

# Greece ('About Tour' tab)

Greece is the perfect blend of history, mystery, and natural beauty and we think this European coastal country should be at the top of everyone's holiday bucketlist.

What's one of the main reasons to visit Greece? Beaches, beaches, and more beaches! Greece has vast coastlines (the largest in Europe) and over 2000 islands, including the more well-known ones such as Santorini, Mykonos, Crete, and Corfu. Greek beaches are some of the best in the world and are known for their crystal clear waters in a variety of beautiful blue hues. The waters are also very calm and safe, no waves or dangerous sea creatures lurking about.

If you're going to Greece for more than just sun, sand, and sundowners, then head to one of the country's many ruins. The Acropolis in Athens, Greece's capital city, is a must-see! It's made up of ancient buildings that were built for Athena, the goddess and protector of the city. The Parthenon is one of the most famous parts of the Athenian Acropolis and was originally the centre of religious worship.

The Greeks paid homage to their watery surroundings and its God, Poseidon, the protector of the seas, with the Temple of Poseidon which is close to Athens and overlooks the ocean. Well worth a visit!

A trip to the archeological site of Olympia is also a great way to spend a day outdoors. It is, as you can guess, where the Olympic Games all started way back in 776 BC.

What would a trip to Greece be without indulging in authentic Greek cuisine? So take a break from the once-in-a-lifetime tour activities. Relax at one of the numerous restaurants. Tantalise your tastebuds with local favourites like dolmades, moussaka, souvlaki, fresh seafood, tomato keftedes, choriatici (Greek salad) accompanied by strong coffee, finished with melomakarona (honey cookies) and ouzo (anise aperitif).

Want a truly unique Greek experience? Our Oh My Goddess: Greece by Design tour takes you from Athens to Delphi, Itea, Volos, Thermopylae, and back to Athens. It's a flexible tour where you'll be able to explore ruins, sail in the crisp blue seas, and delight in the delicacies of Greek cuisine.

Take a look below to find answers to some commonly asked questions about travelling to Greece.

**Do I need a visa to visit Greece?**

Greece is part of the Schengen area of Europe so if you have a South African passport, you will need a Schengen visa to travel to Greece.

**What is Greece best known for?**

Greece is known for its beautiful summer days, pristine beaches, delicious Greek food, the Olympic games, Greek Gods/Goddesses, ancient ruins, friendly locals, and its relaxed atmosphere during the day followed by lively nightlife.

**Is Greece affordable to visit?**

Greece is considered cheaper than other European countries in terms of cost of living and holiday expenses, but of course, that's all relative to the type of holiday you wish to take. If you want to find a holiday to Greece that's within your budget, contact us to get expert advice.

**What should I know about COVID-19 rules and regulations when travelling to Greece?**

COVID-19 restrictions change all the time so it's best to check our [travel map](#), visit our [help centre](#), or chat to one of our Travel Experts for the latest COVID-19 travel info.

**How long is the flight from Johannesburg to Athens?**

The shortest flight to Athens is around 13 hours and includes one stop.

**What's the weather like in Greece?**

Greece has a typically Mediterranean climate, meaning it rains during the winter but it's not very cold at all. The summers are dry and hot and it's sunny for most of the year.

**What is the time difference between Greece and South Africa?**

Greece is one hour ahead of South Africa in our summer.

**What is the currency in Greece?**

The currency in Greece is the Euro as it is one of the Schengen countries.

**Ask us about booking your trip to Greece today.**

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