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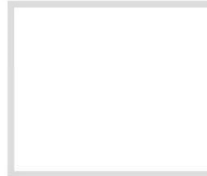
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Five Star Alliance Favorites: The Post Ranch Inn

August 24, 2012 By: Oksana Balytsky

We sift through newsletters, promotions, updates, rants, raves, and reviews to find the absolute best luxury hotels in various categories. Our team of luxury travel experts certainly knows a thing or two about what's considered to be an exceptional hotel, so we've put our top picks together to create a list of Five Star Alliance Favorites!

Courtesy, our General Manager here at Five Star Alliance, has voted the Post Ranch Inn in Monterey, California as her dream hotel. The photos below speak for themselves, but if you're more of a facts person, here's a little information about this incredible property.



- Nestled on the cliffs of Big Sur, California, the Post Ranch Inn provides the ultimate romantic getaway.
- This hotel only has 30 rooms, and each features either an ocean or mountain view.
- Each room has a king-size bed, wood-burning fireplace, indoor spa tub, private deck, stereo, and a digital music system with forty-five channels.
- Guests can enjoy the complimentary wet bar and mini-bar with snacks, juices, and a half bottle of red and white wine.
- There are no televisions or alarm clocks in the guestrooms which allows guests to fully disconnect, relax, and rejuvenate.
- This is an adult-only hotel, and the minimum age for guests is 18.
- Known for its architecture, the Post Ranch Inn features some rooms that are nestled in the mountain side while others are built on stilts among trees!
- There is one lap pool, a heated basking pool overlooking the ocean, and an award winning spa facility.

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Style: Classic/Luxury

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





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"Oh my God!"

Review of Afroessa Hotel

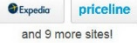


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Reviewed October 2, 2014

Oh my God!

Where shall I start? Maybe when a nice guy called Eddie saw us on the road looking for the hotel and immediately greeted us assuming we had to stay at the Afroessa? Or maybe when we first went down the stairs facing the sea and wondering what kind of planet we were, that's how spectacular the scenery was? Or again when we discovered our room (one of 10 only) and the immediate feeling of being at home with a stunning touch of the old greek charm and the elegance of a classic 4 star hotel? The place is unbelievable, everywhere you look. That is as simple as that. First of all, you are far from the 2 crazy towns in Santorini, Oia and Fira. Believe me, you don't want to stay where thousands of people come and go night and day. Afroessa is close enough to those places and far enough so you can relax and feel special. Joanna, THE Lady of the place, is almost always there, always looking very pretty and chic. Just like her dream hotel that she has been renovating for 15 years, each year a little improvement, an extra room, or another jacuzzi, or a new dining room. God knows. And it is all so worth it. It is immaculate like the crisp water of the pool with is rather large for Santorini. Every morning you feel like they repainted the floor overnight just to make you happy to start the day. Breakfast is served in your room and we had a room with a very large front patio overlooking the Caldera. In other words, Afroessa is OUTSTANDING. I've stayed in many 5 star hotels in the world and I probably won't remember them as much as the Afroessa that will stay in my memory forever! Thank you Joanna for creating this unique time with you. Thank you Eddie for your kind politeness and constant help. Thank you Hara for your efforts full of smiles! You will see us soon!

Stayed: August 2014, traveled as a couple
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Reviewed October 1, 2014



theed123

Bleveland

17 8

Cannot fault a thing about this wonderful hotel!

My partner and I stayed at Afroessa hotel for two nights in late July and had a wonderful time! The only bad thing about staying at this hotel was having to leave as it was so lovely. The hotel's location is wonderful. Without a doubt the best view of the Santorini sunset was from the balcony on our room and the hotel's swimming pool. The hotel looks straight to the ocean with nothing obstructing the breathtaking views. The hotel is also only a short walk to the bus stop which takes you to Oia and Fira. The service at Afroessa hotel was superb! Ioanna was so friendly and welcoming and the rest of the staff were as well. After having trouble with the ferry company and arriving later than expected due to delays Ioanna was incredibly helpful, re-organising our hotel transfer so as to ensure that we were picked up from the port at our new time of arrival. The staff were so friendly and offered to carry our heavy bags to and from the room upon arrival and departure, which was incredibly helpful! The rooms themselves were lovely, so spacious, beautifully decorated and clean. We will definitely be staying at this hotel again!

Room Tip: It's worth paying a bit extra for the standard deluxe room. So beautiful

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Stayed: July 2014, traveled as a couple
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Rooms Service

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Reviewed September 26, 2014



Joyce322
Grenoble,
France
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Afroessa Highlights

Superb position on the edge of the caldera, Ioanna and the team are always available and could not be more helpful - superb breakfast - go for the fruit & Yoghurt and the homemade moussaka in the evening - great sunset views and suggestions for local eats - the walk to Oia and the boat trip around the caldera were real highlights - a wonderful three days!!!!

Room Tip: Go for rooms near the pool

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Stayed: September 2014, traveled with friends
Value Service
Sleep Quality

Ask Joyce322 about Afroessa Hotel

Thank Joyce322

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Reviewed September 25, 2014



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the very best

this small hotel has the best location on the caldera and is between Oia (25 hour walk) and Fira (5 hour walk) and a 10 minute walk from a great restaurant - La Maison. The old path goes right through the front of the place

The rooms are classic, very clean and with beautiful furnishings, but the best part of the place is the owner and her staff.

Ioanna is an elegant, hands on, lady who goes out of her way to make sure all is well and everything is as it should be.

We spent time on 4 islands at different hotels and this was by far the best, most romantic, best value, best amenities best location and very best owner.

Room Tip: Any room is great

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Stayed: September 2014, traveled as a couple
Location Cleanliness

Service

Ask duffdog60mich about Afroessa Hotel

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Reviewed September 23, 2014



atrusler
Nashville,
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Heaven on Earth!

Honestly can't say enough about this hotel. Breathtaking views, intimate feel, and perfect location. Joanna was so warm and organized. Made this trip special and stress free. Definitely recommend and hope to return someday. In walking distance great restaurants, beautiful 55 minute walk to Fira and short bus ride to oia. You won't be disappointed.

Room Tip: Room one was large and beautiful. Private balcony, good air conditioner and mini kitchen.
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Stayed: September 2014, traveled as a couple
Value Rooms Service

Ask atrusler about Afroessa Hotel

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Reviewed September 22, 2014



mcg2220
Dallas, Texas
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Wonderfull!

The sunset view from this incredible hotel - was simply breathtaking!! The staff was warm, welcoming, friendly and helpful. The owner, Joanna, helped us plan our visit and made recommendations on where to eat and explore. Our room's balcony was paradise and the perfect place to relax with the glass of wine - given to us by Joanna and her staff. Cannot wait to return to the Afroessa and would highly recommend this hotel!

Stayed: September 2014, traveled as a couple
Value Location Service

Ask mcg2220 about Afroessa Hotel

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Reviewed September 20, 2014



ErynMead
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Canada
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Stunning!!

The view when you walk up to Afroessa is breathtaking. We had a small room over the pool that walked out to a balcony with blue seas and sky as far as the eye can see. It was so peaceful and quiet and made a perfect 4 days to the start of our honeymoon. We spent a lot of time out by the pool admiring the views. This hotel was perfect. The service was warm and welcoming. They helped us with any bookings we needed making it easy for us. We walked to Fira and took an ATV to Oia. It was very central located. The food here was incredible - by the chicken souvlaki, feta in

the oven and greek salad! Excellent value and I would recommend to anyone looking for a romantic place to stay.

Stayed: September 2014, traveled as a couple
Value Rooms Service

Ask ElyseMikeB about Afroessa Hotel

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