

## CIP 2008 Transport



In the following, you will find information about how to reach the meeting venue and Santorini island if you are flying to Greece or arriving by ferry. Please note that information on timetables for all means of transportation is subject to change by the time of the meeting. Updated information will be posted on our website at a time closer to the dates of the meeting. Nevertheless, before travelling, it is best to check the websites of the transportation organisations marked in the following guide.

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[Google Map \(satellite image\) showing Santorini in relation to Europe](#)

### Getting to Santorini Island

Santorini is a very popular touristic destination and so is served by multiple connections via both air and sea. If you are coming from any European country you may reach Santorini by taking a connecting flight from Athens International Airport or a ferry from Pireaus port. In the summer time, many charter flights fly directly from various European cities to Santorini island.

#### By air

Travelling by air to Santorini is the least time-consuming method. You can choose from 7-10 daily flights direct from Athens International Airport to Thera (Thira)

Airport, Santorini, operated by Greece's two national carriers – Olympic Airways and Aegean Airlines. The cost of a return flight from Thera (Thira) to Athens is approximately €150 and flight time is approximately 40 minutes.

Charter flights that operate from various European cities are also an option if you are arriving from Europe.

Air Travel Contact Details:

**Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"**

Arrivals/Departures: (+30) 210-353-0000;

General Information: (+30) 210-353-1000;

Website: [www.aia.gr](http://www.aia.gr)

**Santorini (Thera) National Airport (JTR)**

Tel.: +30 22860 28400

Fax: +30 22860 33349

Website: <http://www.hcaa-eleng.gr/santor.htm>

**Aegean Airlines**

Aegean Airlines operates 4-6 daily flights from Athens to Santorini and back. For more detailed information on prices and availability, please visit the Aegean Airlines website.

Website: [www.aegeanair.com](http://www.aegeanair.com).

Tel: + 30 210 99 88 350

**Olympic Airways**

Olympic Airways operates 3-4 daily flights depending on the weekday. For more detailed information on prices and availability, please visit the Olympic Airways website.

Website: [www.olympicairlines.com](http://www.olympicairlines.com)

Tel: +30 210 6261000

***Charter Flights***

An indication of the airline companies that fly to Santorini airport during the summer months.

**Charter Flights to Santorini (Thera) National Airport**

Adria Airways	Israir Ltd
Air Berlin	Jetairfly-ex Tui
Air Italy	Jugoslavenski Aerotransport
Air Malta	Lithuanian Airlines
Air Mediteranee	Livingston S.P.A.
Air One	Malev
Alitalia	Map Jet
Austrian Air Transport	Mistral Air
Blue Air Transport Aerian	My Way Airlines
Blue Panorama	Neos S.P.A.
Condor	Nordic Airways AB
Czech Airlines	Nova Airlines
Dubrovnik	SAS- Norge
Edelweiss	SAS-Scandinavian Airlines
Estonian Air	Slovak Airlines
Europe Airpost	Swiss International Airlines

Excel Airways	Thomas Cook Belgium
Excel France	Thomas Cook UK
Eurofly	Thompsonfly
Eurocyprian Airlines	TNT Airways
First Choice	Transaero Airlines
Finnair	Transavia Airlines
Gestion Aerea	Travel Service
Hamburg International	Volare Airlines
Iber World	Wind Jet

## By Sea

Ferry connections between mainland Greece and Santorini are frequent, especially during the summer time. During the summer high season (June-August), ferries leave daily from Piraeus port to Santorini and vice-versa. A typical ferry journey is: Piraeus - Paros - Naxos - Ios - Santorini.

There are also frequent connections between Santorini and other Cyclades islands (Mykonos, Anafi, Amorgos) as well as Rhodes, Crete and Thessaloniki.

Taking the boat from Piraeus, the main port of Athens, you will reach Santorini in around 9 hours with the classic ferry, 7 hours with the Blue Star Ferries and less with the catamaran or the hydrofoil (4.5hrs). During summer time there is a daily speed boat service (that takes 6hrs 20mins to reach Santorini) from the port of Rafina, an hour's drive from Athens centre.

### **Getting to Piraeus port from Athens International Airport**

You may reach Piraeus port from Athens International Airport either by taking a taxi (there is a taxi rank outside the airport arrivals level) or by public transport. A taxi journey from Athens International Airport to Piraeus will take about an hour and cost approximately 40 euro.

#### Athens Taxi Contact Numbers

Kosmos	18300 (quick dial from Athens) or +30 210-520-0020
Athina 1	1203 (quick dial from Athens) or +30 210-921-2800
Apollon	+30 210-363-6508
Ikaros	+30 210-515-2800
Asteras	+30 210-614-4000
Enotita	+30 210-645-9000
Ellas	+30 210-645-7000
Protoporia	+30 210-213-0400
Glyfada	+30 210-960-5600

If you choose the public transport option, you will take the metro line (blue line) from the airport to Monastiraki station. At Monastiraki station you will change to the green line, in the direction of Piraeus. Piraeus port is then only a short walk from the train station. The total fare for this journey will be 6 euro and you may purchase your ticket from any metro station. Do not forget to validate your ticket before boarding.

#### Athens Metro PDF

### ***Port Contact Details***

#### Piraeus Port:

Tel: (+30) 210-414-7800

#### Rafina Port

Tel: (+30) 22940-22300

### ***Ferry Contact Details:***

#### Hellenic Seaways:

Tel: (+30) 210-419-9000

[www.hellenicseaways.gr](http://www.hellenicseaways.gr)

#### Blue Star Ferries:

Tel: (+30) 210-891-9800

[www.bluestarferries.gr](http://www.bluestarferries.gr)

#### NEL:

Tel: (+30) 210-411-5015

[www.nel.gr](http://www.nel.gr)

### **Getting to the Meeting Venue**

The meeting venue is easily accessible, located in Thera city, at a close distance to both Santorini's airport and sea-port.

#### ***From Santorini (Thera) National Airport***

Santorini (Thera) National Airport is in the eastern part of the island, close to Monolithos, 8 km from Thera city.

You may take a public transport bus from the airport to the centre of Thera. The bus will leave you at Thera's central square and then it is a 10minute walk uphill along the caldera road to get to the meeting venue.

There are buses every hour and the fare is 1.20 euro one way and can be purchased from the bus driver.

The easiest way to reach your hotel/meeting venue is by taxi. The duration of the journey is 15 mins and will cost you around 10 euro. You may find a taxi outside the airport or call for one to come and pick you up.

#### **Santorini (Thera) National Airport details**

#### ***From Santorini "Athinios" Port***

Public buses are timetabled to meet every incoming ferry and will take you to the centre of Thera. The bus will leave you at Thera's central square and then it is a

10minute walk uphill along the caldera road to get to the meeting venue. The cost of the ticket is around 1.50 euro one-way and can be purchased from the bus driver.

Taking a taxi from Athinios Port will take about 20 minutes and cost you around 15 euro.

#### Athinios Port Contact Details:

Tel: +30 22860 22239

### Getting Around the Island

The public bus service is quite well developed, however, if you would like to see some less touristy parts of Santorini, renting a car or motorbike from one of the many car rental agencies is perhaps a better option. Taxis are relatively inexpensive compared to European standards.

#### Public Transport

A very convenient and cheap way to get around the island is by bus. The service is reliable and reasonably punctual.

Buses run regularly from 7:30 am till late at night.

Sample fares (2007):

Kamari-Thera €1.20

Perissa-Thera €1.90

Akrotiri-Thera €1.60

Oia-Thera €1.20

Half-fare for children and disabled. Fares go up a touch late at night.

Detailed timetables can be found on the Santorini public bus website: [www.ktel-santorini.gr](http://www.ktel-santorini.gr) or by calling: +30 22860 25404 or +30 22860 25462



#### By Taxi

Taxis in Santorini are a relatively inexpensive way to get around, however, at times can be hard to find.

Minimum charges start at 2 euro and then it depends where you go, if you share (the taxi driver considers each separate party as a second tariff), what time of the night it is, and of course there is an extra charge for luggage or having a taxi come to your hotel.

It is advisable to establish the fare before you get into the taxi.

#### Santorini Taxi Contact Numbers

+30 22860 22555  
+30 22860 23951  
+30 22860 23952

### ***Car Rental***

If you wish to explore the island on your own, you can rent a car, a motorbike or even a dune buggy at one of the many car rental agencies found on the island. The following car rental agencies are found at Santorini (Thera) National Airport:

Hertz :           Tel. : +30 22860 33670  
Europcar:       Tel. : +30 22860 24610  
Budget :         Tel. : +30 22860 22900

### ***Cable Car***

You may take the cable car from Thera to the port and back. Journey duration is 3 minutes and it departs every 20 minutes from 07:20 to 10:45 daily.

The cost of a one-way ticket is 4 euros with an extra 2 euro for any luggage you may be carrying.

**Tel:** +30 22860 22978