



Santorini

There are plenty of reasons to visit Santorini – its architecture, dramatic landscape and locally grown food. Lying in the southern Aegean, and also known by its ancient Greek name, Thera, Santorini suffered a colossal volcanic eruption in Minoan times, which created the central lagoon. The colour of the sand ranges from black and red to white, depending on the geology of

each beach. Another highlight is the Grace hotel (pictured), which opened in 2008 and is carved out of a steep cliff overlooking the caldera. A revamp and extension by Divercity Architects and Mplus in 2010 increased its capacity and added a chic restaurant and bar. The views are simply spectacular. *Imerovigli, T 228 602 1300, www.santorinigrace.com*