### PEOPLE'S OCCUPATIONS AROUND VOLCANOES



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#### VOLCANOES HELP THE WORLD

Despite their reputation as destructive forces, volcanoes were truly critical to the development of life on Earth. Volcanoes can be catastrophic at the moment, but in the end the life of the Earth would not be the same, if it existed at all, without volcanoes.



#### THE BENEFIT OF MAN

However, the most important benefit to man from volcanic activity is the fertile soils created by lava and ash, which explains the development of large agricultural communities on the slopes of extinct volcanoes. However, volcanoes are of great importance for the adequacy of water, as they condense water vapor and rainfall, even in deserts, and retain water in the porous volcanic soils, which become real reservoirs.



#### **TOURIST VOLCANO**

In addition to the volcano itself, hot springs and geysers can also bring tourists. This creates a lot of jobs for people in the tourism industry. This includes work in hotels, restaurants and gift shops. Often locals are also employed as tour guides.

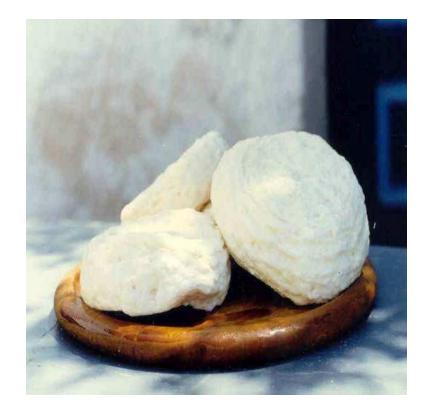


## SPECIFICALLY FOR SANTORINI

• In general, Santorini is arid and dry, without lakes, rivers, ravines or ravines. Its irrigation needs are mainly covered by boreholes made in its subsoil, where rainwater mainly collects. There are three main springs as well as four thermal springs on the island. The terrain of the island is volcanic, flat for the most part and rocky on the side of the volcano. The soil is fertile and favors the cultivation of vines, fava beans and tomatoes (arid and small-fruited variety). 15,000 acres are cultivated with vineyards on the island, while almost half (7,100 acres) are cultivated in the area of Oia.



• Chlorotiri of Santorini



• Fava of Santorini



• Wines of Santorini



• Kapparis of Santorini



• Santorini tomato



# TOURISM AT SANTORINI VOLCANO

Today, visitors to Santorini have the opportunity not only to gaze at the volcano from the cliff of the caldera or to see it by sea from closer, but also to walk it, to reach the points where even nowadays steam still comes out, or to swim in the warm waters around both Palea and Nea Kameni. In Nea Kameni, visitors can go down and walk the crater – as long as they are prepared for both uphill and very high temperatures, with a hat, sneakers, sunscreen and water considered essential. Then, in Palea Kameni, visitors can dive into the warm waters with the yellowish, due to the sulfur, color.









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