

## ICVS 2008 Transport



In the following pages, you will find information about how to reach the conference 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 conference. Updated information will be posted on our website at a time closer to the dates of the conference. Nevertheless, before travelling, it is best to check the websites of the transportation organisations marked in the following guide.

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### 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 different cities of Europe to Santorini island.

#### **By air**

Travelling by air to Santorini is the least time consuming method and 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).

**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)

**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 the 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 Pireaus will take about an hour and cost approximately 40 euro.

#### Athens Taxi Contact Numbers

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| 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. At Monastiraki you will change to the green line, in the direction of Pireaus. The train station is then only a short walk from Pireaus port. The total fare for this journey will be 6 euro.

#### 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 Conference Venue**

The conference 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 10 minute walk uphill along the caldera road to get to the conference 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/conference venue is by taxi. The duration of the journey is 15 mins and will cost you around 10 euro.

[Santorini \(Thera\) National Airport details](#) (link to previous mention of these 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 10 minute walk uphill along the caldera road to reach the conference 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.

The first bus to Thera leaves Kamari at 7.10 a.m., from Perissa at 7 a.m., and the last from Thera to Kamari leaves at 1 a.m., and to Perissa at midnight.

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. If you choose to call a taxi to pick you up (as opposed to flagging it down), a fee of 2 euro is automatically applied to your final fare.

### **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, motorbike or even 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