

# Volcanic Magic: These Are the Best Beaches in Santorini!

Beaches in Santorini stand out from other beaches in the Cyclades complex thanks to their volcanic landscape and lunar scenery. The striking contrast between the black and red volcanic stones or sand and the deep blue waters of the Aegean Sea make beaches in Santorini ideal for swimming and relaxing with breathtaking views of the iconic caldera.

But what are the best beaches in Santorini and what makes each unique?

In this article, we share the top beaches in Santorini, from black beaches to beautiful red beaches. Let's explore them!

## 1. Perissa and Perivolos Beaches in Santorini (Santorini's Black Beach)

Perissa and Perivolos are arguably two of the most popular beaches in Santorini! Together they form the so-called Black Beach, an alluring beach covered with black volcanic sand and pebbles, creating a magical lunar scenery that will blow your mind.

Santorini's Black Beach is organized with sunbeds and parasols and has several taverns, beach bars, and watersport centers. Perivolos Beach in Santorini is the most cosmopolitan of the two, with beach bars organizing all-night parties. On the other hand, Perissa is one of the best beaches in Santorini to swim; it is quieter and has been awarded a Blue Flag for its clean waters!

## 2. Red Beach in Santorini

As its name suggests, Red Beach in Santorini stands out for its stunning red color. The red rocks surrounding the beach create an ethereal scenery that reminds one of the planet Mars; swimming in the sea while marveling at them is an otherworldly experience!

Due to its unique landscape and small size, Red Beach in Santorini can get overcrowded in peak season, so if you want to enjoy it, be there early! But, even if you don't manage to visit it, it's worth taking photos of it from afar; you will be mesmerized by its majestic scenery.

## 3. Vlychada Beach in Santorini

Vlychada is arguably one of the best beaches in Santorini! Its unique lunar scenery makes it a great choice for those seeking an ultra-photogenic beach experience. Carved by wind and sea

salt throughout the centuries, the cliffs surrounding the beach boast unique formations that make you feel like you are on the moon; it's truly magical!

Except for the beginning of the beach, Vlychada isn't organized with umbrellas and sunbeds. So, we recommend bringing with you everything you need for a day at the beach!

**Extra tip:** If you want to combine your beach day with a dose of [Santorini's history](#), visit the Tomato Museum at the end of the shore.

## 4. Pori Beach in Santorini

Pori Beach lies in the island's northeastern part, 5 km from the picturesque Imerovigli village. Protected from northern winds thanks to its crescent shape, this is one of the best beaches in Santorini to swim in the crystalline waters of the Aegean. It is especially enjoyable in early fall when the crowds thin out, but the water temperature is still pleasant for swimming!

Pori Beach isn't organized with sunbeds and umbrellas, so make sure you bring everything you need for the day with you. However, there are some taverns at the beach, where you can savor fresh fish and seafood taking in the beautiful scenery!

## 5. Kamari Beach in Santorini

Kamari is another beautiful beach in Santorini! Nestled under the Ancient Thera cliff, Kamari is one of the busiest and longest beaches in Santorini, as it is 5 km long, having room for everyone!

Kamari Beach is organized with sun loungers, umbrellas, restaurants, and beach bars, and it is easy to reach from every spot on the island, including Thira, Oia, [Mesaria](#), and Imerovigli. It is also one of the best beaches to swim in Santorini, as it has been awarded a Blue Flag for its clean waters.

## 6. White Beach in Santorini

As you can tell by its name, White Beach in Santorini boasts beautiful white cliffs that create an interesting contrast with its enticing deep blue waters. This beach isn't easy to reach, as the only ways to get there are either on foot from Kambia Beach or by boat from Red Beach. However, it's worth it, as the scenery you will enjoy is otherworldly!

White Beach is organized with sunbeds and parasols, but don't forget to bring cool water and snacks with you, as there aren't any canteens on the beach.

## 7. Monolithos Beach in Santorini

Monolithos Beach in Santorini is popular with locals, tourists, and families, thanks to its shallow waters, making it ideal for children. The beach is covered with black volcanic sand and is organized with umbrellas, sunbeds, and cafeterias. There are also volleyball and basketball courts for those who want to practice their favorite hobby at the beach!

At the end of the beach, you'll also find a small harbor and traditional fish taverns where you can enjoy fresh fish and local specialties!

## 8. Agios Georgios Beach in Santorini

Agios Georgios Beach in Santorini, which lies next to Perivolos, is a beautiful beach carpeted with the island's characteristic volcanic black sand. Quieter than the nearby Perivolos and Perissa, Agios Georgios Beach in Santorini is an ideal option for those who want to enjoy a relaxing beach day away from the hustle and bustle.

The beach is organized with umbrellas and sun loungers, while you will find some taverns and cafeterias in the surrounding area. On the beach, you'll also find Saint George Thalassitis' church, which is worth visiting!

## 9. Ammoudi Beach in Santorini

Nestled in a small bay near Oia, Ammoudi is one of the most beautiful beaches in Santorini. The impressive volcanic red cliffs surrounding the beach create a postcard-perfect scenery that will mesmerize you, while the picturesque harbor will make you feel transported to another era.

To reach the shingle Ammoudi, you must descend the more than 200 steps that lead to it, but -trust us- the beautiful scenery will reward you. This beach's enticingly blue waters are ideal for swimming, but remember that they deepen quickly, so you have to be careful!

*Beaches in Santorini are simply irresistible! Standing out for their volcanic landscape and crystal-clear waters, they are perfect for swimming and sunbathing under the iconic caldera. Some beaches in Santorini are busier than others, so if you want to escape the crowds, opt for a quieter beach.*

*And if you wish to enjoy a relaxing stay away from the hustle and bustle, book a serene luxury hotel, like [Nous Santorini](#) Hotel in Messaria, and immerse yourself in total relaxation!*