

Villa Cowrie

Region: Oia and the Caldera **Sleeps: 4**

Overview

It's all about the sunset when you vacation at Villa Cowrie, set on the cliff edge of the traditional fishing village of Oia, on the north coast of the Cycladic island of Santorini, set in the southern Aegean Sea. From the terrace, this beautiful villa commands uninterrupted sea views, and captures the famous flaming red sunsets every day after dusk. The villa is built out of classical Cycladic whitewashed walls, with curved dome roof interiors, which are cool in summer, and warm in winter. This one-bedroom property can accommodate up to three guests, two in the double room, and one on the convertible sofa bed.

A stay in Villa Cowrie would make the most idyllic holiday for a couple, or even better, the most romantic honeymoon hot spot. The villa comes with all the mod cons, including complimentary air conditioning and Wi-Fi throughout. Villa Cowrie has been furnished with contemporary pieces, and decorated in a palette of soft whites and powder blues. This light and airy home from home has an open-plan living space, with a soft blue sofa bed, coffee tables, and a flat-screen television. The galley-style kitchen is fully equipped with everything you will need to cater for your holiday. The beautifully dressed bedroom can be accessed via a separate corridor, and up some steps to a double bed in a semi-circular room with a domed ceiling, and fitted cupboards. The adjacent bathroom is rather funky, painted in a soft silver-grey stone, with a walk-in rain shower, an arty mirrored vanity unit, and a WC. The terrace has stunning sea views, and sun loungers from which to watch the boats sail by. Take the stairs up to the Jacuzzi, and sit and watch the eternal sunsets, cocktail in hand.

Facilities

Villa/House • Modern • Self-Catered • Beach Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Hot Tub • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • TV • Heating • Seaview • Sailing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips



Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Cowrie is a 1 bedroom villa sleeping up to 4 people, with sea views

Interior:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area
- Living space
- Double bedroom
- Sofa bed
- Bathroom

Exterior:

- Sea view terrace
- Sun loungers
- Jacuzzi

Additional Facilities

- Flat screen television
- Bean bag cushions
- Walk in rain shower
- Pets are allowed



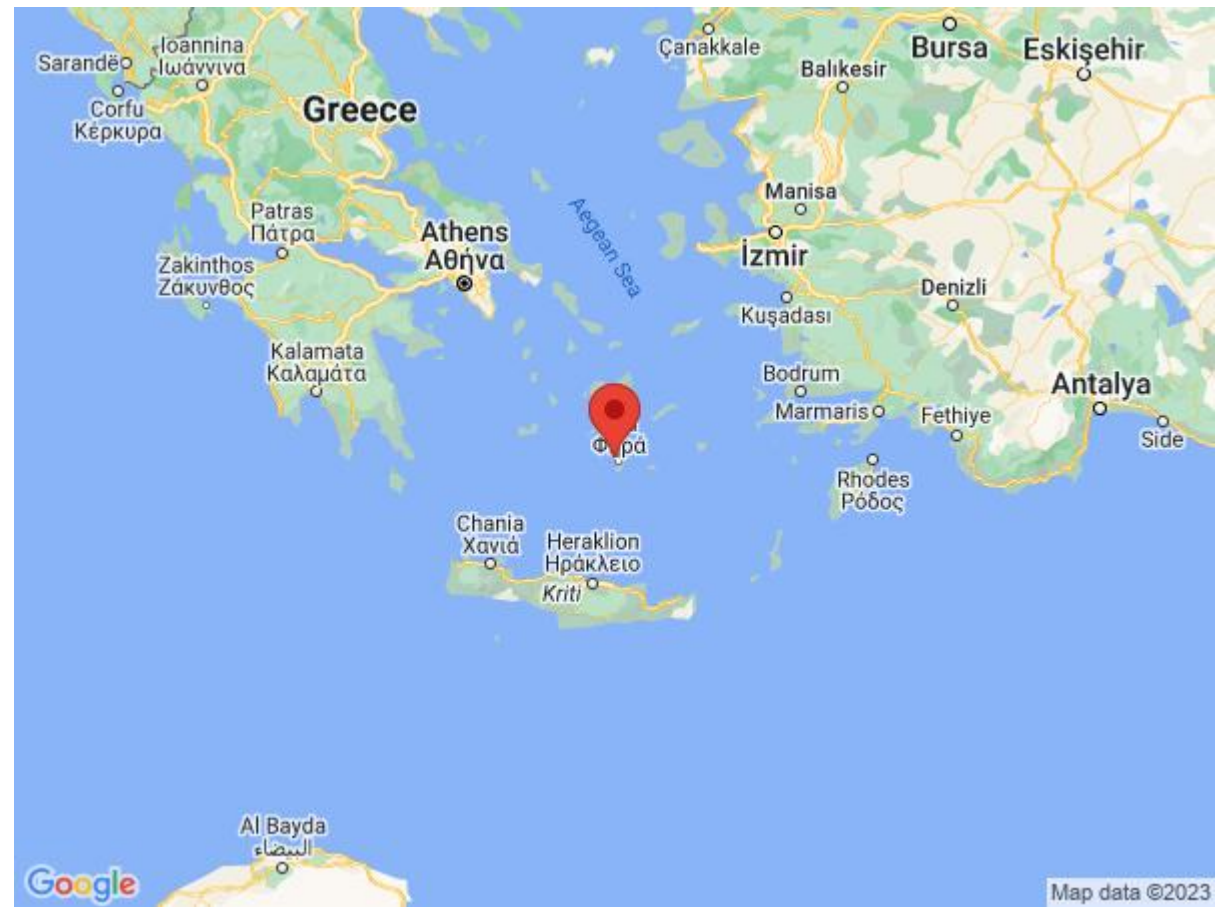
Location & Local Information

Villa Cowrie can be found on the outskirts of the iconic picture postcard town of Oia, on the north coast of Santorini, a Cycladic island in the southern Aegean Sea. The villa is eighteen kilometres from Santorini's International Airport, and twenty 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 villa is just a few minutes walk from the nearest minimart and shops for provisions to cater for your holidays. Cafes and bars, restaurants and nightclubs are within walking distance.

The nearest beach is Katharos, a seven hundred metre walk away, this secluded unspoilt, unorganised beach has dark sand and pebbles, and is far away from the madding tourist crowds. The town of Oia is rather magical, a fishing village, with a maze of colourful lanes, populated with exclusive boutiques, leading down to the harbour. Seek solace in blue-domed Greek Orthodox churches, tilt at windmills, visit the Naval Museum, cliff dive off Ammoudi Bay, and then enjoy freshly caught seafood, on the seafront. Stay for the famous sunsets, after all, it's what we all came on holiday for. Stroll the nine-kilometre trail and hike the Caldera edge until you get to the capital town of Fira, on the west coast. In Fira town centre there are lots of museums, choose 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.

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 one 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 Aegean Sea, enjoying a meal of Greek meze on board, or simply watching the sunset as you sail back into the harbour.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Santorini Airport (18km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Oia Gefsis (1.3km) |
| Nearest Beach | Ammoudi Beach (5m) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Oia Market (1.3km) |

What we love

- We loved sitting at the top of the terrace, sipping cocktails in the sea-view Jacuzzi as the super yachts sail by
- Oia is most famous for its fabulous sunsets, which can be enjoyed with your own private viewing on the terrace of Villa Cowrie
- The bathroom at Villa Cowrie is really rather fabulous, cave-like, with a walk-in rain shower and artistic mirror arrangement
- The villa is within walking distance of the centre of Oia, and everything you will need to cater for your holiday is at hand

What you should know...

- There are steps up to the Jacuzzi on the terrace and steps up to the sleeping area, which may not be suitable for those with mobility issues
- The villa sleeps up to three guests, two in the double bed, and one on the sofa bed
- The property can arrange a paid airport shuttle for you directly to the villa

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: None required.
- Arrival time: 16:00
- Departure time: 12:00
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- 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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €40 paid to OT at time of confirmation. 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Other 2: Social gatherings not permitted.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Minimum stay: 2 Nights.
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access is included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on the local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.