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Mystique Santorini

Building a hotel into the face of Santorini's dramatic sea cliffs lends an immediate advantage: The location alone is enough to make it a showstopper. Happily, the 18-room Mystique, under the same ownership as the island's highly regarded but viewless Vedema Resort, lives up to its stunning site. The free-form rooms, decorated in what might be called cave-art style (driftwood for headboards, a dining table and chairs that appear to be made of egg-shaped boulders), are carved directly into the cliff, and the views—toward the town of Fira—are magnificent. Mystique is accessed by a heart-poundingly steep staircase in one of the most private locations in Oia. Guests can take advantage of the splendid isolation by whiling away their afternoons poolside, then sitting down to a grilled-lobster dinner under the stars at the open-air restaurant. When to go: Good weather and lessening crowds make September perfect. Which room to book: Any of the Spiritual Suites, which have a private spa room, including a Jacuzzi, a treadmill, a stationary bicycle, and a fitness machine (30-22860-71114; mystique.gr; doubles, \$615–\$2,270).

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