# PILOT DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SANTORINI





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# **Key Project Partners**





TEAM

YELLOW RAILROAD

TOPOSOPHY

CHAMBER OF CYCLADES

CHAMBER OF DODECANESE



#### A DMP PILOT PROGRAMME PROGRESS REVIEW

### Milestones

Desk research	MAY
Main consultation	JUNE
Surveys of industry, consumers and community	JULY - AUGUST
Interviews with key stakeholders and experts	JULY - AUGUST
Strategy Discussion Papers	JULY - AUGUST
Draft Destination Management Plans & DM Guide	SEPTEMBER
Presentations to stakeholders + Final Report	OCTOBER
Dissemination events (Athens, Corfu and Chania)	OCTOBER
Project completion	by 31 OCTOBER

# Santorini Destination Management Plan







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DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING

# ROLE AND VALUE

# Context of Destination Management Planning



Global tourism growth



Major industry and employer on Santorini



Greek government strategy:

- Sustainability
- New market segments and products
   (affluent travellers, wellness et al)



Sustainability challenge



Opportunity for Santorini's residents to decide how tourism should contribute to their future: economy, social life, environmental conservation.



Steps to achieve this

# Definition: Destination Management Planning as the Basis for Sustainable Tourism

Destination Management Planning is a process that enables people in a destination to decide how they want tourism to contribute to their economic and social life and take steps to achieve this.

This should cover "all the aspects of a destination that contribute to a visitor's experience, taking account of the needs of visitors, local residents, businesses and the environment."

# DMP Approach

4 QUESTIONS

1. Where is Santorini in tourism now? SITUATION ANALYSIS

2. Where does Santorini want its tourism to be in 2030?
THE VISION

3. How does Santorini get there?
THE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

4. How will we measure success?

MONITORING

# **DMP Approach**

#### 4 CORE PRINCIPLES

- 1. Targeting those visitors who will provide the greatest benefit to the destination, in terms of spend, length of stay, season of visit, propensity to travel beyond the 'honeypots', and, most importantly, their (responsible) behaviour in the destination.
- 2. Developing the destination, its infrastructure and tourism products and experiences, so that it appeals to those visitors who will provide the greatest benefit to the destination.

- 3. Identifying and managing any potentially **negative impacts** of tourism before they damage the place or undermine community cohesion.
- 4. Securing residents' understanding of tourism as a driver of the local economy, social cohesion, and environmental conservation, so that they welcome visitors and commit to tourism as an important and positive contributor to their daily lives.

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#### SANTORINI DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING

# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

# Situation Analysis: ACCOMMODATION

Santorini hotel b	eds in :	2019 (a	all): 1	4,045
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5* Hotel beds	2,659 (19%)
4* Hotel beds	4,766 (34%)
3* Hotel beds	2,955 (21%)
2* Hotel beds	2.637 (19%)
1* Hotel beds	1,028 (7%)

#### **Short-term rentals**

3,300 l	istin	gs
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Hosts with Multiple listings = c. 87.5%

Entire homes/apartments = c. 73% of total listings

#### **Tourist Villas**

600 units offering 3,619 beds

#### Furnished rooms and apartments:

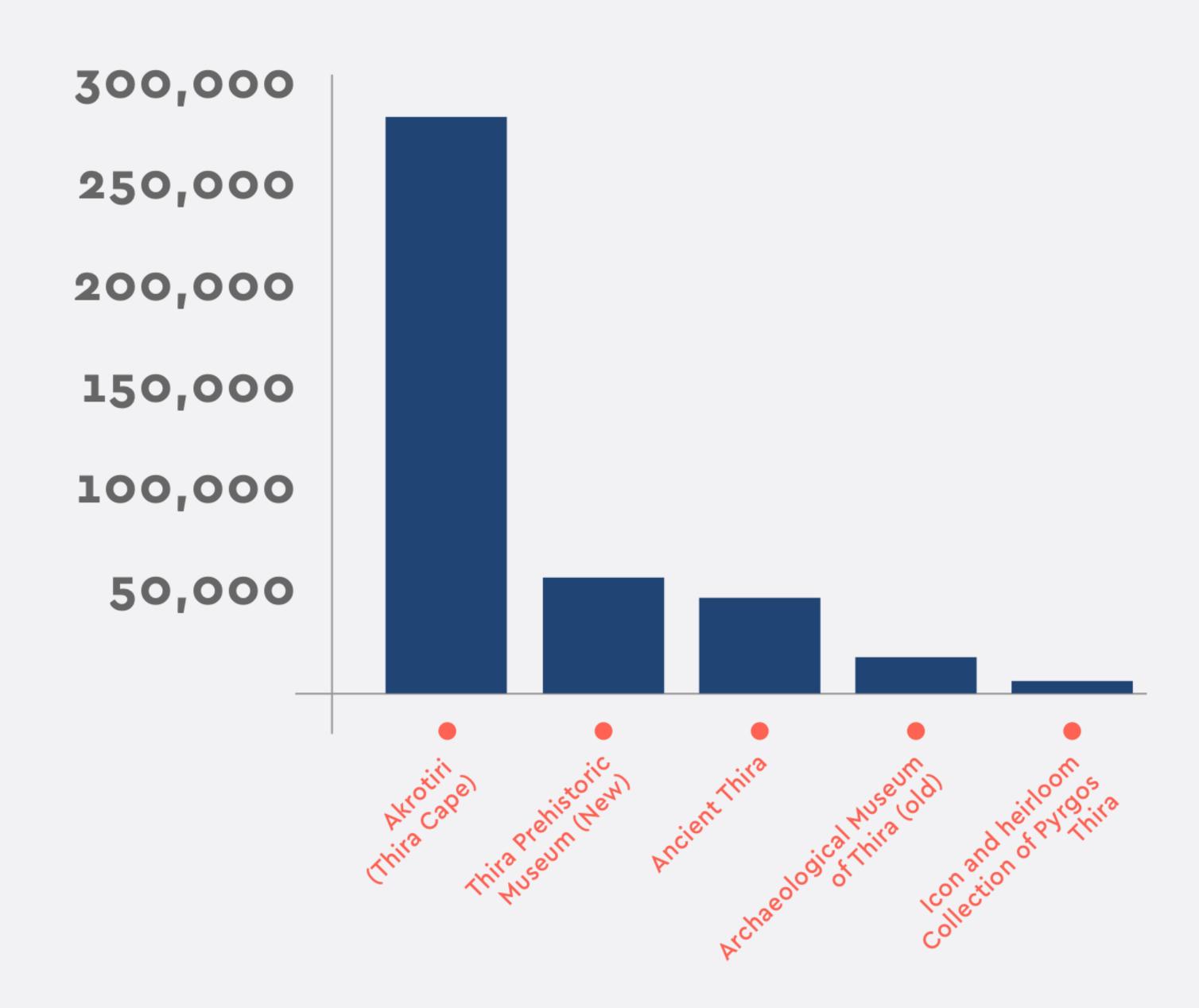
1,983 units offering 9,516 rooms/22,099 beds

# Situation Analysis:

HOTEL BED CONCENTRATION IN MUNICIPAL COMMUNITIES

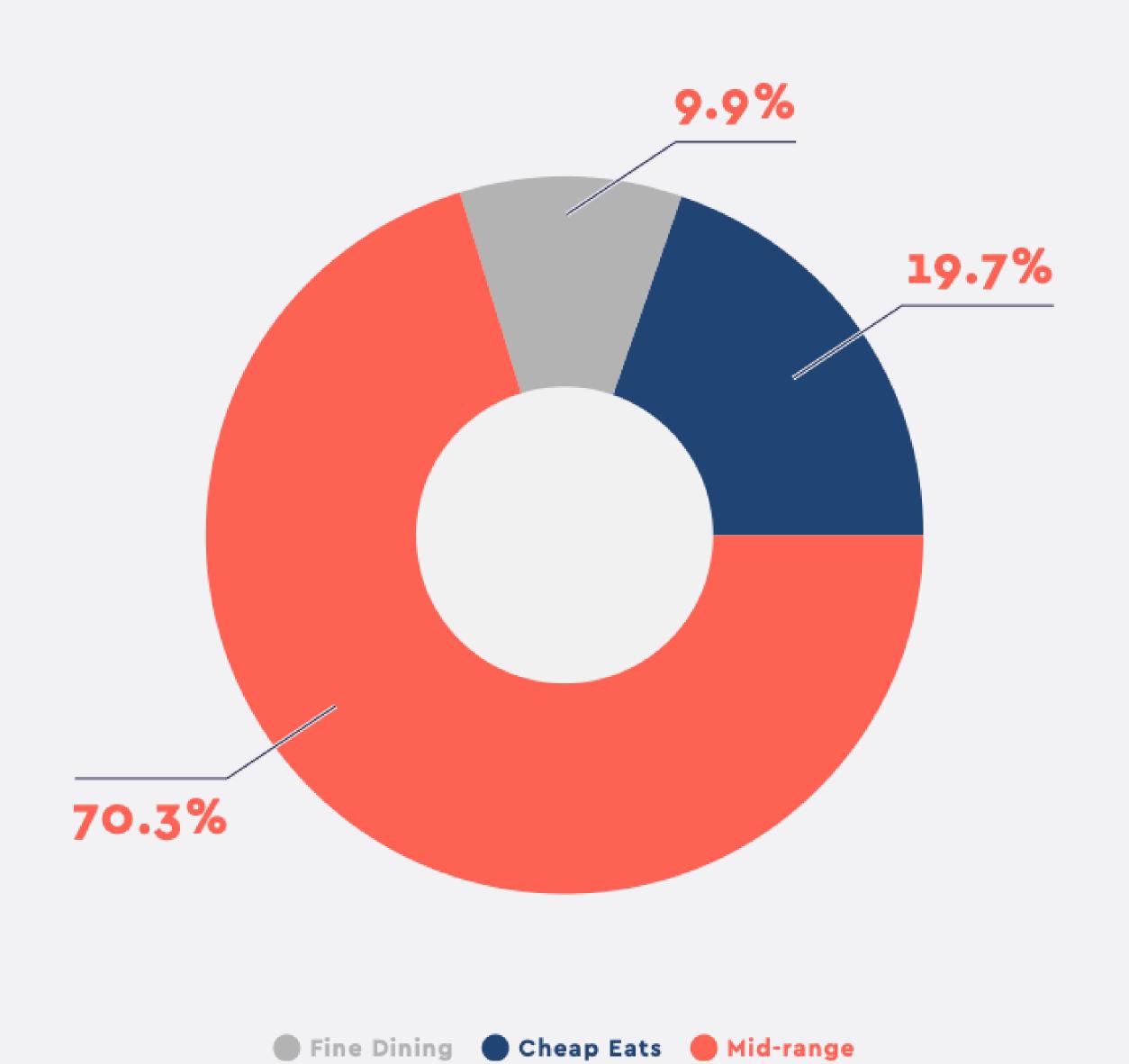


# Situation Analysis: ATTRACTIONS



# Situation Analysis: GASTRONOMY

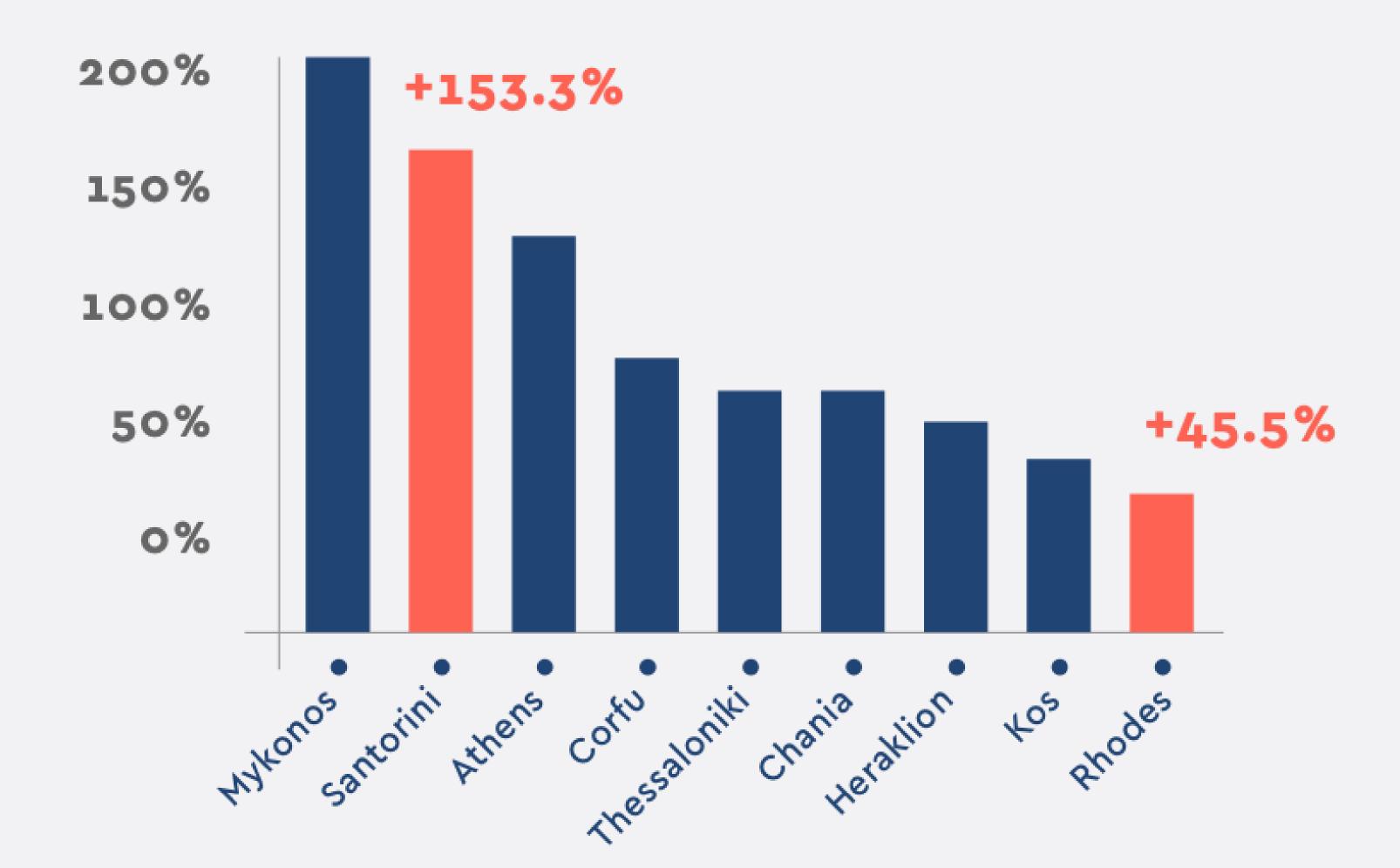
Share of TripAdvisor Listings per Category of Restaurants (May 2019



# Situation Analysis:

#### DESTINATION PERFORMANCE:

Growth of International Air Arrivals in Top Greek Destinations (2012-2018)



SOURCE: SETE INTELLIGENCE

# Situation Analysis:

#### DESTINATION PERFORMANCE: 2.85 MILLION ARRIVALS IN 2018



#### By air: 1,070,000

- International arrivals: 507,000;
- Domestic arrivals: 563,000.



#### By sea: 1,779,000

- General ferry/non-cruise: 1,030,000;
- Cruise: 749,000.

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# Situation Analysis: GROWTH OF HOTEL BEDS / AIR ARRIVALS

YEAR-OVER-YEAR GROWTH (%)	HOTEL BEDS	AIR ARRIVALS
2016/2015	+1.2%	+15%
2017/2016	+2.6%	+11.5%
2018/2017	+3.4%	+16%
2019/2018	+1%	-

# Situation Analysis:

#### SEASONALITY

International Air Arrivals (Monthly) at Santorini Airport (2016-2018)

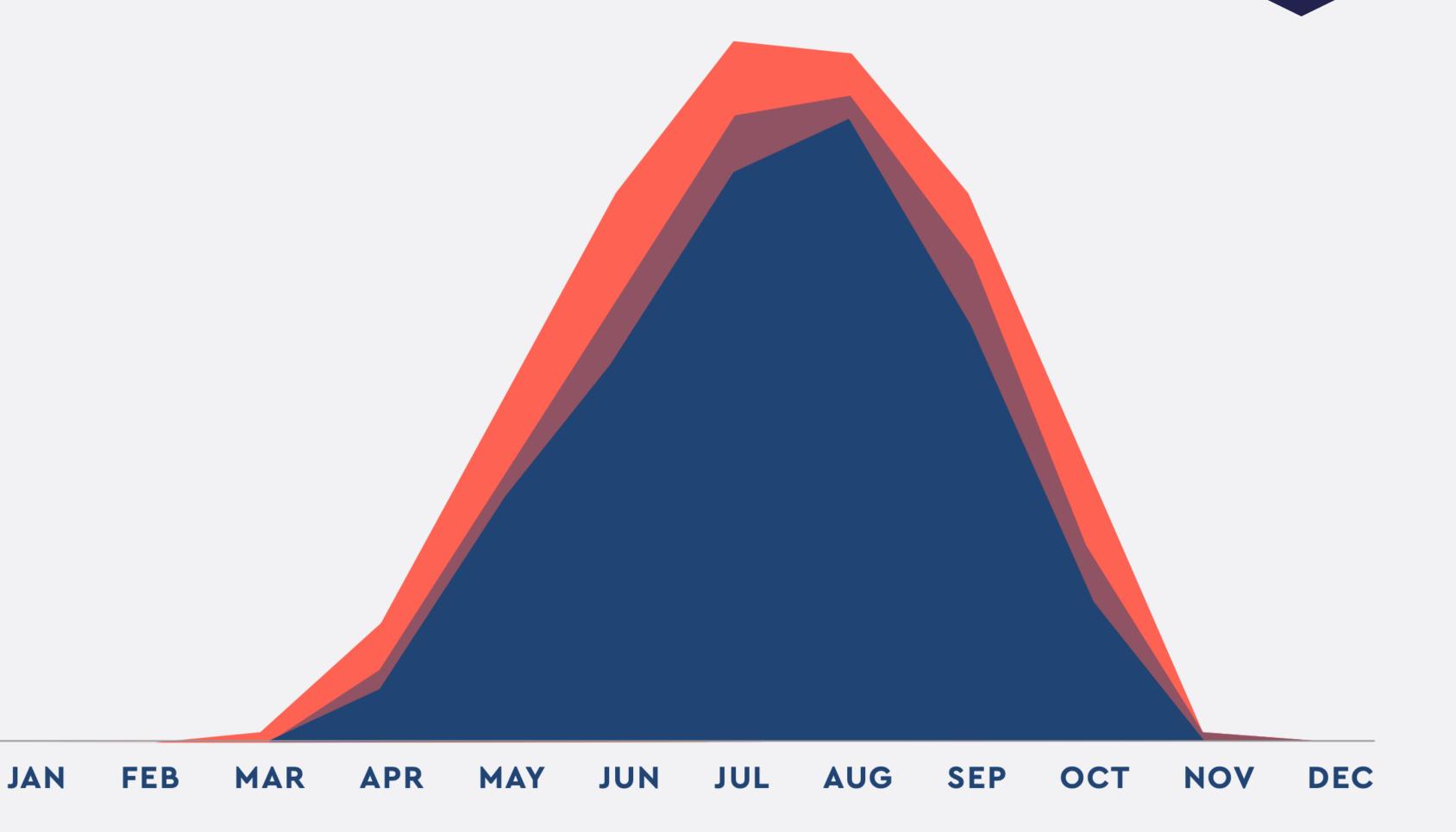












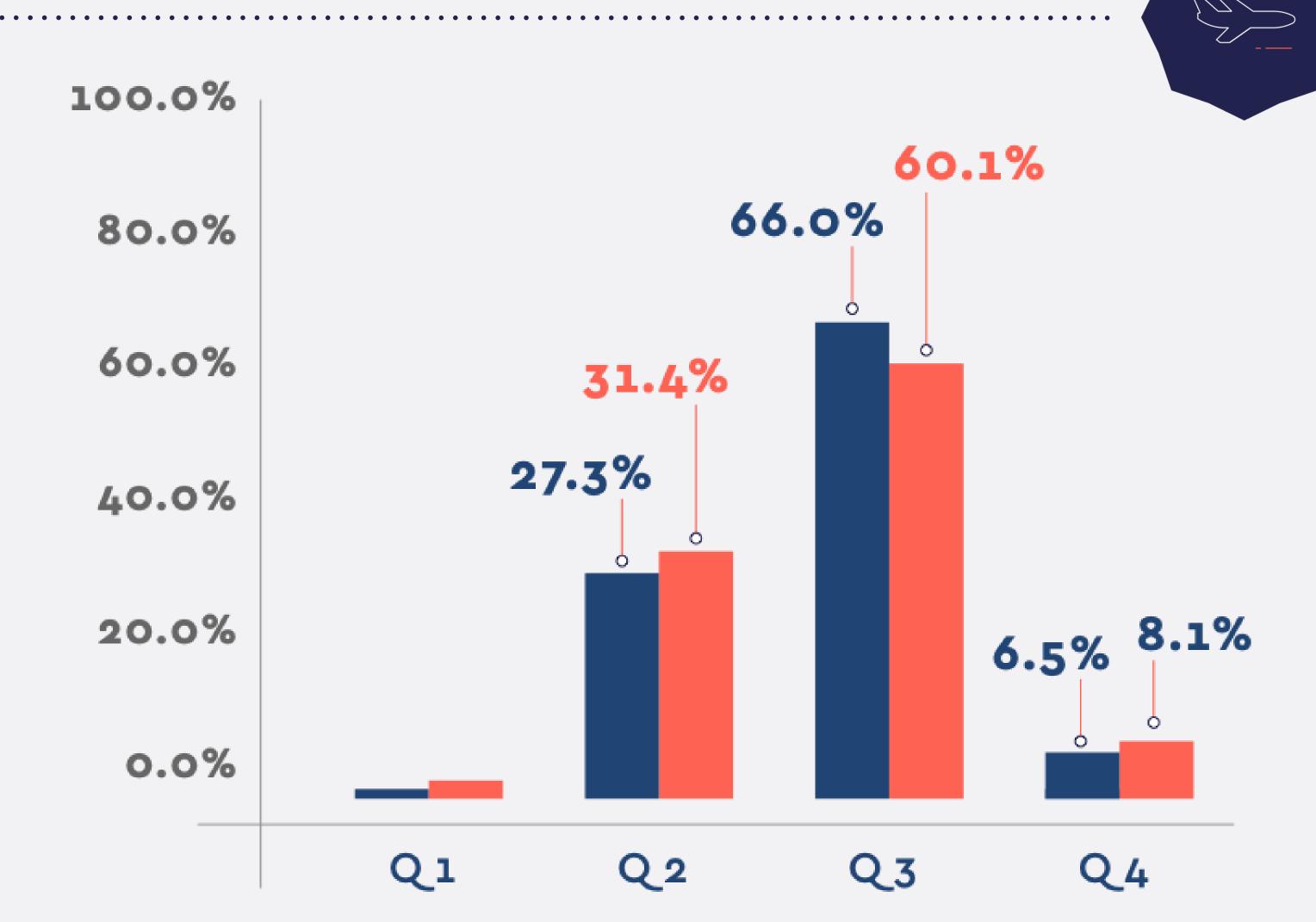
2018

2017

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# Situation Analysis: SEASONALITY

Shares of International Air Arrivals per Quarter at Santorini Airport (2016-2018)

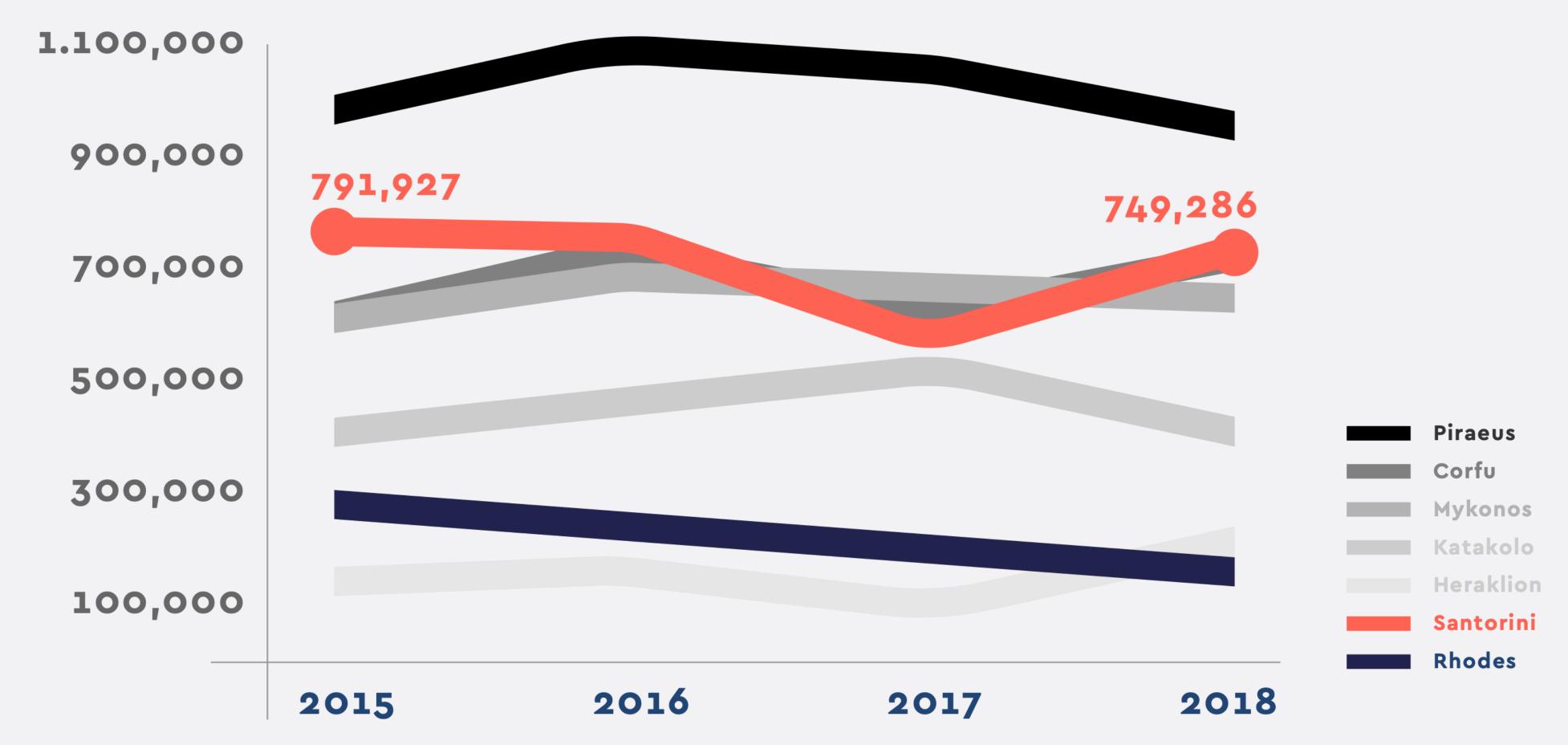


SOURCE: FRAPORT GREECE

Situation Analysis:

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS IN GREECE (2015-2018)

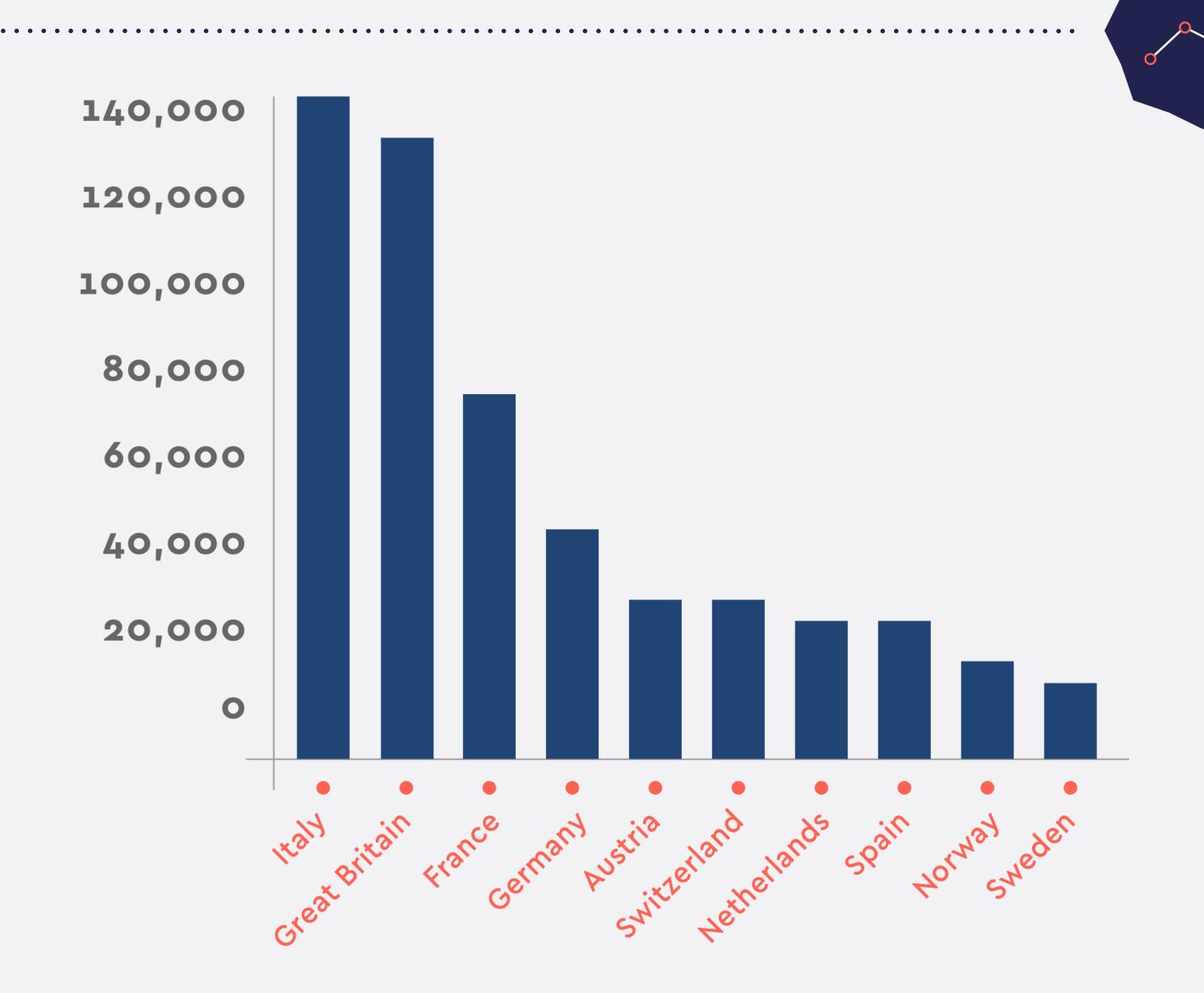




# Situation Analysis:

**MARKETS** 

International Arrivals at Santorini International Airport (2018)



# Organisations Involved in the Policy Workshop

Chamber of Cyclades

Business Union of South Santorini

Municipality of Santorini

The Union Boatmen of Santorini

Region of South Aegean

Santorini Boatmen & Mooring Services

Santorini Hoteliers
Association

Atlantis: Professional Union of Owners of Tourist Accommodation Enterprises in Thira

Santorini Lodging
Rooms and Apartments
Association

Santorini Chamber of Commerce

Civil Aviation Authority

Save Oia (NGO)

# Key Issues Discussed in the Policy Workshop



Primary challenges



Geographic markets & lifestyle segments with high potential



Main competitors



Most important destination values / attractions

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Priorities for destination management

# Examples of Expert Interviews ORGANISATIONS - BUSINESSES

Conferences

<b>⊘</b>	Municipality of Santorini	<b>⊘</b>	Restaurant Selene		SantoWines
<b>⊘</b>	Geothira M.A.E.		Wine Museum		Metaxas Group
	Region of South Aegean		Restaurant Krinaki		Researchers involved in the Master Plan for
<b>⊘</b>	Santorini Hoteliers Association		Domaine Sigalas		the Cultural Route of Santorini
<b>(</b> )	Heliotopos	<b>(</b> /)	Nomikos Estate	<b>(</b> /)	Institute for the Study

and Monitoring of the

Santorini Volcano

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# Local Surveys via SurveyMonkey

end of June - middle of August



**Local Businesses** 



Members of Local Communities

# Attitude towards tourism development

# Local Community Members

like to see streets full of visitors

believe that the positive impacts of tourism outweigh the negative ones

believe that the tourism authorities should focus more on dealing with tourism policy issues that affect the residents' quality of life

# Businesses and Local Community Members

# Both groups

think that tourism development is not satisfactory; 80% (business), 87% (community)

# Most Important Challenges in Relation to Tourism Development

# Local Community Members

Uncontrolled sprawl	76%
Traffic congestion	70%
Crowd congestion in specific places / time periods	58%
Waste management issues	51%
Lack of cleanliness	50%
Insufficient car parking	48%

#### Local Businesses

Traffic congestion	85%
Uncontrolled sprawl	79%
Crowd congestion in specific places / time periods	66%
Waste management issues	65%
Insufficient car parking	53%
Lack of cleanliness	47%

# Most Important Challenges in Relation to Tourism Development

Local Community
Members

Businesses and Local Community Members

Both groups expressed concerns in additional comments about the low quality of infrastructure, the low quality of public transport and degradation of the natural landscape

# Surveys of Recent Visitors via Pollfish

end of June - July





# Key Words to Describe the Destination

<b>4%</b>
00/
8%
8%
6%
2%
2%
0%

United Kingdom	400
Astonishing landscape	57%
Cultural / historical / educational	55%
Romantic	33%
Affordable	31%
Welcoming / friendly people	30%
Different / unique / undiscovered	30%
Exciting / lots to do	28%
Traditional	22%
Touristic	22%

# Visitor Attitudes

USA USA	400
Very satisfied with their experience	60%
Satisfied with their experience	31%
Wish to return for another holiday in the next five years	81%
Would recommend the destination to others	93%

United Kingdom	400
Very satisfied with their experience	54%
Satisfied with their experience	40%
Wish to return for another holiday in the next five years	89%
Would recommend the destination to others	98%

# Situation Analysis: MARKETS



- (!) Reason for visit
  - Sense of a sun & sea paradise
  - Natural beauty
  - History and culture



#### Main likes

- Quality of food & drink
- Quality of tours / activities / excursions
- Variety of tours / activities / excursions



# Least satisfying aspects

- Quality of airport services
- Quality of port services
- Poor value for money
- Limited tourist information
- Limited parking facilities

#### Challenges: ECONOMIC AND TOURISM IMPACT



# Economic

- Limited economic diversity 'mono-economy'
- Diversify economic base agriculture

# (!) Tourism Impact

55% of community do not believe benefits outweigh negative impacts

#### **Benefits**

- Jobs for local people
- Income for local shops and SMEs
- Demand for local food and crafts

#### **Negative impacts**

- Living environment for local people quality of life
- Natural environment
   e.g. biodiversity,
   coastal areas, water,
   pollution

# Challenges:

# CONGESTION AND HOUSING



# (!) Congestion / Overcrowding (Oia & Fira)

- Destroys visitor experience
- Inconveniences residents
- High volume of short-term visitors = disproportionately limited revenue

- Day visitors:
  - 'Reduce a lot': businesses - 42%; communities - 44.5%
  - 'Reduce a little': businesses - 33%; communities - 31%
- Manage visitor flows:
   96% of local businesses
   and 85% of members of
   local communities say
   'action is required'

# Challenges:

# CONGESTION AND HOUSING



# (!) Short-term Rentals and Affordable Housing

 Growth of short-term rentals has been negative for local communities in Santorini, say:

74% of businesses

82% of community members

 Perceived lack of affordable housing for essential service providers

# Challenges: ENVIRONMENTAL



# (!) Environmental

- Sustainable waste management policy
- Recycling policy singleuse plastic and agricultural wastewater
- Minimise the pollution resulting from cruise ship emissions in the caldera

- Reduce water consumption and conserve energy, or increase supply
- Animal welfare: international media reports on treatment of donkeys

# Challenges: INFRASTRUCTURE



## (!) Arrival & Welcome

# Improve access on arrival to Santorini:

- By air

   airport capacity, facilities
   and experience
- By sea
   cable car, Athinios Old
   Port, possible new port

# Cruise visitor management:

- Enforce limits?
- Separate excursion from Fira-only pax?
- New port?

# (!) Infrastructure

- No shade at Fira or Athinios, toilet facilities
- Parking and bus access
   Athinios
- Road safety at congested / popular locations
   e.g. Profitis Ilias

# Challenges:

### VISITOR EXPERIENCE



# (!) Signage

- Directional signage variable
- Commercial signage mismatched, intrusive

# (!) 'Sense of Place'

- Visitor-community segregation / 'tourism ghettoes'
- Limited local produce / crafts
- Limited interpretation of local culture e.g. lifestyle, heritage, architecture, geology
- Public realm: few iconic monuments
   / statues / public art, which reflect
   local 'sense of place'

# Challenges:

### VISITOR EXPERIENCE



# Interpretation



Guides

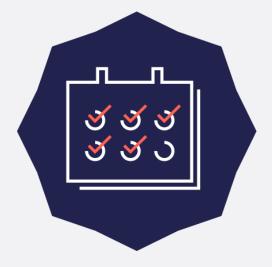


(!) Value for Money

 Poor interpretation at key sites / attractions  Proliferation of non-registered guides undermines quality experience

 Questionable / poor VFM from visitor experience

# Challenges: SEASONALITY



- 50% of local businesses would be interested in extending their period of opening, if there was sufficient business to justify it (but 18% 'no'; 31% 'not sure').
- 140 hotels stayed open during the winter of 2016/17 as part of a program to increase off season business.

 Limited/no direct air services from best prospect markets outside main season

## Challenges: BRAND IMAGE



Risk to Long-termBusiness, if Issuesnot Addressed

# (!) Main competitors

- Mykonos
- Turkish coast
- Canary Islands
- Other Cyclades islands

# Challenges:

POLITICAL, LEGAL AND SOCIAL



- () Law enforcement
- Fragmented land ownership agricultural development and road improvement
- (!) Uncontrolled sprawl

- (!) Vineyard destruction
- (!) House prices
- (!) Landscape erosion
- (!) Living costs

# Challenges: DISSATISFACTION



# (!) Dissatisfaction

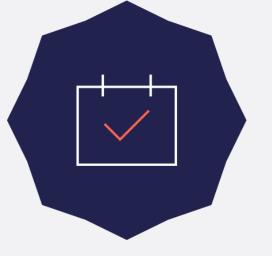
with way tourism is developing in Santorini

#### **Businesses**

#### Communities

# Challenges:

### FUTURE PRIORITIES





among businesses and communities on:

- Improve infrastructure
- Improve preservation of cultural heritage
- Improve preservation of natural heritage
- Improve heritage interpretation

- Establish restrictions for new tourism accommodation establishments and for short-term rentals
- Improve the provision of information to tourists
- Increase/enhance training and lifelong learning programs at local level
- Establish a mechanism to measure and monitor tourism

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# Challenges:

"IN A NUTSHELL"



"An outstandingly beautiful island born in (volcanic) anger.....

.....threatened by love"

#### EU Parliament Warns Unregulated Tourism May 'Hurt' Santorini

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A European Parliament report focusing on the impact of overtourism on EU destinations is warning that if tourism flows continue to increase and remain unregulated, the popular Greek island of Santorini will suffer dire consequences.

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### SANTORINI DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING

# WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 10 YEARS?

Aim, Vision and Objectives

## Strategic Aim and Vision



#### STRATEGIC AIM

"To optimise economic benefit to Santorini through the development of tourism, in a way that is economically, socio-culturally and environmentally sustainable and valued by residents".



### VISION FOR SANTORINI BY 2030

"An exclusive, paradise island, recognised globally as a leader in sustainable tourism management, where tourism and agriculture underpin a successful, sustainable economy and vibrant community life, and contribute to the conservation of its cultural heritage and natural environment".

## **High-Level Objectives**

To be Achieved by 2030

Resolve the congestion caused by overstretched port facilities, and pollution issues resulting from the lack of shorebased hook-up facilities for cruise ships, in the caldera.

- 2 Secure a more balanced economy, by enabling growth in the development of agriculture.
- Become recognised as a global leader in sustainable tourism management.

Establish an image for Santorini as an exclusive paradise island.

Extend the tourism season and ensure that 75% of the tourism capacity is open for at least 9 months of the year.

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### SANTORINI DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING

# HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Strategy and Action Plan

# Strategic Approach



Identify best prospect visitors, who will:

- provide most value
- contribute most to the destination's sustainability
- impose least on the destination's natural resources, built heritage, and residents' tolerance



Develop products and experiences to attract and satisfy visitors who will contribute most and impact least.



Focus destination
marketing
on those preferred types
of visitors.



Take steps to minimise negative impacts, particularly those caused by other types of visitors, who might contribute less in terms of value and sustainable behaviour.

# **Brand Image and Proposition**

- 1 Primary brand characteristics
  - Romance
  - Gastronomy
  - Scenic beauty
     natural and man-made
  - Volcanic character

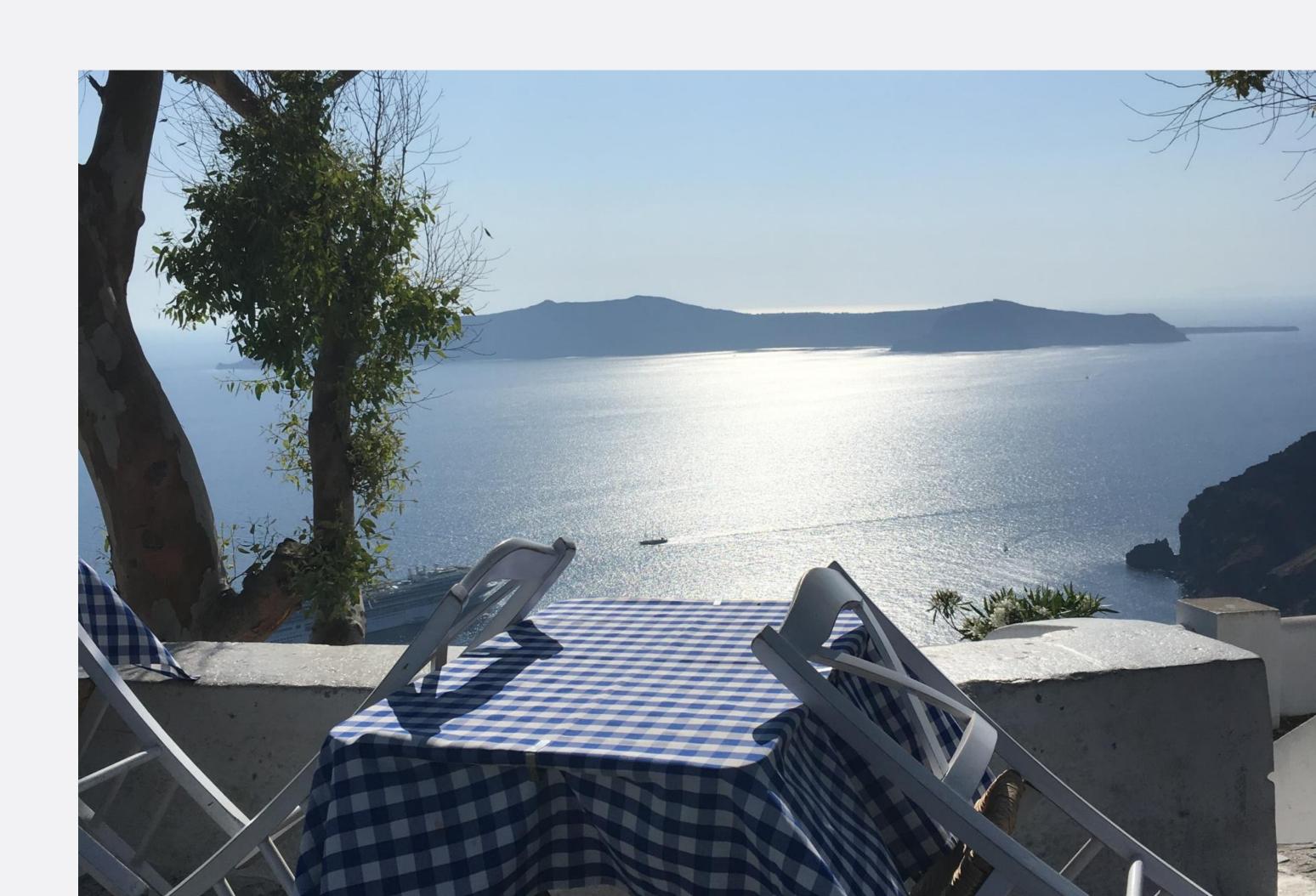
- 2 Supporting brand characteristics
  - Cultural heritage
  - Wellness
     future aspirational

- (3) Emotional take-out
  - Indulgent and tranquil aspirational
  - Relaxing and inspiring

# **Brand Image and Proposition**



Island of romantic gastronomy



## **Brand Narrative Themes**











### **Target Markets** RATIONALE





### Value

Current and future potential value

volume x spend x repeat visit propensity



# **Sustainability**

Impact on the island's natural environment, physical infrastructure, resources, and community - e.g. propensity to:

- spread benefits around the island,
- visit outside the main season
- consume fewer scarce resources
- minimise congestion
- contribute towards heritage preservation and natural environment conservation

# **Target Markets**

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY



# 1) Primary Potential

#### "Romantic escapers / honeymooners"

from Italy and UK, followed by France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Netherlands and Spain

#### "Foodies"

from USA, Italy and UK, followed by France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Netherlands

# (2) Secondary Potential

#### "Cruise visitors"

- Mainly 'empty-nester' couples from UK and USA
- Plus groups of friends from USA and other European countries

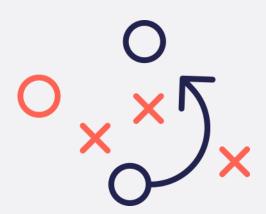
# (3) Tertiary Potential

#### "Sybarites"

- From USA, Italy, UK, France and Russia
- Subject to future development of luxury spa and gastronomic experiences

# **Strategic Priorities**

- 6 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
- 176 ACTIONS



Making Santorini
sustainable
for the decades to come
47 actions

Managing tourism to ensure residents' quality of life and quality of visitor experience – ensuring that these match the brand

43 actions

12 actions

Conserving the quality of Santorini's **built and natural environment**11 actions

- Ensuring Santorini achieves **optimum value** from tourism
  15 actions
- Developing new experiences for the offseason, providing a model for attracting higher revenue summer tourism
- Enhancing the **brand**16 actions

# **Strategic Priorities**

- PLUS



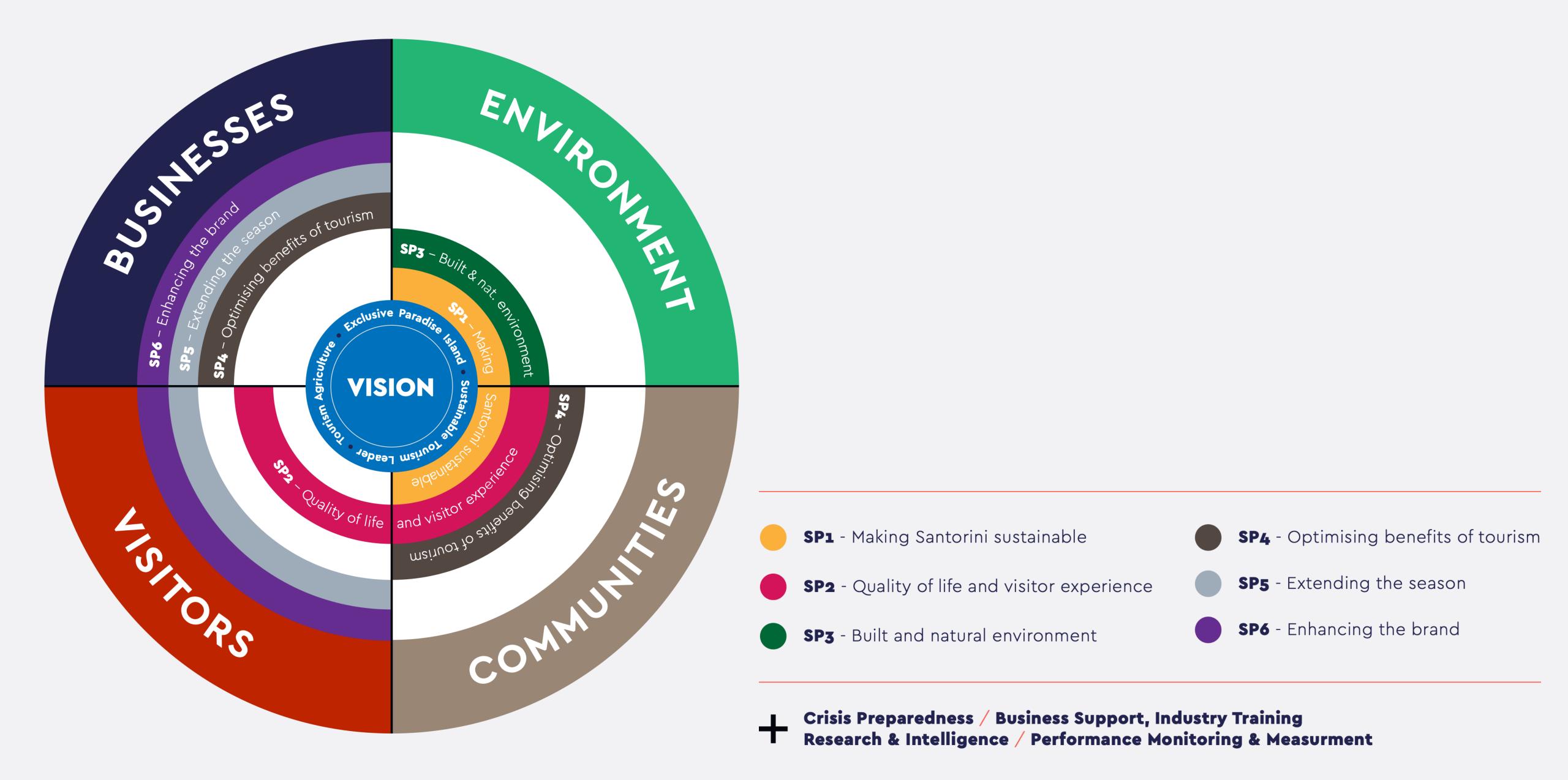
Crisis preparedness and civil protection

10 actions



Series of enabling programmes and actions, to support delivery of all priorities

30 actions





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# SELECTED ACTIONS

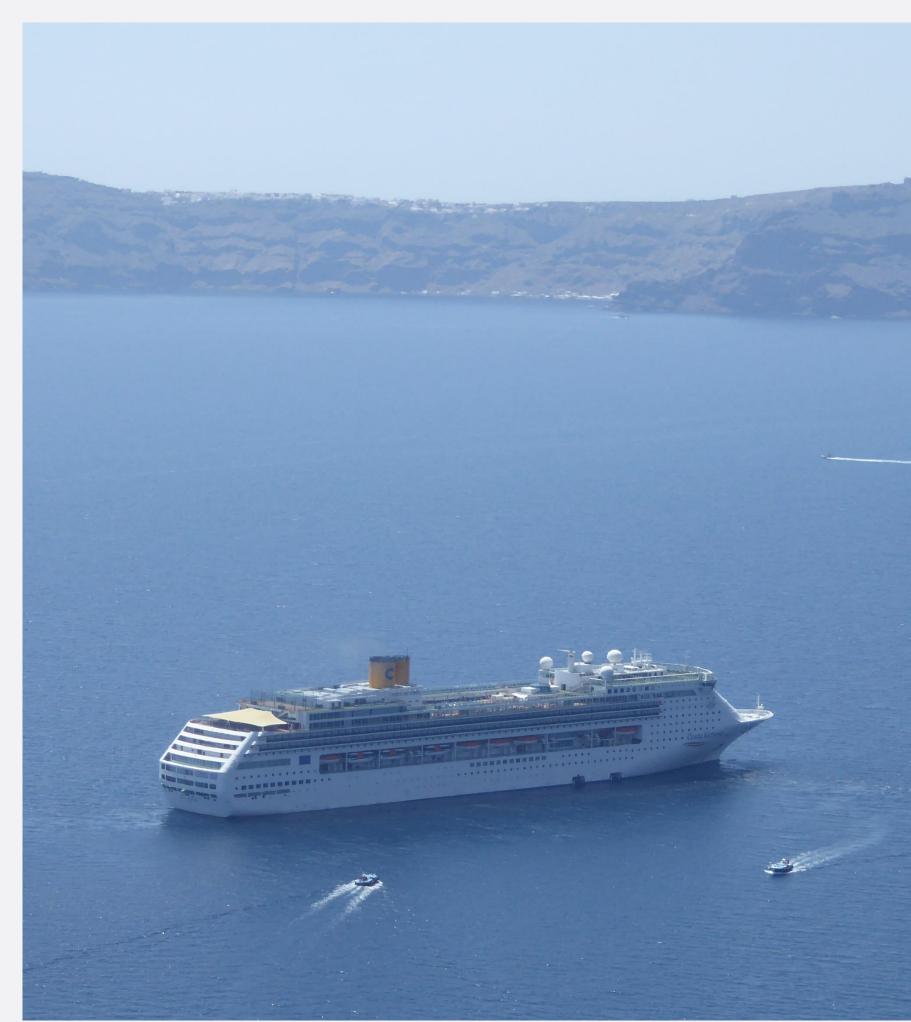
Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come





# Manage visitor numbers in line with carrying capacity

- Commission assessment of island's carrying capacity
- Create local register of capacity of tourism suppliers
- Cruise ship management, in consultation with cruise lines:
  - Limit number per day
  - Stagger arrivals
  - Visitor disembarkation quota
  - Consider cruise passenger levy



Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come (cont.)





# Manage visitor numbers in line with carrying capacity

- Stagger airline arrival and departure slots at peak times
- Introduce and enforce 'park and walk' systems at Oia and Fira
- Develop multi-modal transport hub to service seaborne excursion and visitors renting vehicles + shuttle buses



# Strategic Priority #1 EXAMPLE: DUBROVNIK

Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come (cont.)





# Manage visitor numbers in line with carrying capacity

- 3 cruise ships p. day: 2 morning, 1 after 12.00 hrs
- 4,000 passengers ashore p. day (2020)
- €2 cruise passenger levy (2021)



Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come (cont.)





# Sustainable environmental practice

- Monitor air and water pollution
- Introduce and enforce cruise ship environmental controls:
  - Agree target for percentage of cruise ships entering caldera to be powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG)
  - Agree target date for all cruise ships entering caldera to have exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS) and advanced wastewater treatment systems AWTS)

- Agree inspection program and reporting requirements by cruise lines
- Apply differentiated tariffs for cruise ships with good/bad environmental performance (e.g. LNG-powered, EGCS and AWTS systems etc.)



Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come (cont.)





# Sustainable environmental practice

- Develop guide and training course on sustainable practices for all tourism operators
- Waste management system:
  - Recycling of household and business waste
  - Address landfill issues: capacity and unsightliness

- Introduce/expand systems for recycling 'clean' industrial waste-water in industrial/agricultural processes (e.g. vineyards
- Clear litter regularly from roadsides, particularly in the main season
- Introduce ban on discretionary single-use plastic items.







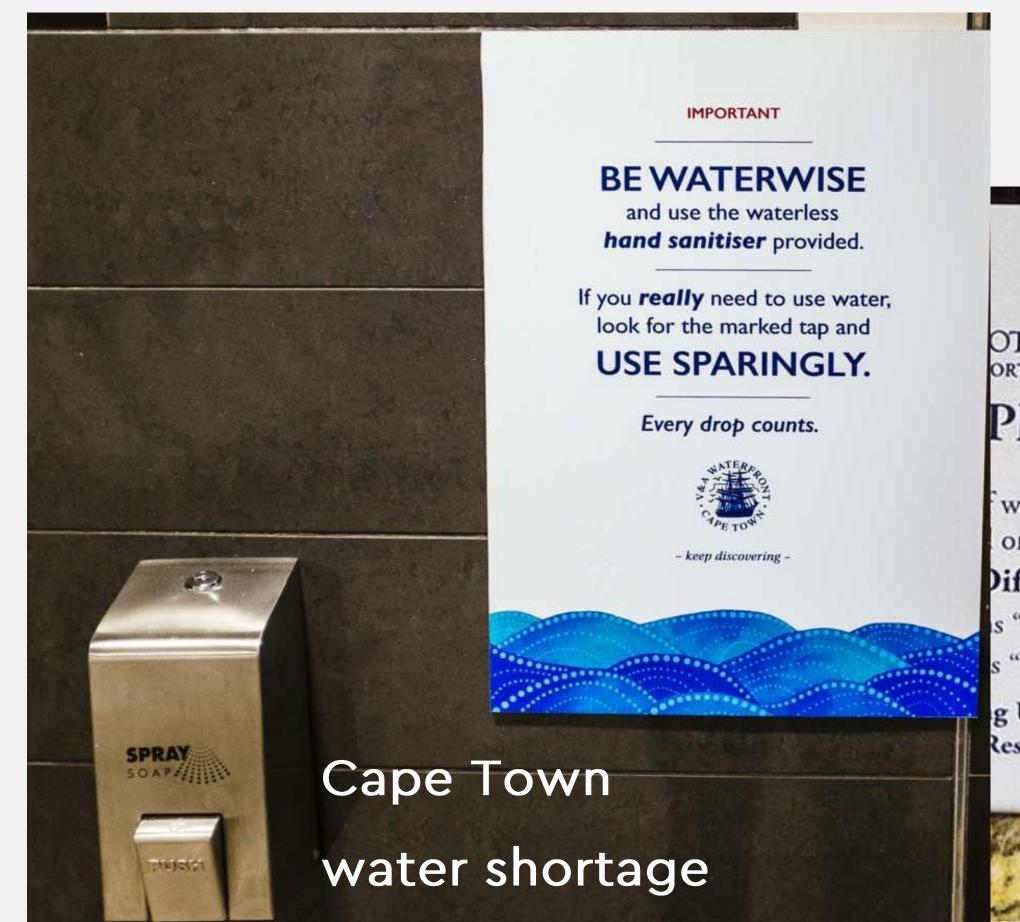
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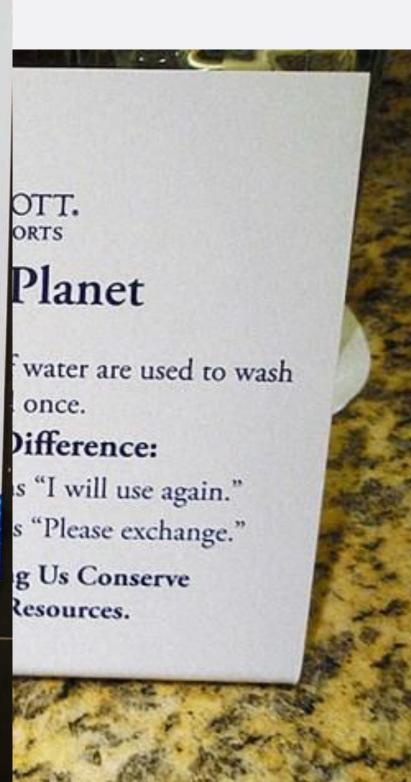


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# Sustainable environmental practice

- Visitor awareness campaign to reduce water and energy consumption and waste:
  - At key visitor 'touchpoints'
  - "Keep Santorini tidy" campaign main season
- Carbon-neutral status for Santorini by (TBA):





Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come (cont.)



# Strengthen communities

- Undertake annual residents' satisfaction surveys to gauge residents' tolerance of visitor numbers and impact on their daily lives
- Agree limits on short-term rentals in residential neighbourhoods, and on rental periods, esp. for entire units and multiple properties in single business ownership
- Ensure availability of affordable housing for residents, and that demand for visitor accommodation does not price residents out of the housing market
- Ensure availability of decent accommodation for seasonal workers
- Creation and enforcement of parking areas on the edge of towns and villages

# Strategic Priority #1 Example: Short-Term Rental Controls

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# **Strengthen communities**

- Mallorca: short-term rentals banned
- New York: rentals not permitted for less than 30 days
- Amsterdam: 30 days p.a. 4 adults max
- Reykjavik, Berlin, London: 90 days p.a. max
- San Francisco: 90 days p.a. max permanent residents/owners only
- Paris, Los Angeles: 120 days p.a. max





### ΕΦΗΜΕΡΙΔΑ ΤΗΣ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΣΕΩΣ

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 Την ανάγκη ρύθμισης και φορολογικής μεταχείρισης των βραχυχρόνιων μισθώσεων ακινήτων στο πλαίσιο της

Making Santorini Sustainable For the Decades to Come (cont.)





# **Infrastructure development**

- Review options for new port development, incl. shore-based power hook-up for cruise ships
- Improve road infrastructure:
  - To improve safety (e.g. Profitis Ilias)
  - To manage congestion, esp. around key attractions and popular sites (Accessibility Study for the Cultural Route of Santorini)



Managing Tourism to Ensure Quality of Life and of Visitor Experience

- Ensuring That These Match the Brand



# Information, interpretation and welcome

- Erect airport arrival welcome signage and artworks to convey 'sense of place'
- Undertake signage review:
  - Accurate tourism and directional signage
  - Removal of illegal and misleading signage
  - Develop tastefully designed interpretive signage for visitor attractions, trails and facilities

 Improve interpretation at key sites, using imaginative, modern techniques e.g. Akrotiri, Ancient Thira - panels, tableaux, video, holograms, AR / VR



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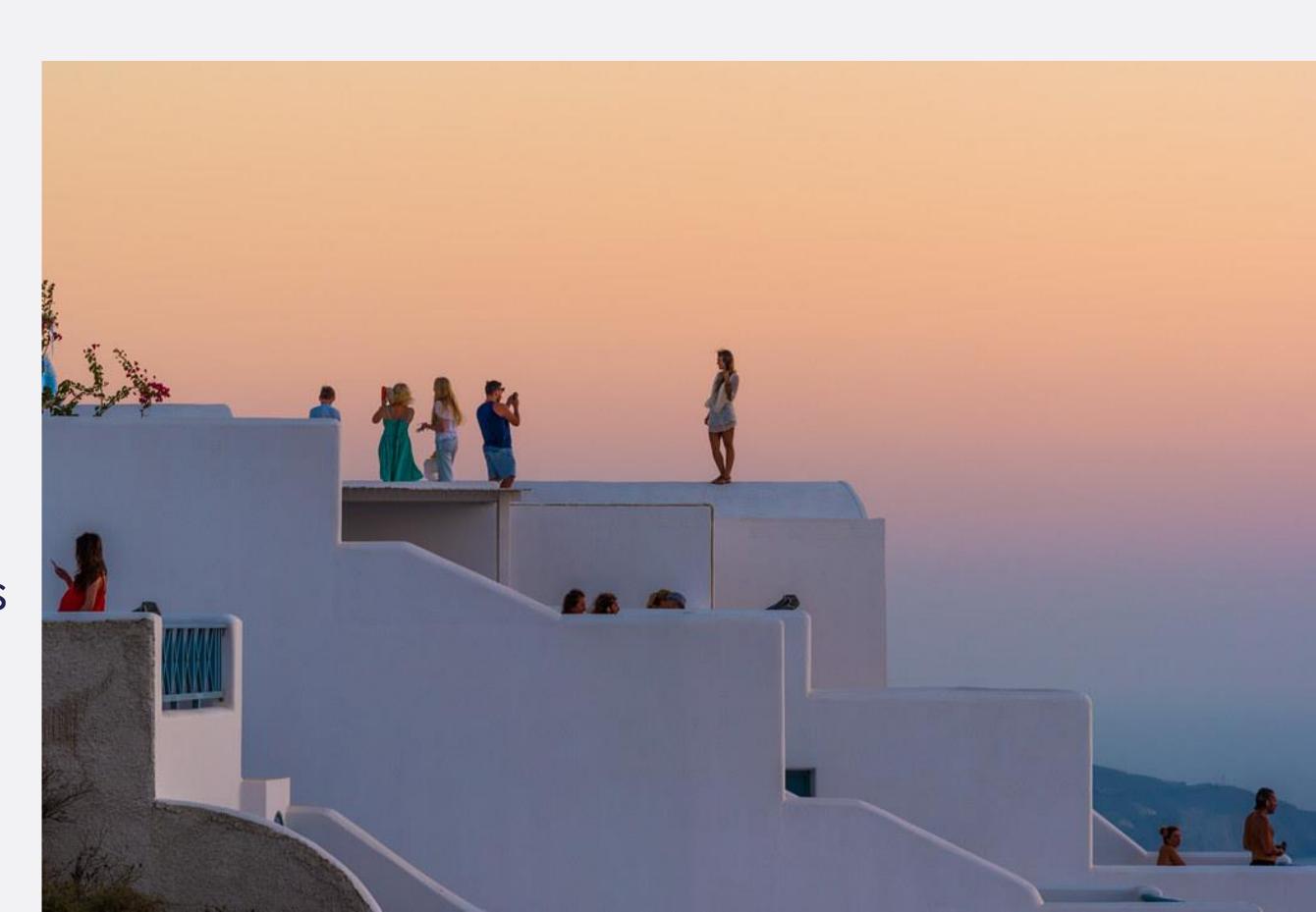




# Visitor management

esp. Oia, Fira and popular attractions

- Extend and enforce 'pedestrian only' and 'no parking' zones
- Mount vehicle/passenger barrier to refuse entry to non-ticketed vehicles/passengers
- Review **vehicular access** to certain areas of Oia for tourist related-activities
- Create drop-off zones for coaches



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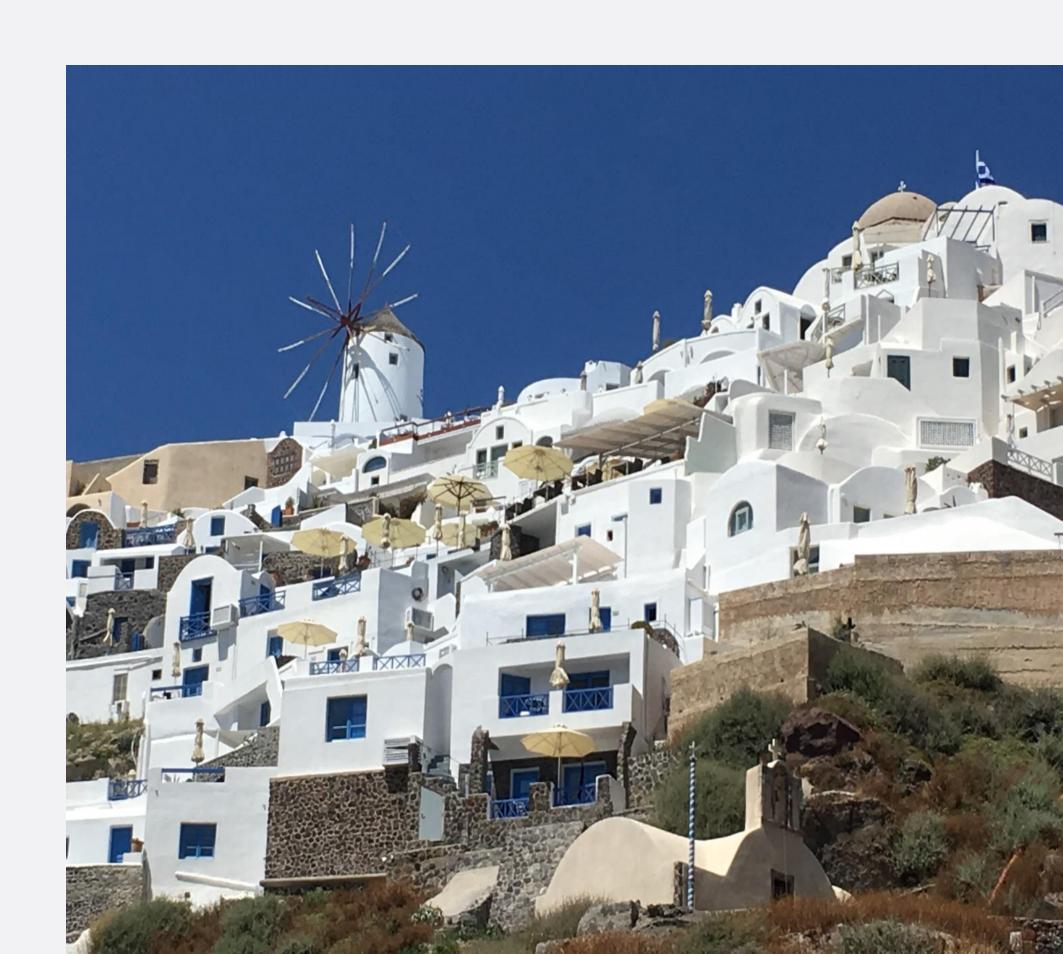




# **Visitor management**

esp. Oia, Fira and popular attractions

- Introduce ticketed entry at peak periods, to be purchased in advance
- Develop mobile app, with real-time information on traffic/passenger volumes, including booking facility to stimulate dynamic time-based dispersal
- Set timeslots for group access to popular attractions and/or events aided by real-time monitoring



# Strategic Priority #2: Example of Pedestrianisation

Managing Tourism to Ensure Quality of Life and of Visitor Experience

- Ensuring That These Match the Brand (cont.)



# **⊘** Pontevedra, Spain – "Car-Free City"

 14,000 cars p. day, city centre dead, congestion, pollution, accidents



- All 300,000 sq m of the medieval centre pedestrianised
- Surface car parks in city centre closed & 1,686
   free places opened in underground ones and on the periphery



# Strategic Priority #2: Example of Pedestrianisation

Managing Tourism to Ensure Quality of Life and of Visitor Experience - Ensuring That These Match the Brand (cont.)





# ✓ Pontevedra, Spain – "Car-Free City" – **Key Achievements**

- CO2 emissions down 70%
- 1996-2006: from 30 to 3 deaths, none since 2009
- + 12,000 new inhabitants
- Small businesses flourishing

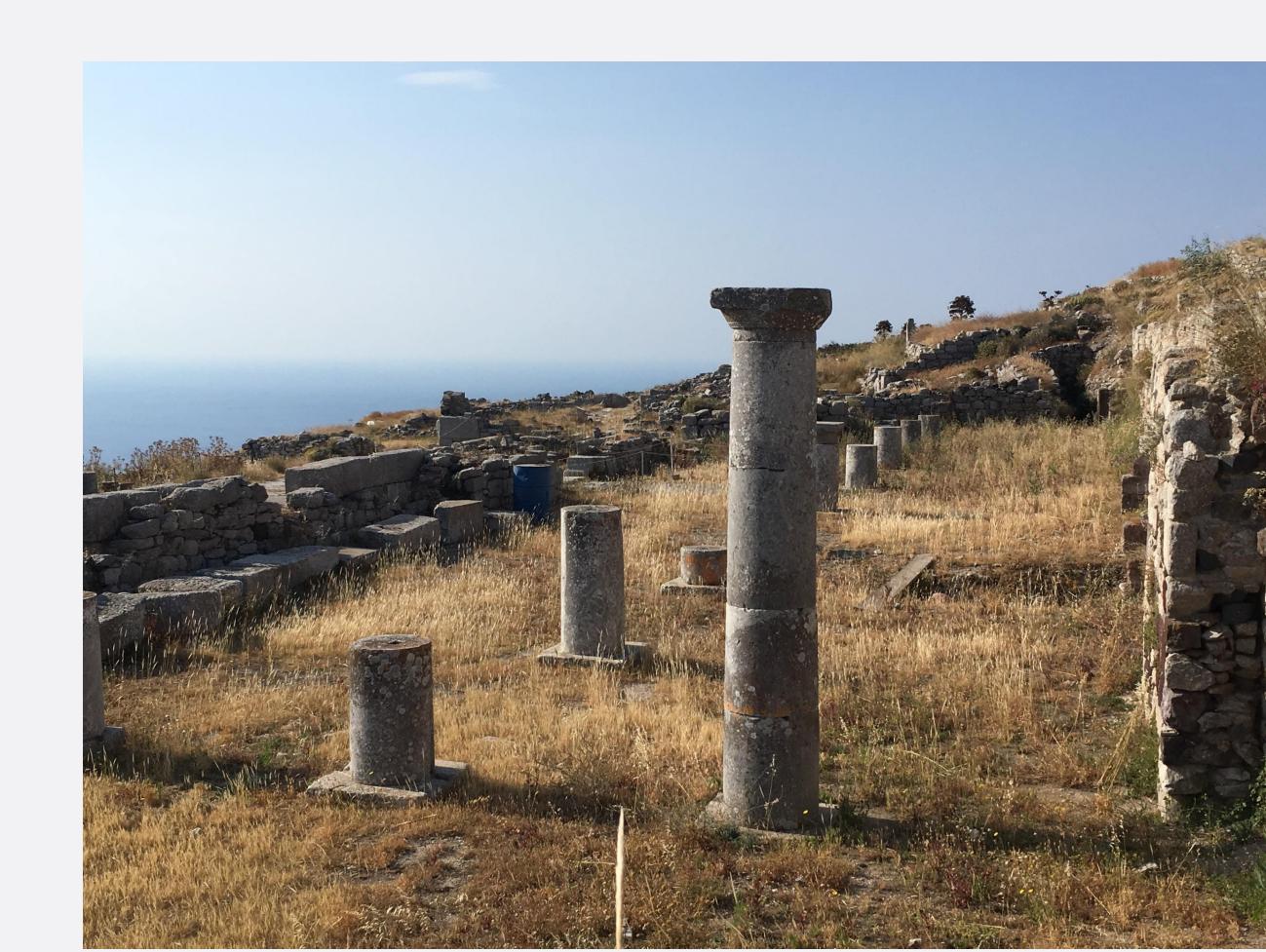


Managing Tourism to Ensure Quality of Life and of Visitor Experience – Ensuring That These Match the Brand (cont.)



# **Professional tourist guiding**standards and regulations

- Review current guiding standards certification
- Attract / train German-speaking guides
- Agree procedure relating to other foreign language guiding requirements



Maintaining the Quality of Santorini's Built and Natural Environment





# **Use planning**

- Zone areas for agricultural, tourism, other business and residential uses
- Consider incentives for the expansion of productive agricultural land
- Limit numbers of new accommodation

establishments



# **Watural environment and built** heritage conservation

- Review and, where necessary, update planning and design guidance and permissions required
- Develop/apply protected designations for outstanding or important natural environmental areas and built heritage

Optimising the Benefits of Tourism



 Support long-term aspiration as an exclusive destination by attracting appropriate investment and targeting high-yield markets

# **Community engagement**

- Work with local 'champions' in villages to ensure tourism is sustainable
- Develop authentic tourism experiences that engage both residents and visitors



# **©** Cross-sectoral synergies

- Ensure strong links between local producers and tourism operators
- Develop a distinctive brand identity for all Santorini products
- Establish outlets (e.g. in Fira and airport) for Santorini produce and products

# Strategic Priority #4 Example: Tobago

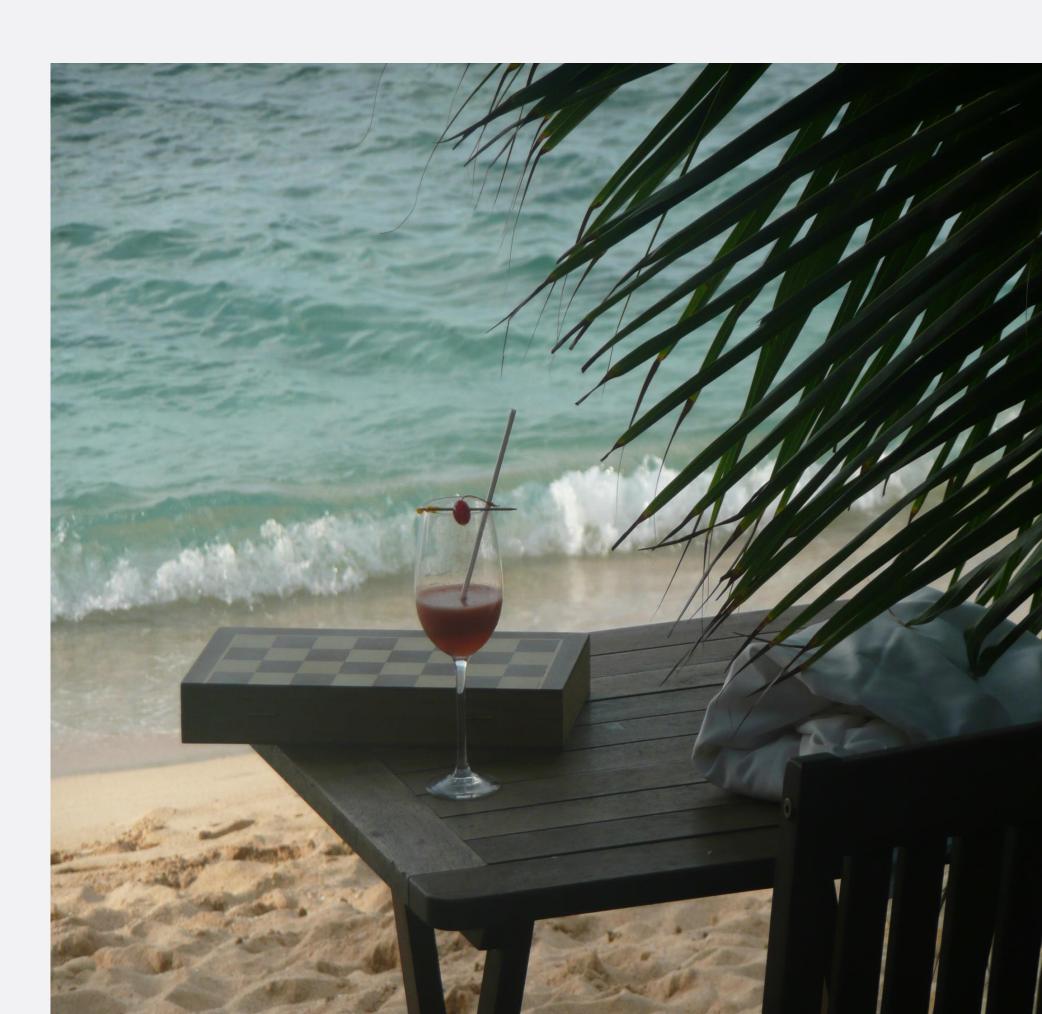
Optimising the Benefits of Tourism



# "Adopt-a-Farmer" Scheme

- Aim: To improve linkages between agriculture and tourism
- Local hotels/restaurants teamed up with individual farmers
- Hotel/restaurant agrees to buy produce at guaranteed price = reliable income
- Local cuisine for visitors adds to 'sense of place'





Extending the Season – new experiences for the off-season, providing a model for attracting higher revenue summer tourism



# **New experiences**

- Attract luxury spa
- Develop agri-tourism experiences
- Educational /
  self-development courses / retreats
   e.g. painting, yoga et al
- Sporting events
   cf. 'Santorini Experience'

# DevelopSantorini's cultural offer

- Events, festivals
   e.g. gastronomy, wine, olive-harvesting, walking, culture
- 'Santorini Cultural Route'
- 'Artist-in-residence',
   'writer-in-residence' et al
- Santorini-specific storytelling experiences
   e.g. local history / mythology / culture

# Strategic Priority #5 Example: Istria

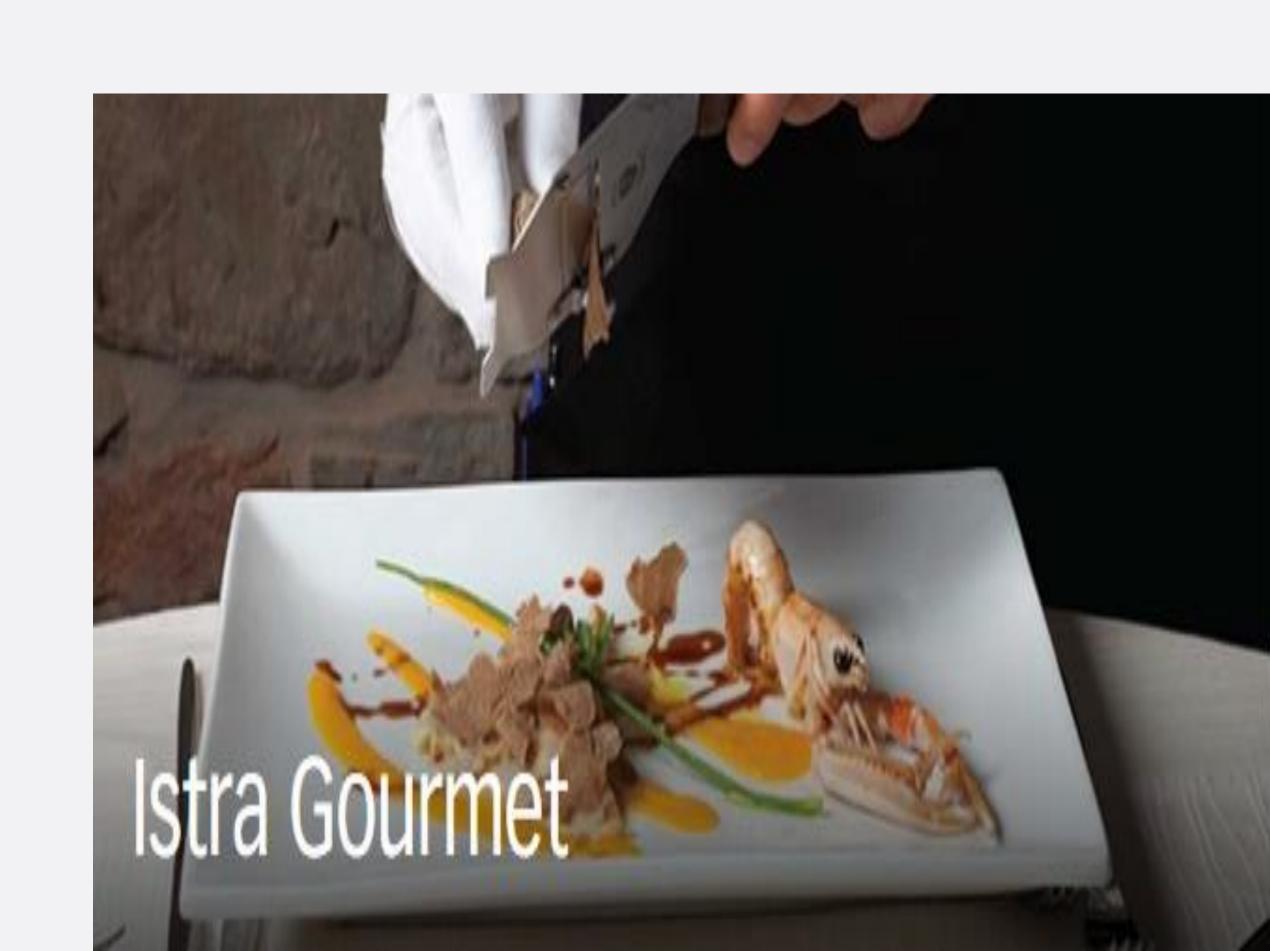
Extending the Season – new experiences for the off-season, providing a model for attracting higher revenue summer tourism (cont.)



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# Istria, Croatia

- Gourmet Tourism Product Development
- 8 "Roads": wine roads, olive oil roads
- Gourmet Festival: restaurants + producers
- DMO-run
- 7 new wineries, 117 wine makers
- 137 olive growers
- 150,000 visitors p.a.



# Strategic Priority #5 Example: Marche, Italy

Extending the Season - new experiences for the off-season, providing a model for attracting higher revenue summer tourism (cont.)





# "Le Marche in Valigia", Italy

- Promotional focus international
- Part of Italy's Agritur-Aso Association
- Farmhouses, B&Bs, country houses
- Historical introduction
- Pasta-making workshops, olive oil tastings etc.
- Meal local food

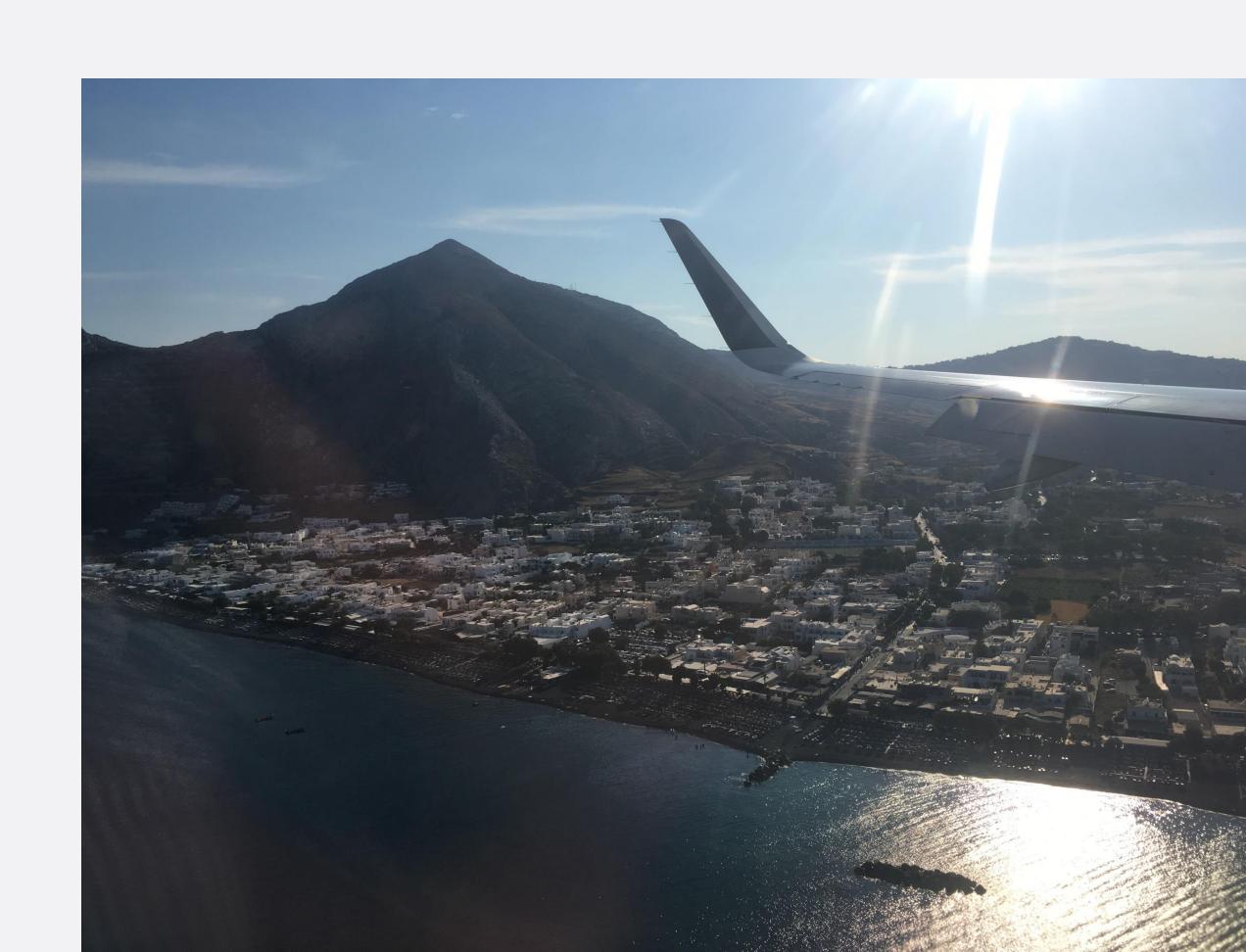


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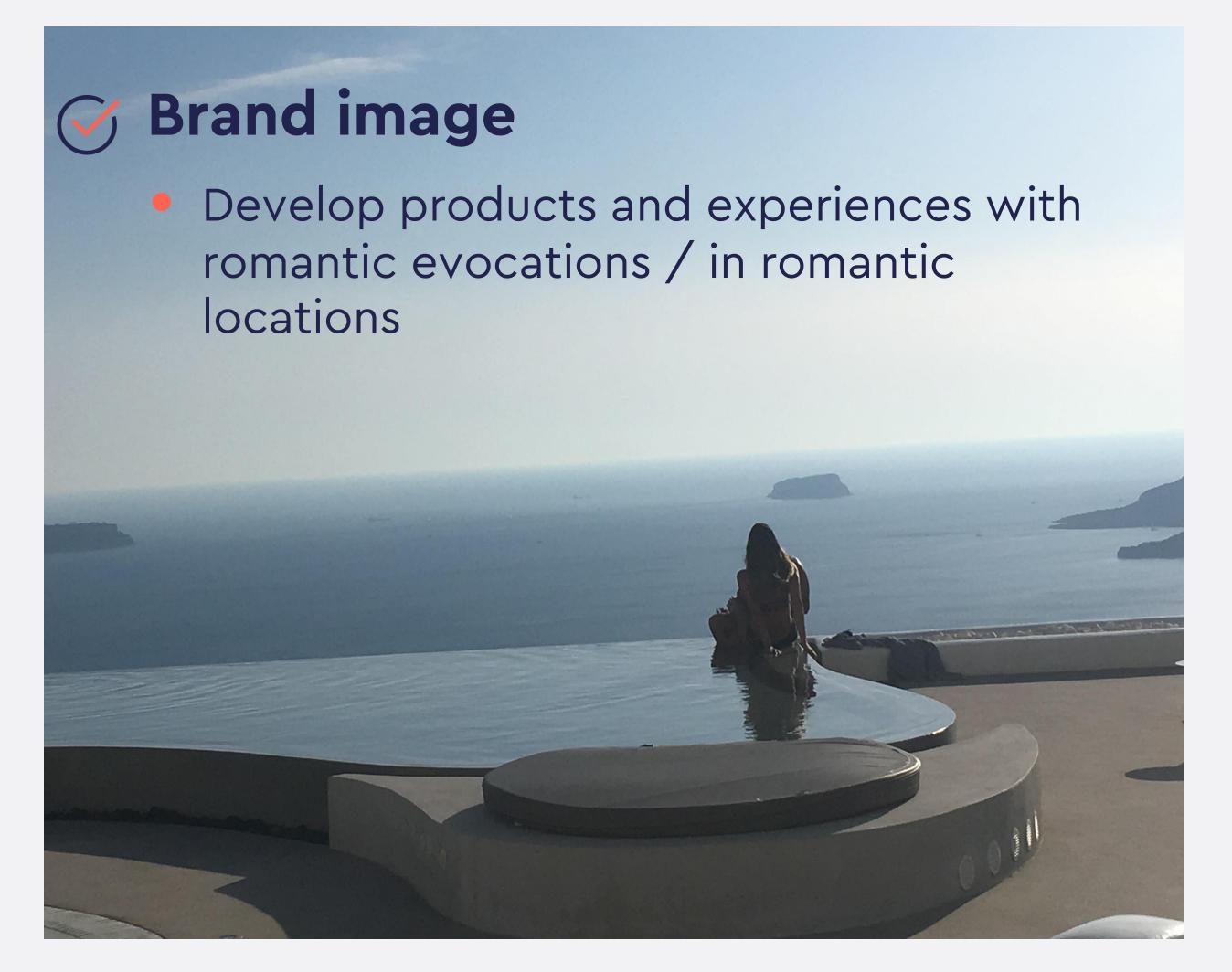


# **Pilot off-season campaign**

- Create prestige packages involving top hotels, restaurateurs, wine producers, wellness product providers, using Santorini brand
- Work with an airline to extend season at edges
- Run pilot promotional campaign, in 1-2 best prospect markets, subject to airlift



## Enhancing the Brand





- Develop local gastronomic products and experiences e.g. work with Aegean Cuisine brand; gastronomy festival etc.
- Develop products and experiences rooted in local cultural heritage
- Attract luxury spa investment

#### F SANTORINI DMP - SELECTED ACTIONS

## **Strategic Priority #6**

Enhancing the Brand (cont.)

# **One of the original of the or**

 Feature wine (Assyrtiko) and other locally unique/specific products (e.g. white aubergines, cherry tomatoes and fava beans) marketing communications to support Santorini's gastronomic brand value





 Establish a reputation for Santorini as leader in sustainable tourism management, through application of sustainability measures outlined above

#### Thirassia:

- Explore Thirassia residents' views on further (sensitive) development
- Review potential for exclusive, boutique,
   'romantic hideaway' development

Enhancing the Brand (cont.)



- Design a Santorini visual brand identity – for all businesses and local organisations, reflecting the island's 'sense of place'
- Develop brand identity guidelines and signage protocol/technical design application
- Develop brand communications
   plan and train stakeholders in applying the brand











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# Crisis Preparedness / Civil Protection



# Legal framework for crisis response

Review and update

# Operational framework for emergency response

- Review and update 'first responder' protocols.
- Develop training programme with responsibilities for action
- Explore exchange of best practice

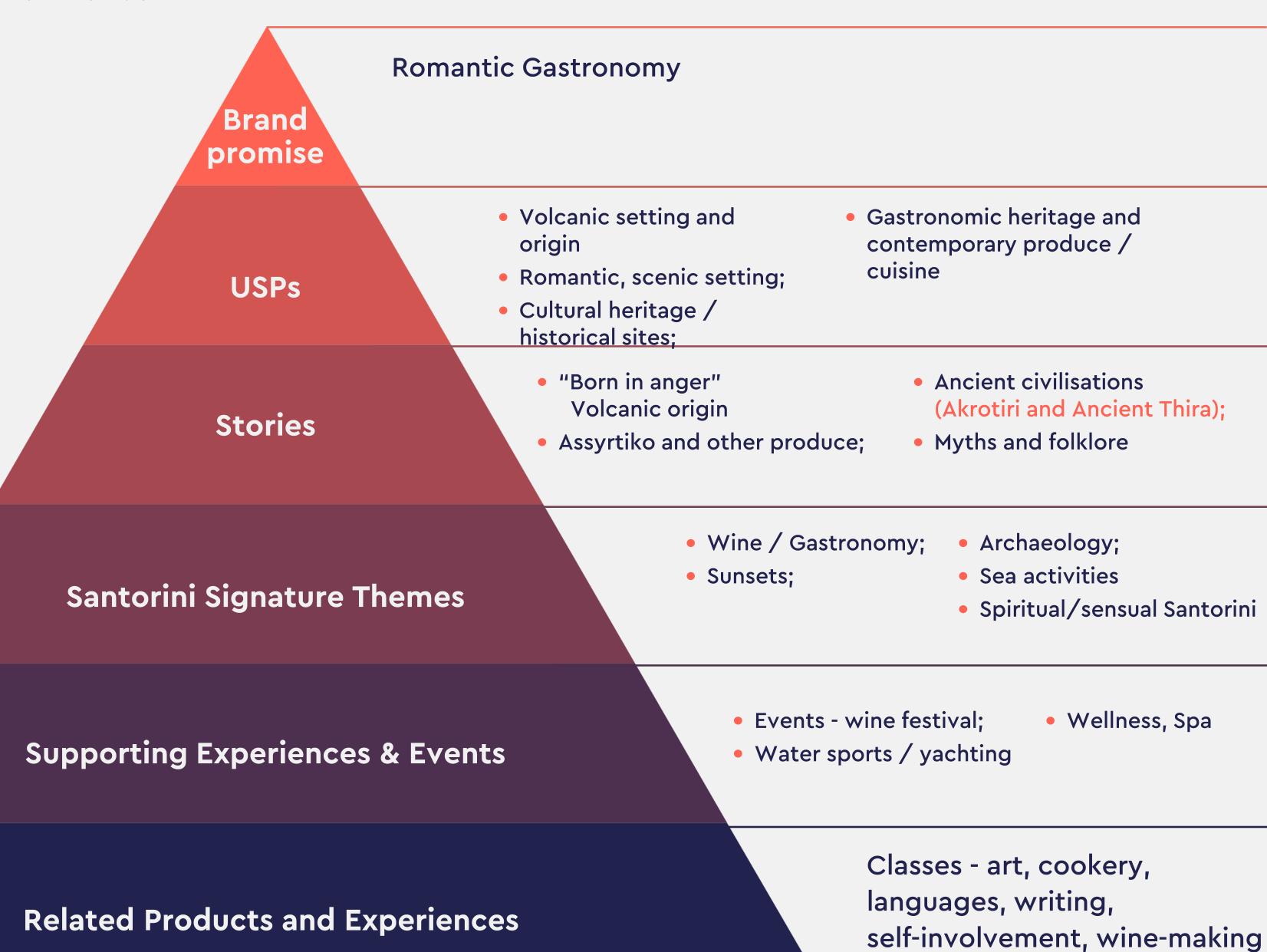
# **Crisis management plan**

- Develop crisis management and communications plan with responsibilities
- Explore exchange of best practice

# **Crisis recovery plan**

- Identify people responsible for key elements of crisis recovery
- Explore exchange of best practice

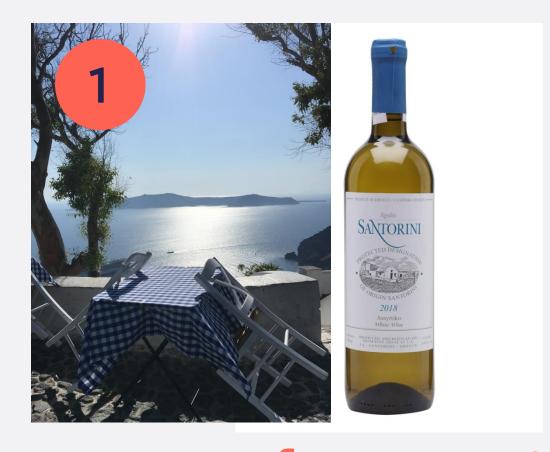
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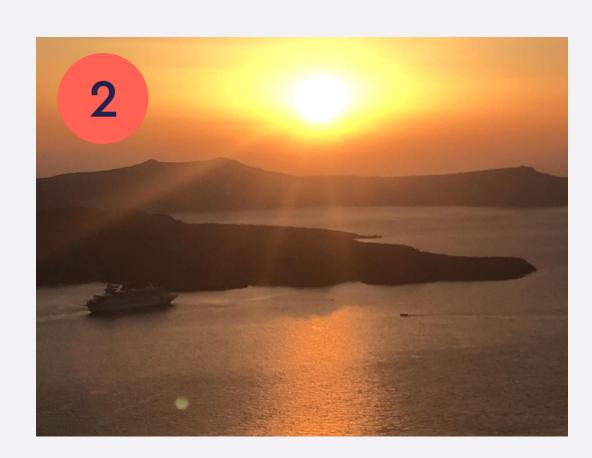
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# Visitor Experience Development Plan

## 5 SIGNATURE THEMES



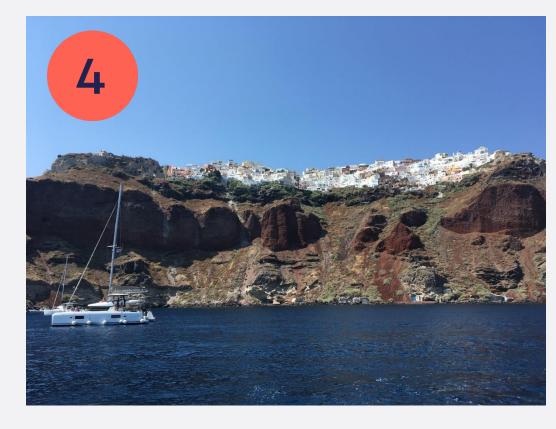
The Best of Santorini Wine and Gastronomy



Santorini at Sunset



Archaeological Wonders of Santorini



Santorini from the Sea



Spiritual-Sensual Santorini

#### F SANTORINI DMP - SELECTED ACTIONS - MARKETING PLAN

# Marketing Plan 4 GUIDING PRINCIPLES



# Sustainability

Focus on attracting visitors who will contribute most and impact least





## Cost-effectiveness

Need to achieve maximum impact with limited resources



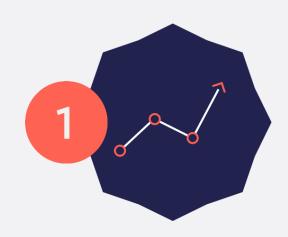
# Targeted marketing

Marketing should not be spread too thinly and should focus on a limited range of the best prospects for Santorini.

## Product-market fit

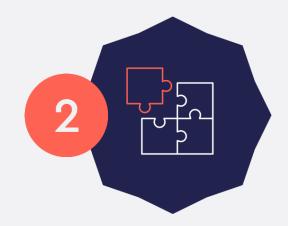
Focus on those who would most appreciate Santorini's range of appeals and therefore be likely to stay longer and spend more, rather than on short stay, lower-spending "Instagram" visitors.

# Marketing Plan:



Priority #1 "INVEST AND GROW"

Years 1-5 ongoing



Priority #2 "PERSUADE AND BUILD" - OFF-SEASON"

Years 1-2: development; years 3-5 marketing



Priority #3: "MAXIMISE REVENUE / MINIMISE IMPACT"

Years 1-5 ongoing



Priority #4: "LONG-TERM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT"

Year 3 onwards

# **Marketing Tactics**



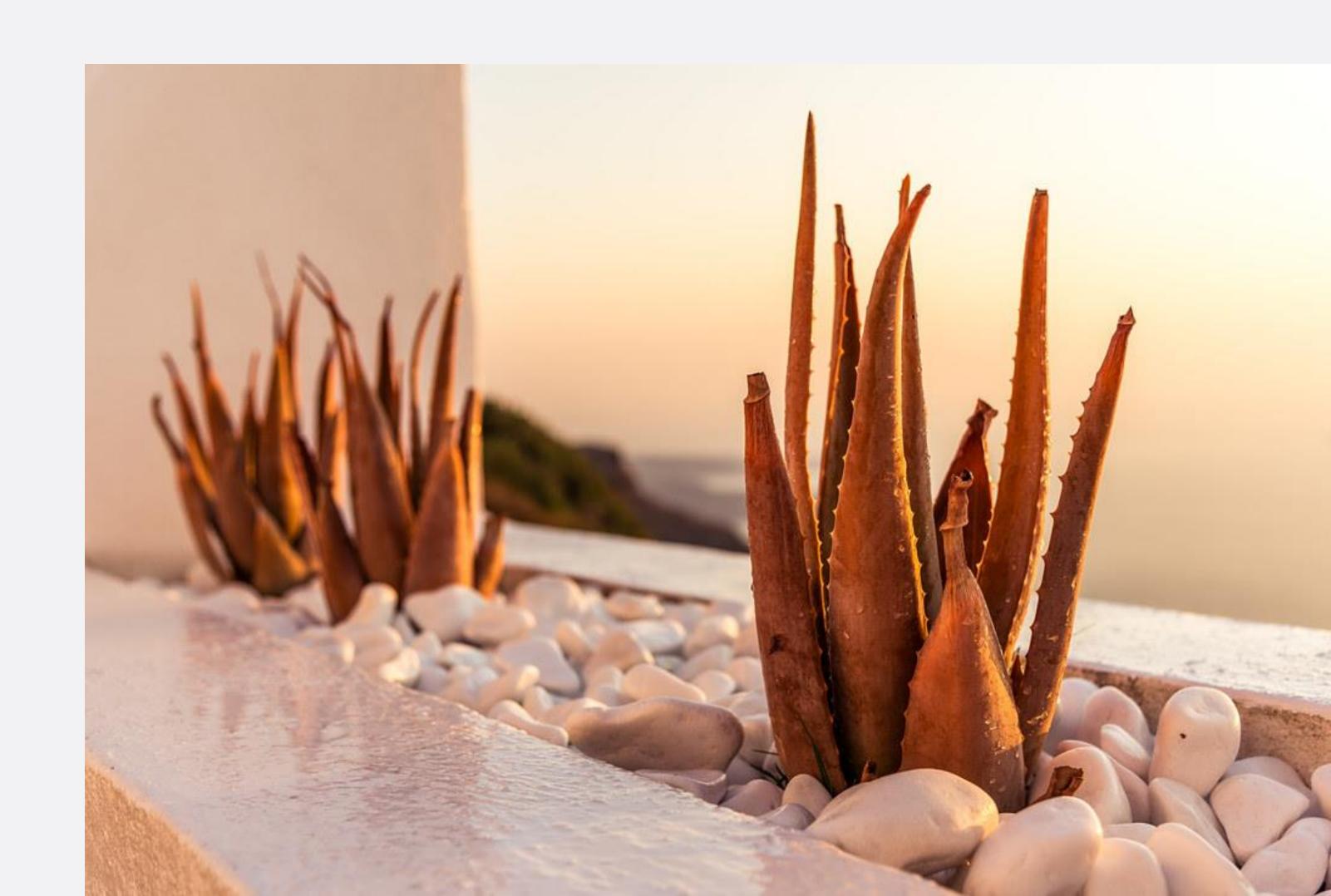
- Website
- Inclusion in Greek National Tourism Office (GNTO) materials
- Social media campaigns
- Public relations (PR)



# **Marketing Tactics**

# © Travel trade

- Work with GNTO offices and PR agencies
- Work with airlines, overseas tour operators and inbound tourism operators
- Trade fairs: GNTO, specialist



# **Marketing Tactics**

# © Destination

- Build supportive environment

   operators who can provide
   the essentials for an off-season short break
- Develop series of short (1 min.) videos for online use
- Use ambassadors reflective of target market profile
- Develop, implement and maintain an online tripplanning tool, with an events calendar

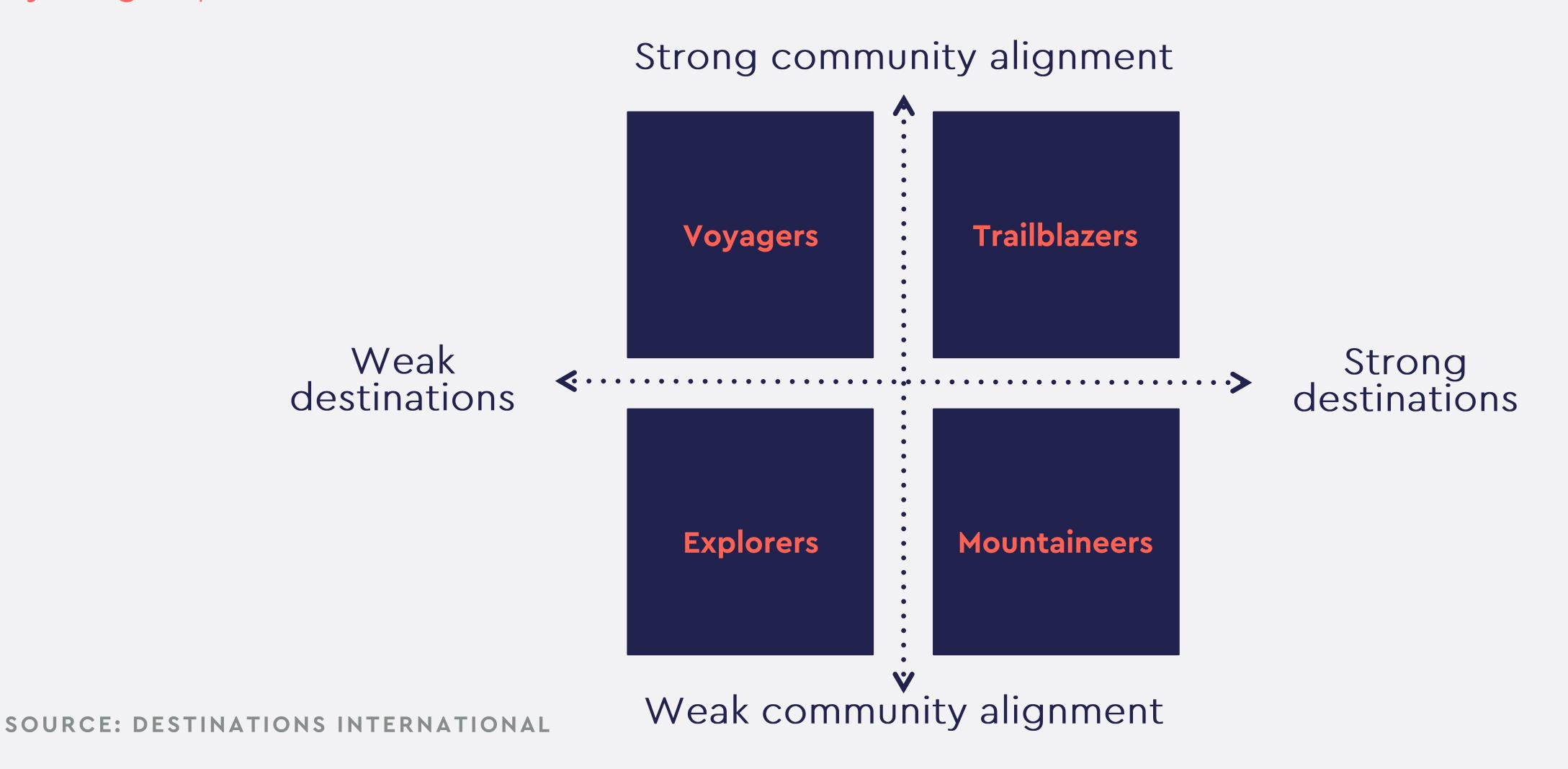


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# GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

# The Governance And Funding Of Destination Management

Synergies, the Vehicle for Effective Governance



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Synergies, the Vehicle for Effective Governance

- Private sector initiatives require a rather high level of consensus and commitment among different businesses along with capital contributions by all partners on a regular basis.
- Developing suitable destination management solutions would be also difficult without the public sector's active involvement.

• For public sector initiatives, government funding is often limited at the local level and the deployment of revenues from relevant taxes (e.g. bed tax, roomstayover tax) is not tied to tourism-related projects at respective destinations.

# Scenario #1 Creation of an Entity by One or More, Public and/or Private Sector Stakeholder

Changes to Legislation Would Be Required

#### National Level:

Amendments to the framework on public and private partnerships
(Law 3389/2005 as amended by Law 3463/2006)

Regional-Local Level:

Amendments to the framework on 'Networks of Municipalities and Regions' [Law 3463/2016 (Articles 219 & 220) and Law 3852/2010 (Article 101)]

#### Local Level:

Amendments to the framework on Development Companies

(Law 7/67/2006 as amended by Law 7852/2006)

(Law 3463/2006 as amended by Law 3852/2010 and Law 4555/2018)

# Scenario #1 Creation of an Entity by One or More, Public and/or Private Sector Stakeholder

Scenario 1 Assessment



#### Pros

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- Public sector stakeholders to assume a leading role in shortterm partnership-building within a legal framework with specific obligations
- Public sector stakeholders to shape an inclusive agenda of destination management planning.
- Diversity of funding sources (programmatic agreements, EU grants, sponsorships, charities with regard to the provision of goods, services and projects)

- Specialisation of legislation for public-private partnerships and common initiatives
- Staff recruitment under the umbrella of an advanced, organisational scheme
- Communication benefits for the public sector through the private sector's respective skills and activities.

- Public sector funding may dominate initial stages of the partnership.
- Public sector stakeholders to define call to action for the private sector's involvement
- Requires a high level of consensus among private sector stakeholders
- Renegotiation may be problematic

- Individual businesses may get involved once collaboration becomes more mature.
- Time-consuming legislative work.
- Time-consuming processes for organisational set-up.
- Time-consuming processes for project implementation
- Lack of domestic experience on comprehensive destination management partnerships

# Scenario #2 Allocation of Responsibilities for Implementing the DMP to an Existing Organisation

Local Challenges and a Potential Role for the Region of South Aegean

### Local Challenges

- Geothira Sole Shareholder S.A: This type of municipal company is not allowed to sign programmatic agreements
- Lack of a Directorate of Tourism under the Municipality
- Termination of the activity of the non-profit Cyclades Progress & Development Organization

### Role for the Region

- A leading role for the Region of Aegean mainly through its Development Agency – "ENERGIAKI S.A."?
- Putting the implementation of the DMP under the umbrella of the Region's Directorate of Tourism, ENERGIAKI S.A. would act as a vehicle for mobilizing domestic and EU funds.
- The Region would then work closely with the Municipality of Santorini and local stakeholders on selected actions.

# Scenario #2 Allocation of Responsibilities for Implementing the DMP to an Existing Organisation

Scenario 2 Assessment



#### Pros

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- A leading authority to assume the role of the DMP implementation body and enable short-term partnershipbuilding within a legal framework with specific terms and conditions
- Public sector stakeholders to shape an inclusive agenda of destination management planning.
- Requires a moderate level of consensus among private sector stakeholders

- Diversity of funding resources (programmatic agreements, EU grants, sponsorships, charities with regard to the provision of goods, services and projects, etc.).
- Time-efficient processes for organisational restructuring.

- Decisions by parent authorities over statutory amendments would be necessary
- Public sector funding will dominate initial stages of DMP implementation.
- Dominance of public sector organisation/s may exclude private sector businesses from decision-making
- Individual businesses may get involved once collaboration becomes more mature.

- Time-consuming processes for project implementation
- Staff recruitment strictly under the umbrella of a public sector organisation.
- Communication of DMP outputs and outcomes to be dependent mainly on the public sector's skills and activities.

Mutual Agreement on a Strategic Agenda and Individual Commitment to a Group Effort

# THIS IS CONTINUES A PARTNERS









## Good Governance Arrangements (a)

- A 'Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation' to define:
  - The scope and terms of the partnership
  - The key activities that each founding partner (e.g. the Municipality of Santorini, the Region of South Aegean and the Cyclades Chamber) would undertake,
  - Their fixed amounts of annual contributions for an agreed period
  - All obligations and benefits associated with being a founding partner;

- An Executive Board, which would ensure the DMP's implementation through its decision-making capacity and the supervision of all activities undertaken under the partnership umbrella.
- A Steering Committee, which would coordinate day-to-day activities and the sound management of financial and human resources, in order to deliver the Executive Board's decisions.

## Good Governance Arrangements (b)

• A team of dedicated experts including both new recruiters (being employed by one of the founding partners) and existing staff members from one or more founding partners to support the DMP's implementation.

- A second level of partnership members to expand the private sector's active involvement in the scheme based on lighter terms of engagement and the same principles of a high level of consensus, corporate ethics, and trust.
- Framework of funding sources and fundraising options/processes.

Scenario 3 Assessment



#### Pros

- Staff recruitment under the
- engagement, alongside key umbrella of an am public sector organisations. partnership brand
- Commitment to a joint strategic vision and objectives
- A dedicated agenda with clear roles and responsibilities.

A higher level of private sector

- A more balanced distribution of funds from the beginning.
- Diversity of funding sources and fundraising opportunities.

- Staff recruitment under the umbrella of an ambitious partnership brand
- Communication benefits for the public sector through the private sector's respective skills and activities.
- Lack of legal entity status and implications.
- Negotiation capacity depends on individual members.
- Increased funding by the private sector may lead to lack of government control
- Need for a high level of consensus and trust among key stakeholders and/or individual businesses –

 High level of risk associated with changes in the strategy of individual partners.

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- Dependent on partners having the capacity to carry out their share of activities.
- High dependence on the vision of personalities who first established the partnership.



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# CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS & DISCUSSION

## **Critical Success Factors**

- Collaboration: Effective collaboration between major stakeholders, especially between businesses and public bodies at local, regional, national and, where appropriate, international, levels.
- Residents as participants:
  Understanding by residents of the value of sustainable tourism to Santorini and their commitment to ensure it is developed sustainably.

Visitor flow management:
Commitment to finding solutions to managing visitor flows, particularly in the main season.

Seasonal extension:

Persuading the extension of direct air services from key markets and a critical mass of Santorini businesses to stay open into the off season.

Sustainable community:

Commitment to finding solutions that deliver sustainable energy usage, waste management, and water consumption, plus sufficient availability of affordable housing

## **Critical Success Factors**

- Environment: Commitment to finding and implementing solutions that reduce pollution caused by cruise ship emissions, landfill and litter.
- Infrastructure: Commitment to address infrastructure inadequacies, particularly airport, ports, roads and parking.

- Visitor experience and sense of place: Commitment to improving the visitor experience and to a consistent projection, in both infrastructure and product/experience development as well as in marketing messages.
- Resources: The ability to raise sufficient funding and deploy appropriately skilled human resources to address the issues identified in this DMP.

# THANK YOU!