

Villa Arcturus

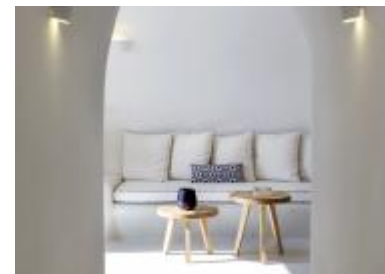
Region: Oia and the Caldera **Sleeps: 3**

Overview

Stay in style when you vacation in the simply stunning Villa Arcturus, nestled in the hillside village of Firostefani, on the Cycladic island of Santorini, in the southern Aegean Sea. You will be bewitched by this luxurious one-bedroom villa, with sweeping sea views and breathtaking vistas over Fira, the island's capital. This sixty-eight square metre villa is built over one level out of traditional Cycladic whitewashed stone, which has the advantage of being cool in the summer, and warm in the winter.

The interiors are furnished with Mediterranean minimalist chic, and decorated in a sophisticated palette of crisp clean white with smart navy trim. The villa can accommodate up to three guests and is ideal for an idyllic getaway for two, or the most romantic of honeymoons. The villa comes with all the mod cons, including air conditioning and Wi-Fi throughout, as well as garage parking. With a glass-fronted, sea and city view, the terrace has a shared infinity swimming pool, with the most elegant wooden chaise longue, and deep white cushioned, sun loungers, and dinky side tables to house a glass of the famous Santorini wine. The accommodation has a light and airy open plan living space, which has a white and navy-edged sofa, which can transform to be a bed to sleep one, a scattering of handcrafted wooden coffee tables, a director's chair, and a flat-screen television. A small kitchenette is fully equipped with everything you will need to cater for your holiday, and a cute three-seater table and chairs are ideal for indoor dining.

An internal arch leads to a beautifully appointed spacious white and navy bedroom, which has a king-size bed, and louvre door-fitted wardrobes. The bathroom has a bathtub and shower, a double hand basin, and a WC, and those must-have complimentary toiletries. Enjoy sitting on the terrace and watching the most magical of sunsets, as the town of Fira come to life, and all the twinkling lights begin to shine, as you raise a glass or two, to the most memorable holiday.



Facilities

Villa/House • Modern • Self-Catered • Shared Pool • Ideal for Kids •
Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to
Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box •
Hairdryer • TV • Heating • Seaview • Watersports • Sailing •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

1 storey 68sqm, 1 bed, luxury villa with shared pool, sea and city views, sleeps 3

Interior:

- Kitchenette
- Open plan living space with sofa bed
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom

Exterior:

- Shared swimming pool
- Sun loungers
- Terrace

Additional Facilities

- Garage parking
- Safe
- Complimentary toiletries



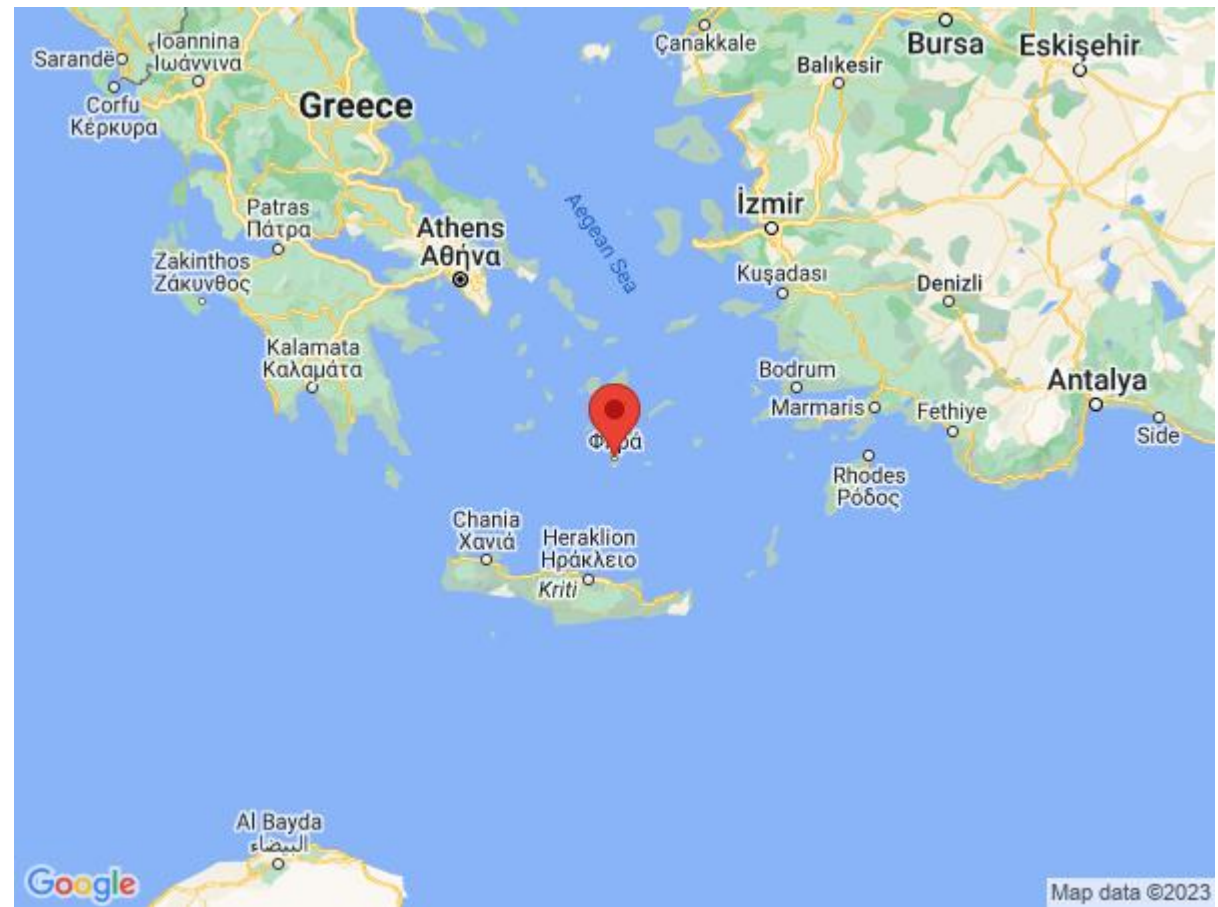
Location & Local Information

Villa Arcturus can be found nestled in the hillside of the village of Firostefani, overlooking the town of Fira, the capital of Santorini, a Cycladic island in the southern Aegean Sea. The villa is just eight kilometres from Santorini's International Airport, and eleven kilometres from the port of Athinios. Arrive by plane from European destinations and Athens, island hop by ferry and catamaran, or if you are feeling super stylish, you can even make an entrance by helicopter.

The village of Firostefani is built into the volcanic cliffside and is within easy walking distance of the main town of Fira. Mini marts, local stores, cafes and bars, restaurants and nightclubs are but a saunter from the villa, with everything you will need for your holiday almost on your doorstep. The nearest beach is just over three kilometres away, including Perivolos, one of the best-organised beaches on the island with volcanic scenery, a mountain backdrop, and a choice of exhilarating water sports. It's downhill all the way to the main town of Fira, where you can visit several museums, chose from the Santorini Wine Museum, the Archeological Museum of Thera, the Museum of Prehistoric Fira, or the Tomato Museum. Take a walk up the top of Thera Mountain, where you can explore the ancient city ruins, and admire the views from the world's only sunken caldera. Stroll the nine-kilometre trail and hike the caldera edge until you get to the most-photographed town of Oia, an original fishing village on the north coast.

Enjoy wandering the winding lanes of this enchanting town, shop in luxury boutiques, eat seafood at the water's edge, tilt at windmills, visit blue domed churches, cliff dive off Ammoudi Bay, and stay until sunset for the photographs. Take a boat trip to the uninhabited islet of Nea and Palia Kameni, an active volcano, with a path of black lava rock, smoking craters, and sulphurous hot springs. Visit the villages and find out what life was really like. Highly recommended is Pyrgos, found in the foothills of Mount Profitis, surrounded by vineyards that produce the highly prized Assyrtiko white wines. Take a trip back in time as you walk down the steep medieval alleyways, populated with tavernas and wine bars, art galleries and gift shops, a museum that showcases traditional island life, and one that is home to religious relics in the former Agia Triada chapel. Don't miss a visit to Akrotiri, a prehistoric city, that was believed to be the first settlement on the island dating back to Neolithic times. For more recent history, The Arygyros Mansion has guided tours of this neo-classical Venetian merchant's home.

Santorini hosts an annual film festival, and the twice daily film screenings at the alfresco Cine Kamari are not to be missed. The island is renowned for its fabulous wines, most especially the crisp dry whites, take a tour of the many vineyards, and make sure you take a bottle home with you. The Cycladic



architecture, the blue domes, and the most stunning sunsets are what the island is famous for, and to help you capture those memories, you can even take a photography tour. If you can bear to tear yourself away from this most mystical of destinations, spend a day island hopping, swimming and snorkelling in the azure seas, enjoying a meal of Greek meze on board, or simply watching the sunset as you come back into the harbour.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Santorini Airport (7 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Athinios ferry port (9 km)
Nearest Beach	Kanakari (4 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Onar (0.06 km)

What we love

- Staying in a classic Cycladic villa, with its almost cave-like accommodation is the most magical experience
- The views from Villa Arcturus are simply stunning, overlooking the town of Fira, and the azure Aegean Sea
- The villa has been exquisitely furnished and decorated in a Mediterranean style, minimalist chic, maximum impact
- Everything you need to cater for your holiday is within a few minutes walk, minimarts, stores, shops, cafes, bars, restaurants, and clubs

What you should know...

- The village of Firostefani is on the cliffside above the town of Fira, it is a steep walk into town, however that does mean you do get some great views
- The villa has a shared swimming pool, it is not exclusive to the property
- The villa can sleep up to three, there is a sofa bed in the living area to sleep one person

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 16.00
- Departure time: 12.00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- Minimum stay: 2 nights
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that on occasions, in Greece, extremes in weather can cause water and/ or electric supply to be cut or reduced. Services are normally restored as soon as possible.