

# This New Santorini Hotel Combines The Iconic View And Utter Serenity



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Santorini is one of the most idyllic places in the world, especially in the northwest corner of this island in Greece's Cyclades around the northernmost village of Oia. The problem is that most people are aware of that and hotels are built wedged next to each other on the steep incline of the caldera, the elevated remnant of a volcanic eruption and provider of the island's most iconic views. To get those views, you usually have to sacrifice privacy but with a new hotel that opened a few months ago, that's no longer the case.



*Andronis Arcadia* is close to the village of Oia, a mere five minute walk away, but is set apart from the village on a private expanse of land, away from the streams of day trippers strolling the shop lined alleyways and crowding onto the western edge to watch the famed sunset. Guests can watch sunset from their pools—all 53 suites have one—or from the resort’s 4,844 square foot pool, the largest on the island.



The buildings and décor lean heavily on elements of nature: composed of local stone in colors reflective of the volcano with furnishings in light wood handmade locally and white or pale contemporary furniture. The look is intentionally angled to be a modern hotel that just happens to be on the sloping caldera as opposed to the startling white cave houses prevalent in this part of the island.



Appropos of a modern hotel is a Presidential Suite which here translates to the 6458 square foot, six bedroom Eden Villa, the island's largest. It also includes two pools, a spa room with two treatment beds and comes with its own staff including a chef.



If the residents of that villa decide to come out to use the resort's restaurants instead, they have a choice between the Oishii Sushi Bar which combines Japanese technique with local Aegean fish, the Althea restaurant for Mediterranean dishes and the intimate Opson Restaurant featuring the preparations of Ancient Greece.



There's also the full service Evexia spa, a rarity on the island as is one special analytic treatment in which a strand of hair is analyzed for a full wellness profile, leading to a program of recommended treatments and diet. Among the conditions that can be treated is a problem with sleeping which can be improved with an Ayurvedic deep tissue massage involving pouches of herbs warmed in essential oils. But in a restful setting such as this, a few nights here might have the same effect.