

# Facts About Greece

## Where in the world is Greece?

Greece is a country in the south-east of Europe. It has borders with four other countries: Macedonia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Albania.

Greece has a very long coastline, with over 2000 islands and rocky outcrops. The Aegean, Ionian and Mediterranean Seas flow around the islands, the largest of which is Crete. Being beside the sea makes Greece a popular holiday destination.



## What is the weather like in Greece?

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. Greece has hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. Because of the sunny climate, more than 25 million tourists visit Greece each year!

## What is the capital city of Greece?

The capital city of Greece is Athens. Athens is one of the oldest cities in Europe, having been established more than 7000 years ago. It is said to be the birthplace of democracy and is named after the Ancient Greek goddess Athena.



## Facts about Greece

- Greece enjoys more than 250 days of sunshine a year! (The UK gets around half of that.)
- Mount Olympus is the highest peak in Greece, measuring 9754 feet high.
- In 2015, 26.5 million tourists visited Greece - that's more than the entire population of Greece!
- Greek houses are often painted white to reflect the heat from the summer sun.
- Around 40% of the entire population of Greece live in Athens - that's almost half of all the people in Greece!

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Greece has 8,479 miles of coastline with as many as 2000 rocky outcrops and islands. Around 170 islands are populated with the largest island being Crete, a popular holiday destination for tourists.



## What is the weather like in Greece?

Greece 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.

Average summer temperature:

**33°C**

Average winter temperature:

**10°C**

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## What is the capital city of Greece?

The capital city of Greece is Athens. Athens is one of the oldest cities in Europe, having been established more than 7000 years ago. It is said to be the birthplace of democracy. Around 40% of the entire population of Greece live here - that's almost half of all the people in Greece!



## How has Greece influenced the world today?

### Theatre

Ancient Greeks valued the power of the spoken word and writers such as Homer wrote long poems to be performed.

### Olympic Games

The Greek Olympics first took place in 776BC and were held in honour of Zeus, king of the Greek gods.

### Maths

Ancient Greeks such as Pythagoras studied maths and number, helping to develop the number system we know and use today.



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Greece is a country in the south-east of Europe. Mainland Greece shares its borders with Albania, Turkey, Macedonia and Bulgaria. It is often referred to as a crossroads between Europe, Asia and Africa.

Greece enjoys 8,479 miles of coastline with a vast number of islands dotted throughout the Aegean, Ionian and Mediterranean Seas. The largest island is Crete, which is a popular holiday destination for tourists.



**Average summer temperature:**

**33°C**

**Average winter temperature:**

**10°C**

**Average summer rainfall:**

**6mm**

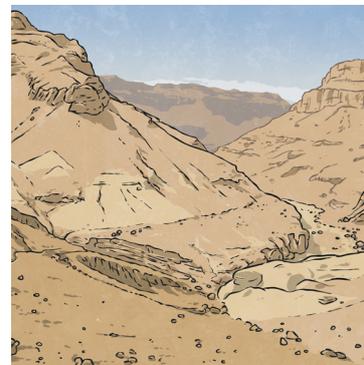
**Average winter rainfall:**

**65mm**



Greece has a warm, sunny climate and enjoys more than 250 days of sunshine a year on average. 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.

Eighty percent of Greece consists of mountains or hills, making it one of the most mountainous areas in Europe. Mount Olympus is the highest peak in Greece, measuring 9754 feet high. According to Greek legend, when God created the world, He sifted the earth through a strainer. After giving each country good soil, he threw the stones that were left over his shoulder and created Greece.





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Greece is known as the 'cradle of Western civilisation', introducing democracy, maths, science and language ideas that still influence us today. The Parthenon is situated on the Acropolis of Athens, an ancient citadel on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens, and is one of the most recognised symbols of classical Greece. Athens is said to be named after the Greek Goddess Athena, who presented a gift of an olive tree to the citizens. The Parthenon is a temple dedicated to Athena.



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