

Greek islands

By Norwegian

**They've become the celebs' favoured getaway for picturesque houses,
clear blue seas, summer sunshine and unbeatable historic sites
– plus some of the best eating in Greece**



The souvenir \ **MODEL WINDMILL**

An iconic part of the landscape on many Greek islands, windmills were introduced by Venetians in the 16th century to grind wheat. While the most famous are on Mykonos, disused windmills have been preserved throughout the Cyclades. You can stay in a number of restored properties, notably in Oia on Santorini or Elounda in Crete, while Santorini's Windmill Villas offer luxury rentals in replica buildings. 📍 goldensunsetvillas.com, windmill.gr



The basics

- Greece has up to 6,000 islands, around 200 of which are inhabited
- Norwegian flies to seven Greek island destinations, including two of the biggest – Crete and Rhodes – as well as Corfu, Kefalonia, Kos, Lefkada and Santorini
- Norwegian also flies to Athens to reach islands such as Mykonos
- Santorini, Kefalonia and Lefkada all made the 2014 Travellers' Choice Awards Greek islands' Top 10, which was topped by Naxos

Corfu

Away from Kavos in the south, Corfu is a calm, rural getaway, while the Old Town is a UNESCO heritage site. The Merchant's House B&B offers six luxury suites in the island's "oldest" village.

📍 merchantshousecorfu.com



Crete

Crete is unmissable for its archaeological treasures, notably the Palace of Knossos, which was home to the mythical Minotaur and offers an unrivalled insight into Minoan society dating back 4,000 years.



Kefalonia

Famous for its starring role in Louis de Bernières' *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*, Kefalonia is the largest Ionian island. Beaches are usually surrounded by steep cliffs, with Myrto the best known.



Kos

Thanks to its size, Kos offers a bit of everything, including Venetian and Ottoman architecture. You can also go windsurfing and kitesurfing, while Kos Diving Club is PADI-certificated.

📍 kosdivers.com



Lefkada

Steeped in myth, Lefkada is said to be where Sappho committed suicide and is also linked to Odysseus. The waterfalls of Dimosari gorge are a must-visit, as is the protected lagoon, an important shelter for birds.



Rhodes

The largest of the Dodecanese islands, Rhodes boasts valleys, beaches, history, and plenty of nightlife. Head for Pefkos for a host of cocktail bars, including Eclipse with its stunning pool.



Santorini

The result of volcanic activity 3,600 years ago, Santorini's crescent shape is best viewed from picturesque Fira. If you tire of infinity pools and views, the local wineries aren't bad, either. 📍 santorini.net



The map



**Celebs with
Greek Island
homes**



Nicole Kidman
Patmos



Rowan Atkinson
Andros



Julia Roberts
Patmos

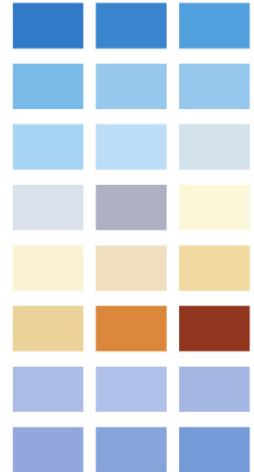


Tom Hanks
Antiparos



**Santorini brand
guidelines**

Suggested palette:



**Suggested word
associations:** romantic,
dreamy, infinity, azure,
indigo, bliss, sunset,
pampering etc



***The stay* /
ICONIC SANTORINI**

The World Travel Awards
named Iconic Santorini
Greece's best boutique
hotel in 2014 – and you can
see why. Its five levels of
infinity pools, cave spas and
cliff-side hot tubs are carved
into the volcanic caves above
the village of Imerovigli. Just
beware of honeymooners.

iconicsantorini.com

***The postcard(s)* / SANTORINI**

The Cyclades island chain, which includes Mykonos, is famous for white-painted houses – but for clean beauty, nowhere comes close to Oia on Santorini, where white and blue “cliff houses” are carved into the volcanic rock.