Exhibition Center (Arrival Level - Entrance 1), at the Athens International Airport. 24hour Free Access.



Zaharias Stellas

Syros, circa 1970 © Benaki Museum/Photographic Archives

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Off Season High Season

If you think that the Greek islands and especially Santorini look the same in summer and in winter, well, think again!

- In the summer, the number of people in Santorini (residents, tourists, employees, cruise passengers) can reach the staggering number of 100,000! In winter, it is just the permanent residents almost 13,000.
- In the summer, all shops, restaurants, hotels, bars etc are open. In winter, there are hardly any places open, especially on the coast.
- In the summer, temperature can reach 35 degrees Celsius, which is too hot to go trekking or walking for a long time. In winter, everything is green and temperature can go as low as 8 degrees Celsius trekking is done with jackets.
- In the summer, there are traffic jams, crowds of people visiting the villages and quite a lot of noise. In the winter, the roads, the beaches and the villages are deserted it is peace and quiet!

Here are some more photos from the same places in Santorini is summer and winter.

So, which season do YOU prefer?



Perivolos Black Beach

in December, March and July



Metropolis, Fira

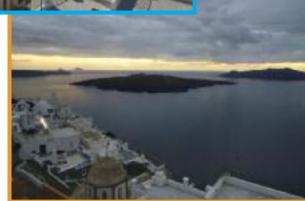
in April and February





Volcano View

in November and March





Capturing Sun

Dear travelers,

You do not have to worry about capturing the sunset of Oia today as you still have 4.5 billion years ahead!

- The Sun is 4.65 billion years old and it is estimated that it will still live as much.
- The energy emitted by the Sun in one second covers Europe's energy needs for 13 million years.
- With the cheapest electricity invoice, the energy that the Sun transmits in space in one second would have a value equal to the budget of Greece for 10,000 trillion years.
- If we shrank the Sun in the size of an orange, the Earth would be at a distance of 15m having the size of a sesame seed, while the next star, Proxima Centauri (or Alpha Centauri C), would be 4,000 km away.





- The Earth Sun distance is called Astronomical Unit and is equal to 149,600,000 km.
- If we had to walk from Earth to the Sun, we would need 2,123 years.
- \bullet If we used a car that would travel non-stop at 100 km / h, we would need 170 years.
- \bullet An airplane that flies at 800 km / h would cover the same distance in 21 years.
- Yet, a ray of light only takes 8 minutes and 20 seconds to cover the same distance.
- Greek philosopher, mathematician and astronomer Thales of Miletus was the first person to predict a total solar eclipse in 585 BC.
- During a total solar eclipse, the moon's shadow on Earth has a diameter of 270 km and runs at a speed of 1,675 km / h.
- The first photo of the Sun (daguerreotype) was taken in 1842.

So, keep on travelling!

Information from the book "The 7 wonders of the World" by D. Simopoulos and A. Delivorias, Eugenides Foundation, Athens 2008. ETERNAL SUNSHIN

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WHEN IN GREECE...

You are strolling down the narrow streets of Fira in a sunny, hot afternoon. You are craving for something to eat, but you don't want to eat too much.

What would a Greek do?

In Greek culture, good company and relaxation come first, and food is a closer second. Even on a tight budget, a group of friends would never miss the tavern, but instead of a luxurious meal they would rather have a bottle of wine and lots of "mezedes", small, tasty dishes of anything you can imagine. They might even find flavors they have never tasted before, as it all comes down to the imagination of the cook! So why not do it our wayno need to rush, just relax and enjoy what is served before you...

You are off to a great start with feta cheese in pastry leaves with vinsanto wine and a plate of grilled mushrooms, a match made in heaven. Why not try a light and savory dish of sundried fried tomatoes with tzatziki? You should definitely not miss "fava", a Santorinian split-pea puree, accompanied with onions and caper.

Also, tomato balls, a local recipe of the island or even crispy zucchini croquettes. As far as salads go, there is always the hearty Greek salad, or, if you are feeling more adventurous, try "Dakos", which, in its simplest form is barley rusk with tomato and feta cheese, great for a hot summer day. Not full yet? Ask for the Santorinian white eggplant and you can't go wrong!

Something to drink maybe? If you are not a friend of strong alcohol you should probably stay away from ouzo! Try a glass of cold beer instead or some local white wine which is also served cold. You might even want a glass of vinsanto wine - it's usually served after lunch, as a digestive, but hey, it's a matter of taste!

Great food, beautiful music, hot summer nights and a long talk with your friends on a Greek island. What more could you ask for?

Well, maybe for a shot of home-made "rakomelo", on the house!



PHOTO 02: BAKED WHITE EGGPLANTS WITH FETA CHEESE



PHOTO 03: CRETAN "DAKOS"



PHOTO 04: GRILLED MUSHROOMS WITH BALSAMIC VINEGAR



PHOTO 05: THE SANTORINIAN TOMATO BALLS

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RECIPE: TOMATO BALLS

One of the famous specialties of the island, which does not contain meat as, in the past, livestock was scarce because of the volcanic soil. The lack of meat, however, pushed residents' imagination to the creation of delicious dishes.



To prepare the recipe,

- grate 1/2 kilo onions,
- finely chop 1/2 kilo Santorini cherry tomatoes
- add mint, salt, pepper,
- add 1 teaspoon of baking powder and a little flour and mix until you create a batter.

Leave the mixture in the fridge for 4-5 hours and then take a tablespoon of the mixture and pour it in hot oil until fried.

Finally, serve the tomato balls on a plate.

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Grandmother's recipies

Our foods are based to old traditional recipies, our grandmother's recipies!

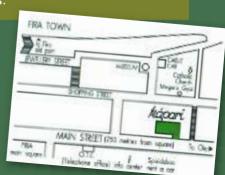
KAPARI TAVERNA: Mediterranean cuisine

Mediterranean cuisine is the food from the cultures adjacent to the Mediterranean Sea. Although this region spans a wide variety of cultures, the historical connections of the region, as well as the impact of the Mediterranean Sea on the region's climate and economy, have led to there being many common elements in the foods.

Kapari taverna

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Musical instruments Exhibition in Oia, Santorini

Five thousand years of Greek musical instruments, reconstructed from a lifetime of research by the prolific composer, scholar and Theran native Christodoulos Chalaris and presented with scaled recreations of early visual depictions by iconographer and visual artist Christos Bakolas.

Opposite ATLANTIS Bookstore, Oia

Guide Prehistoric Townof AKrotici

A new guide to the Prehistoric Town of Akrotiri has been published. The book includes outstanding photos and provides the traveler with useful insight about the prehistoric town.

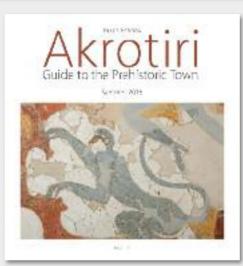
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• Pages: 110

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the Countless aspects of Beauty

(National Archaeological Museum)

The new temporary exhibition of the National Archaeological Museum «The countless aspects of Beauty» brings out the different versions of aesthetics within variegated social and cultural contexts from the Neolithic period up to late Antiquity, making the best of the exceptionally wide chronological spectrum covered by the collections of the National Archaeological Museum. Three hundred and forty antiquities from its rich collections, in combination with contemporary digital applications, offer an aesthetic feast and promise a journey through time full of aesthetic gratifications.

The exhibition «The countless aspects of Beauty» is part of the events for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018.



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Until 30 October (summer schedule)

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Santorini Cultural Agenda

September - October Two-hour Greek Language crash course for beginners.

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September 5 Years Santorini Arts Factory

Local painter Christophoros Asimis is inspired by the 5-year operation of Santorini Arts Factory festival. The protagonists of his paintings are people who have participated in the art, theater, dance and music summer events.

In Santorini Arts Factory, Vlychada. Open daily 10.00 — 18.00. Free entrance.

September - 7 October Meeting the Greek painters

An exhibition of children's works of art, inspired by 7 Greek painters, as part of the winter workshops.

In Santorini Arts Factory, Vlychada. Open daily 10.00 — 18.00. Free entrance.

9 September

International Music Festival Hungarian cellist István Várdai and

French pianist Pascal Godart will perform works by Schumann, Beethoven, Brahms.

In P. Nomikos Conference Center in Fira. At 21.00. Ticket costs 20 euros.

13 September International Music Festival

Clarinist Fabrizio from Italy, Slovenian cellist Miloš Mlejnik and Greek pianist Athena Capodistria will perform works by Brahms, Granados, Poulenc, Rota, Bragato and Piazzolla.

In P. Nomikos Conference Center in Fira. At 21.00. Ticket costs 20 euros.

14 September - 7 October Atlantis Exhibition

A painting exhibition by Santorinian artist Irini Drosou which coexists interactively with the musical composition by Laoura Gini and specific illumination by Sakis Birbilis, an expert on theatrical lighting and illustrations

At Santorini Arts Factory Vlychada. Opening at 19.30. Free entrance

15 September Ifestia 2018

A representation of the volcanic eruption, with fireworks and music, taking place at the volcano at 20.30. After the "eruption", a concert with the String Demons takes place at Fira.

At 21.30. Free entrance.

16 September International Music Festival

The "Vougas — Kontrafouris" Quartet will fill up Petros Nomikos hall with Jazz Improvisations.

In P. Nomikos Conference Center in Fira. At 21.00. Ticket costs 20 euros.

16 September From Lesvos to Santorini

A photographic journey involving



two volcanic islands, Lesvos and Santorini by photographer Dimitris Talianis. The exhibition is accompanied by music and text reading. At Estia Cultural Center, in Pyrgos, at 19.30. Free entrance.

18 September International Music Festival

A piano recital with Fil Liotis and works by Mozart, Debussy, Liszt, Al-

In P. Nomikos Conference Center in Fira. At 21.00. Ticket costs 20 euros.

21 September International Music Festival

An evening of Operatic Music with Cellia Costea (Soprano) from Romania, Tassis Christoyannis (Baritone) and Carolos Zouganelis (piano). They will perform arias and duets from Operas and Operettas by Verdi, Puccini etc.

In P. Nomikos Conference Center in Fira. At 21.00. Ticket costs 20 euros.

29 Sept. - end of October Maps of Santorini

The history of Santorini through old maps (dating from 1420) is presented with intriguing stories for each map.

In Bellonio Cultural Foundation in Fira. Opening at 19.30. Free entrance.

30 September Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

The world's largest charitable motorcycle event for classic and vin-

tage bikes owners to raise awareness for Prostate Cancer Research and Suicide Prevention Programs. In villages around the island.

5-7 October Santorini Experience

For the 4th consecutive year, Santorini Experience is here for amateur and professional athletes. On Friday 5 October, children take part at the 1km race. On Saturday 6 October runners race along the caldera, from the Desalination Factory in Oia to Fira. On Sunday 7 October, swimmers are competing in the imposing 1.5 mile/2.4 km distance from the volcano to the Old Port in Fira.

6 October A monologue

Greek actor Gerasimos Skiadaresis recites a monologue of an insane person.

At the Christian Estia in Fira, at 21.30. Tickets cost 10 euros.

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