

Make your Santorini arrival work.

The Santorini Insider's Cheat Sheet: four printable sheets to connect your arrival, your base and the bookings that matter.

Fill this in before committing to non-refundable plans. This is desk research and a planning worksheet. It does not confirm departures, availability, prices or access conditions for your trip.

Arrival date and local time in Greece

Accommodation name and street address

Flight or ferry number / exact arrival point

Check-in contact and latest arrival arrangements

Start with the public option

The KTEL Santorini PDF lists Airport ↔ Fira services. It also names Athinios port in its fares, but does not provide a dated port-departure table. Check the current operator information for your exact arrival before relying on a bus connection.

- ☐ Find the stop and direction for the first leg; record a second leg if needed.
- ☐ Ask the accommodation how to reach its actual entrance with your luggage.
- ☐ If public transport does not fit, compare a taxi or prebooked transfer: meeting point, included waiting, luggage, access needs and cancellation terms.

My arrival plan / fallback and contact

Source: [KTEL Santorini operator timetable](#), document dated 14 July 2026, read 6 September 2026. Its publication date is not proof of service on a future date.

Read online: [Santorini bus guide and source discrepancies](#).

CHOOSE A BASE AROUND YOUR DAYS

Caldera town or beach base?

Compare the setting, then verify the exact room and journeys. A town name alone cannot establish walking distance, quietness or step-free access.

Fira

Published setting: Santorini's capital, with narrow streets and caldera views.

Planning trade-off: compare the room entrance and slopes with your walking needs; plan the separate journey for beach days.

Kamari

Published setting: a base beside one of Santorini's black-sand beaches.

Planning trade-off: plan a separate journey for caldera sightseeing and verify the return service for your date.

These are two starting points, not a complete island ranking. The settings are sourced; the comparison questions are editorial guidance.

Ask before choosing the room

- ☐ What is the entrance location, not just the map pin for the property?
- ☐ How many steps or steep sections lie between the drop-off and my specific room?
- ☐ If I need particular access features, can the property confirm the route, measurements and room category in writing?
- ☐ What noise, check-in and luggage arrangements apply to this room?

My comparison	Option A	Option B
Base / room		
Arrival journey		
Main trade-off		

Source: [Visit Greece: Santorini destinations](#), hosted by the Greek National Tourism Organisation; read 6 September 2026. This describes geography, not verified accommodation access.

Explore: [Compare Greek island choices](#).

CHECK THE CONNECTION, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

A route line is not a departure.

Record each leg's date, operator and return plan. A saved screenshot or an estimated journey time does not reserve a seat or establish a workable transfer.

Leg / direction	Date + departure	Operator / checked on
Arrival → base		
Base → day trip		
Day trip → base		
Base → departure point		

Bus checks

- ☐ Read the heading above the column: “from Fira” and “from destination” are different directions.
- ☐ Check the last return and any date, weekday, express or other notation with KTEL. Do not extend a summer timetable into your travel month without confirmation.

If your trip includes a ferry

- ☐ Confirm the exact port, sailing date, ship, boarding instructions and ticket conditions with your operator.
- ☐ For a ferry-to-flight plan, assess the transfer and disruption risk. Consider an overnight buffer; this sheet does not calculate a safe interval.

Operator-specific example: Blue Star currently allows online check-in from 48 to 2 hours before scheduled departure. This is a check-in window, not a guarantee that arriving at the port at the last moment is sufficient. Other operators may differ.

Last return / backup plan / who to contact

Sources, read 6 September 2026: [KTEL timetable](#) and [Blue Star ticket and check-in FAQ](#). Reopen operator updates before travel.

Planning aid: [Sketch an island route](#); estimates do not confirm service.

KEEP THE DECISION AND THE EVIDENCE TOGETHER

Before you book.

Use actual quotes and written confirmations. Compare the whole trip cost, including the journeys required by your choice of base.

Cost to verify	Amount / currency	What is included?
Accommodation + charges		
Arrival + departure transfer		
Day trips / local transport		
Activities / reservations		

Final booking checks

- ☐ Confirm the exact room, dates, guest count, total price and payment schedule.
- ☐ Read cancellation and change deadlines, including the stated time zone.
- ☐ For an activity or restaurant, verify its meeting point, inclusions, timing and your return journey. Do not assume a reservation includes transport.
- ☐ Keep the booking reference and contact details available offline.

One unanswered question to resolve before paying

Confirmed by / source link / date checked

What this guide provides: a planning structure, two sourced base examples and links to operator information. It contains no live quotes, reserved inventory, field-verified access routes or guaranteed connections. Blank fields are for your own trip, not missing supplier data presented as fact.

Continue planning: [Greece travel checklist](#) · [Transport planning](#) · [Santorini bus guide](#).

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