

**EXPLORE
THE HOT LIST**

Erosantorini

People flock to Santorini for many reasons, including the stunning views of charming towns carved into the cliffs, the blue Aegean Sea, delicious seafood and finding a sense of living history. But there's one thing that was previously unavoidable: the crowds. Whether it's the near-daily arrival of cruise-ship passengers, tourists or honeymooners, it can feel impossible to find privacy on the island, especially in Oia, where nearly every hotel is visible from the walkways. Cue the arrival of Erosantorini, an exclusive-use estate that offers something money was previously unable to buy on the island: privacy, with all the amenities and services of a five-star hotel.

Perched 1,000ft above the caldera, Erosantorini is an idyllic Aegean escape that seamlessly blends the Greek spirit of *philotimo* (from the Greek words meaning "friend" and "honor") with simple, unpretentious luxury. The four Cubist-inspired suites each have their own outdoor living space, including a whirlpool or plunge pool, daybeds and outdoor shower. Inside, the Paola Navone designs are modern, playful interpretations of classic Greek style. While the suites are not enormous, that is the point. The entire 2-acre property is yours.

Here, you'll find a three-level infinity pool, the largest on island, with an underwater sound system, a hidden "cave" with a swing

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and sun beds on the lowest level. Meals are leisurely affairs to be enjoyed at a large outdoor table near a barbecue and *fournos* (outdoor oven). There's a charming spa with a heavenly marble hammam and one treatment room, outdoor movie theater and tiny chapel.

Philotimo can be found everywhere on the estate. The three chefs create custom multi-course menus using the best Greek ingredients

Above:
Erosantorini is perched 1,000ft above the caldera
Below left:
Cubist-inspired suite
Below right:
Entrance to the property

for every meal, taking into account your preferences, and they will happily invite you into the open-air kitchen to watch or cook alongside them. Offering warm and friendly hospitality, the live-in host can handle all requests, whether it's the perfect caldera catamaran cruise (with Erosantorini's chef on board, naturally) or bringing you the perfect mint iced tea as you bask in the Mediterranean sunshine overlooking the caldera.

From \$5,500 per night in low season, \$22,000 in high season, including meals, drinks, transfers and treatments. To book, contact Eleni Rantou, sales manager, escape@erosantorini.com, +30 6982 971 579, erosantorini.com



The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort

Located on a 22-acre island in the Dhaalu Atoll in the Maldives, St. Regis's first private island resort does not disappoint. After a Bentley transfer at Malé Airport, guests take a seaplane to the island, which offers a quiet lagoon, a beach and a bit of tropical jungle. The modern aesthetic, designed by WOW Architects and Warner Wong Design, includes standouts like the Library and the Whale Bar. With its whale-shark shape, the latter is the most Instagrammable spot on the island.

If you're traveling with wellness in mind, there's plenty on offer. The Iridium Spa, which viewed from above is shaped like a lobster, has Ayurvedic treatments and doctors on-site, six private overwater treatment rooms and the

Above left:
John Jacob Astor
Estate

Below left:
Whale Bar

Below right:
A bedroom in
the oceanfront
Caroline Astor
Estate

Blue Hole Pool, the Maldives' largest heated seawater hydrotherapy pool, perfect for melting away stress and travel-related aches and pains. The yoga and meditation studio offers a wide array of classes, including anti-gravity yoga, where you are suspended from the ceiling in silk slings that offer additional support. Many people find it incredibly calming, so don't be surprised if you nod off during *savasana*. There's also an outdoor tennis court, fitness center and water-sports center with scuba diving, snorkeling, stand-up paddle boarding, canoeing, windsurfing and boating.

The all-villa resort features 77 overwater and on-island accommodations, each with a private pool. Whether you are overwater or on-island comes down to personal preference. The overwater bungalows have endless water views and little hammocks to relax in, but they are a bit of a walk from the action in the resort. On-island villas are nestled within palm trees for privacy, each seeming to pop out of the jungle directly onto the beach. The top suite on the property is the John Jacob Astor Estate, a three-bedroom overwater villa that, at 16,500 sq ft, is the largest in the Maldives. Essentially your private compound, it boasts 24-hour dedicated butler service, its own fitness center, mini-theater, three private spa suites, a 1,000 sq ft infinity pool, two butler rooms for guests with their own staff and dedicated buggy service around the island. If you prefer to be on-island, choose the Caroline Astor Estate, an oceanfront two-bedroom villa.

Nightly rate from \$26,220. To book, contact Aini Zariyah, director of marketing and communications, aini.zariyah@stregis.com, +960 676 6333, stregismaldives.com

