

Design Features of Anantara Retreat Santorini Abu Dhabi



Anantara Retreat Santorini Abu Dhabi is a luxury, adults-only seaside sanctuary that brings the enchanting Greek island experience to the UAE. Nestled on the water's edge of Ghantoot, halfway between Abu Dhabi and Dubai, this serene haven offers intimate, quiet luxury, perfect for romantic escapes and embracing slow living.

A graceful, whitewashed, design-centric oasis, Anantara Retreat Santorini Abu Dhabi is an ideal setting for capturing unforgettable moments, embarking on bespoke artisan experiences, and engaging in well-being practices that nurture the soul.

DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Inspired by Cycladic Island architecture and ambience, the resort seamlessly incorporates traditional Greek elements, from architecture to intricate finishes. UAE-based **E11 Designers** are responsible for the building design, while the renowned Spain-based company **Original Interiors** handled the interior design.

A palette of white, blue, beige, and olive green mirrors the natural beauty of the Aegean Sea, blending architectural forms with the local environment. Every corner reveals an unexpected delight, whether it's a beautiful artwork, an intriguing pattern, or a mesmerising texture—there are continuous elements of surprises.

- **Santorini domes** - The resort features three sections—Agora, Chronos, and Aetheria—each crowned by a dome inspired by Santorini's iconic churches.
- **Arches and stairs** - White stone, elegant arches, and curved lines are complemented by iconic, photo-worthy staircases that perfectly reflect the essence of Santorini.
- **Natural Materials** - While every piece of furniture and artwork has been authentically curated using traditional crafting methods and materials, such as wood and rattan.



INFINITY POOL AND BAR

An inviting outdoor infinity pool with an olive tree at its centre creates a tranquil oasis that replicates iconic Mediterranean coastal views. Surrounded by loungers in soft natural shades, the design fosters relaxation and a sense of timeless luxury. The olive tree symbolises peace and longevity, enhancing the serene atmosphere. The poolside bar is an eye-catching feature with plans to implement a botanical bar concept in the coming months.

ROOMS AND SUITE

The 22 elegant rooms and suite offer expansive sea views of the Arabian Gulf. Gentle tones and abundant natural light enhance the guest experience, with building orientation thoughtfully designed to maximise views and sunshine, and features natural soft shades that complement the glistening sea view.

THALASSA RESTAURANT

Located at sea level, Thalassa immerses guests in breathtaking views through large glass walls. The sculptural white tree centrepiece and woven lamps create an intimate Mediterranean ambience. The vibrant patterned floor adds character, while seasonal dishes inspired by Greek and Southern European cuisine deliver a sensory experience.

OIA OASIS

Located poolside, this casual yet sophisticated setting is perfect for a relaxing breakfast or refreshing lunch. The fish-shaped chandelier adds a whimsical touch, while the menu celebrates Arabian Gulf flavours and spices. The thoughtful design and culinary offerings transport guests to a coastal dining experience that bridges Mediterranean charm and regional heritage.

ASTERI LOUNGE

Asteri Lounge blends history and modern elegance with Greek artefacts showcased under glass and Spartan-inspired décor. The space features a dramatic Spartan shield and lit helmet pillar wall that emits smoke. Circular velvet seating and ambient lighting create a warm, luxurious atmosphere, while the extended lounge area with a bar is perfect for intimate events.

CINEMA

The state-of-the-art luxury cinema elevates entertainment with velvety bed-style seating equipped with personal reading lights. The 6.3 x 11-metre projector screen ensures an immersive viewing experience, while valet service for food and drinks adds a touch of exclusivity. The retro-inspired entrance, complete with a chandelier, accent artworks, and a hallway with illuminated rock formations, sets the stage for a cinematic escape.

BUSINESS CENTRE

A unique addition to the retreat, the business centre replicates a bunker-like room styled with authentic wartime artefacts and décor. It features real items such as coats, file cabinets, old maps, telephones, and newspapers from the era, creating a collector's paradise. This space is a favourite among history



enthusiasts and guests seeking a distinctive experience. Its rugged, masculine charm adds an intriguing dimension to the retreat's spaces.

ANANTARA SPA

The spa reception area sets the tone with its rock-formation-like textured wall, complete with an artistic opening leading to backlit shelves, creating a visually captivating and serene ambience for every guest's arrival. The spa features a Moroccan Hammam for an authentic cleansing ritual, a Himalayan Salt Sauna for relaxation and detoxification, and Cryotherapy Plunge Pools for invigorating recovery, as well as two tranquil treatment rooms, including one with biophilic design to reflect the connection with nature.

SUSTAINABILITY IN DESIGN

The resort selects partners based on their sustainable practices. For instance, Amouage toiletries in the rooms promote ethical harvesting and frankincense regeneration. Other initiatives include plastic use reduction, resort-grown produce, date harvesting, a water bottling plant, and solar-powered lighting.

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Anantara Retreat Santorini Abu Dhabi is an exclusive adults-only retreat nestled on the shores of Ghantoot, between Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Inspired by the iconic beauty of Santorini and infused with the warmth of Arabian hospitality, the intimate retreat features 22 sea-view rooms, two dining venues offering Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine, Designer dining experience, a fitness centre, luxury indoor cinema, the world-renowned Anantara Spa, an infinity pool, and curated wellness and leisure experiences. Combining Cycladic-inspired architecture with the natural beauty of the Arabian Gulf, the retreat offers a serene escape centred on privacy, personalised service and meaningful experiences.

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