

# Greece



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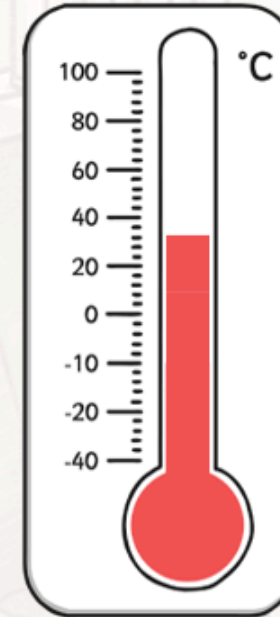
<b>Name:</b>	Greece
<b>Capital city:</b>	Athens
<b>Currency:</b>	Euro (€)
<b>Population:</b>	11 million
<b>Language:</b>	Greek
<b>Average rainfall:</b>	50 – 121cm in the north 38 – 81cm in the south



Flag of Greece  
(Hellenic Republic)

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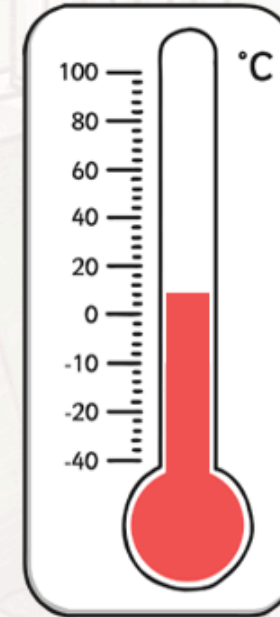
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# Mainland Greece

Greece has a warm, sunny climate and enjoys more than 250 days of sunshine a year. It has a typically Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. Most people consider Greece to be a summer holiday destination, although there are also popular ski resorts in the mountainous regions to the north of Athens.

What is appealing about this image?

Why might people choose to go on holiday to Greece?



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<b>Average summer temperature:</b>	33°C	<b>Average winter temperature:</b>	10°C
<b>Average summer rainfall:</b>	6mm	<b>Average winter rainfall:</b>	65mm

# Tourism

Because of its warm weather and beautiful scenery, Greece is a popular destination for tourists. It is one of the most visited countries in the world, largely due to its Mediterranean climate and extensive coastline. With 18 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Greece is rich in culture and history.



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26.5 million tourists visited Greece in 2015. That's more than the Greek population!

This Ancient Greek site was the birthplace of a sporting event still celebrated today. Do you know what it is?

This is Olympia, the site of the very first Olympic Games held in 776BC.



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**Feta cheese**  
(Made with sheep and goat milk)



**Moussaka**  
(Minced lamb, aubergine and tomato)



**Baklava**  
(Filo pastry, nuts and honey)



**Spinach and Cheese Pie**  
(Filo pastry filled with spinach and cheese)

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# Ancient Greek Wonders



The Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, was destroyed by an earthquake around 2000 years ago.



The Parthenon is a former temple, dedicated to the Goddess Athena who is said to be the patron of Athens.



The Acropolis is an ancient citadel, located on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens.

# Greek Traditions



**Greek Dancing**  
Traditional dances are about expressing emotions and telling stories. The 'Kalamatiano' is a celebratory dance performed by men and women, dancing in a circle.



**Greek Homes**  
Many Greek houses are painted white to reflect the sun. Blue and white also reflect the colours of the Greek flag- white and blue to symbolise the Greek sea and sky.



**Greek Orthodox Church Religion** is an important aspect of Greek culture. Around 98% of the population are Christian Orthodox.