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# Katikies Hotel

Santorini, Greece

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Telegraph expert rating



" Santorini is the queen of sunsets, sea views and swimming pools – and Katikies is one of the best places to experience all three. The hotel is made up of dozens of whitewashed rooms tumbling down Oia's cliffside, all with knockout views of the caldera. The three infinity pools practically melt into the horizon. "

## Telegraph Review



By **Lizzie Frainier**,  
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## Location

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This is the romantic Santorini that everyone dreams about, with uninterrupted views over a puzzle of whitewashed buildings dropping dramatically down over the caldera - the volcanic crater now partially submerged in the Aegean sea that makes the island's landscape so instantly recognisable. The hotel has been built into the rocky cliffs in the popular village of Oia, meaning each room, pool and restaurant has direct sightlines over the water, but it's the height that you find yourself at that makes the setting so dizzily beautiful.

You can explore the winding streets of the village from your doorstep, with a pedestrianised marble pathway leading into the centre; it's barely more than a two-minute walk. For sunset though, you're best to return to the hotel where you won't have to endure the tourist jostle as the sky turns a majestic dusty pink. It's less than 15 miles to both the airport and the port, and transfers in the hotel's air-conditioned shuttles can be arranged.



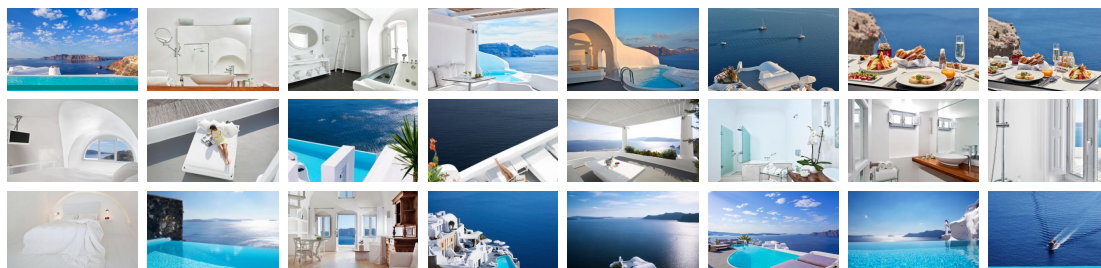
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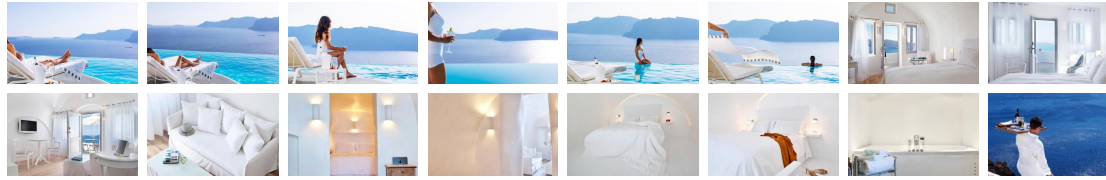
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Gleaming whitewashed buildings tumble down the cliffside, crisscrossed with stone grey paths and stairways. It's so maze-like that it's somewhat easy to get lost. Splashes of green, from shrubbery and trees, are used sparingly, and 100 metres below the deep blue sea sparkles in the light. The three turquoise infinity pools practically melt into the horizon, and are accompanied by light grey loungers. It's the archetypal Aegean Cycladic look, pulled off with aplomb ever since opening more than 30 years ago.



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## Service and Facilities

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Staff are happy to help organise excursions, and are particularly friendly in the restaurants. The main draw of the facilities are the three infinity pools, each with superb views. There is also a small spa (two treatment rooms), boutique and library, and guests can make use of the facilities at other hotels in the group, such as the gym and larger spa at Kirini, which is a 10-minute walk or two-minute transfer away. For a really special day out, ask the concierge about organising a trip on one of the hotel boats, complete with excellent swimming spots and a barbecue lunch on the water.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Fitness centre
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Pool
- ✔ Restaurant
- ✔ Room service
- ✔ Spa
- ✔ Wi-Fi

## Rooms

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Small white-picket gates lead off the main pathway onto roomy outdoor terraces. Due to the stacked layout of the buildings, most are overlooked by others so don't expect total privacy. Inside, arched ceilings and whitewashed walls give the feeling of sleeping within a cave on the cliffs. The bed is supremely comfy, and the bathroom is large with a powerful rainfall shower.

As for décor, it's much what you would expect in line with the rest of the hotel: minimalist, with a muted colour palette of greys, beige and white. A footstool, coffee table and chairs with ornate detailing add to the old-school romantic feel. Amenities include air-conditioning, a television, iPod docking station, safe, minibar, Nespresso coffee machine and hair dryer. Some higher room categories and suites have jetted bathtubs, fireplaces and open-air plunge pools.

## Food and Drink

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Snacks and cocktails can be ordered to your lounge from The Katikies Pool Bar and Restaurant; and later you can toast the sunset with a glass of fizz and a selection of sushi and shellfish at Seltz Champagne Bar and Restaurant. The standout option for dinner though is no doubt the intimate, candle-lit Mikrasia. Sitting in here feels rather like being in a secret treehouse – there are just a handful of tables and the carved wooden panels and potted plants makes it feel rather tucked away, even though the sea views stretch out for miles. Dishes are inspired by Greek Anatolian roots and are prettily plated; it should be little surprise that fish is a highlight. Try the fisherman's soup for a lovely mix of cod, clams and sea urchins.

Breakfast is an impressive buffet, with all the usual suspects and more; there's even an entire corridor dedicated to desserts. You can also order à la carte dishes, such as a Greek take on poached eggs served on a soft bun with tomato and cheese mousse, both at the restaurants or to your room.

## Value for Money

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Double rooms from €470 (£401) in low season; and from €1,060 (£905) in high season. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi. Though the prices are certainly high here, Santorini is famously one of the world's most expensive destinations and this is a truly standout location.

## Access for guests with disabilities?

There are lots of steps throughout the property to reach rooms, restaurants and other facilities. A lift built into the rock is helpful for those less agile but you still have to manoeuvre a number of steps first.

## Family-Friendly?

This hotel is adults-only; children under the age of 13 are not permitted to stay. Another hotel in the group, Katikies Garden, is much better suited to families.

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