

Porch of The Maidens, Ancient Erechtheum - Acropolis

KALOSORISATE STIN ELLADA! WELCOME TO GREECE!

Come explore a bright and beautiful region of the Mediterranean that is celebrated throughout the world for its ancient landmarks, cultural cities, charming coastal villages, sparkling turquoise waters and shimmering blue skies. Fabled Greece, one of the most breathtaking countries on earth is a kaleidoscope of ancient sights and architectural treasures, splendid islands luminescent in the sun, sleepy fishing villages, romantic Cliffside villas, chic nightlife, superb food and golden beaches trimmed with jolly seaside tavernas. We invite you to explore the many pleasures and possibilities that await your discovery in this magnificent and wonderful country.

DESTINATION INFO

Greek National Holidays 2010

Please make note of the following national holidays observed in Greece. When traveling during these periods, one should note that certain services such as sightseeing tours and excursions may not be available as well as archaeological sites and museums will be closed.

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| New Year's Day | January 1 | Pentecost | May 24 |
| Ephiphany | January 6 | Assumption Day | August 15 |
| Good Friday | April 2 | National Day | October 28 |
| Easter | April 4 | Christmas Day | December 25 |
| Easter Monday | April 5 | 2nd Day of Christmas | Dec. 26 |
| Labour Day | May 1 | New Year's Eve | December 31 |

Documentation

Canadian citizens require a valid Canadian passport to enter Greece. All other nationalities, please inquire with your Travel Agent.

Currency

The national currency is the Euro. All major credit cards are accepted, as are travelers cheques.

Time Difference

Greece is 7 to 10 hours ahead of Canadian time, depending on the time zone.

Average maximum temperatures (Athens & Southern Greece)

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| January | 12°C | June | 30°C |
| December | 14°C | July | 33°C |
| February | 13°C | August | 33°C |
| March | 15°C | September | 28°C |
| April | 19°C | October | 23°C |
| May | 24°C | November | 18°C |

Tipping

Tipping in Greece is discretionary, however it is customary. While Cruising approximately 8 euro (4 per child) is automatically added to your account each day in order to cover gratuities. While this is the standard amount added, it may be increased or decreased at your discretion by visiting the Purser's office.

Excursions & Sightseeing Tours

It is customary to tip both the tour guide and the bus driver. Recommended is 5 to 8 euro per person, per day.

Athens

Few destinations rival the sheer radiance and cultural weather of Greece. Home to mythical gods, ancient civilizations and thousand-year-old traditions, it offers an extraordinary setting of classical monuments, enchanting islands, breathtaking scenery and friendly welcoming people.

The capital of Greece, cradle of democracy, birthplace of Western Civilization, Athens took its name from Athena, the goddess of wisdom and knowledge. Today's Athens is a vibrant city where old and new co-exist. It is home to numerous architectural marvels and crowned by the majestic Parthenon, its ancient glory still visible in the timeworn stone. Enjoy the day strolling, shopping or just relaxing.

Glyfada

The captivating suburb of Glyfada stretches along the Saronic Gulf coast often referred to as the "Athenian Riviera".

Glyfada is a 30 minute drive from the domestic and international terminal of Athens Airport and 20 minutes from the centre of Athens. The distance in kilometres from the centre of Athens by car (or bus) is 15 km and 12 km from the port of Piraeus. The ancient temple of Poseidon at Sounion is 45 kilometers away.

Glyfada features the most modern tourist facilities. The visitor can combine relaxation, entertainment and bustling nightlife. Apart from the sparkling blue sea of the Saronic Gulf and the rolling shoulders of the mount Hymettus, some of the best sandy beaches in Attica are found here. Taking a walk along the sea front, the visitor will admire hundreds of yachts moored in marinas, or enjoy lunch or dinner by the seaside restaurants and taverns.

Glyfada Square features a wide variety of shops and boutiques and a string of modern shopping malls. Restaurants, cafes and taverns are spread all over town whilst popular bars, nightclubs and bouzouki houses create a beautiful aura at night and promise a great time!

Vouliagmeni

Vouliagmeni is a suburban part of Athens located on the seaside. It is famous for sandy beaches and a tranquil atmosphere. In this town one can find many restaurants, Greek taverns with traditional Greek cuisine and coffee shops, most of them located seaside.

Vouliagmeni is a beautiful and picturesque peninsula, situated on the eastern edge of Athens (just 20 Km from the center of Athens), known from the famous lake with the mineral water spa and an outstanding mild climate that makes all-year round holidays possible.

Besides its beautiful beaches, Vouliagmeni is famous for its natural "Lake of Vouliagmeni". Its crystal clear waters come from underground natural caves, which pour their waters in this lake. All year round, its waters have a steady temperature of 25 degrees. In this small town, one can find many restaurants (especially fish restaurants), Greek taverns with traditional Greek cuisine and coffee shops, most of them located on the sea.

Crete (Heraklion)

The largest island in Greece, Crete separates the Aegean from the Libyan Sea and marks the boundary between Europe and Africa. The topography changes continually. In Crete's centre, mountains rise and splendid plateaus are split by deep gorges that end in fertile valleys. Elsewhere, old stone farmhouses and monasteries perch on mountain ridges, and Venetian castles and Byzantine chapels are long forgotten on steep, majestic slopes. Throughout Crete's colourful island villages, life goes on in the same rhythm it has for centuries. Crete is the birthplace of the Minoan civilization, who built palace-states throughout the island, including the famous restored ruins of the Palace of Knossos, home to the legendary King Minos.

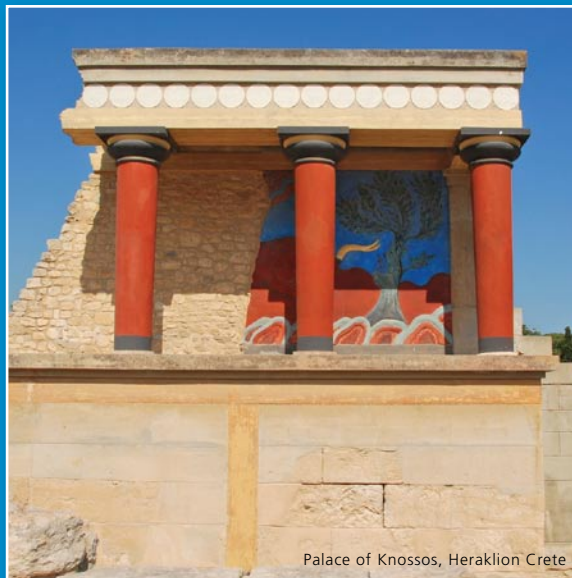
Bustling, picturesque, and cosmopolitan, Heraklion, Chania, Rethymnon and Agios Nikolaos, Crete's main cities and resort areas, are found on the north side of the island and brim with hundreds of shops, cafes, tavernas and ouzerias, and everywhere the delectable Cretan wine and fragrance of jasmine vines. Golden beaches time the island, splashed by clear, warm sea perfect for swimming and other watersports. Whether you gather 'round in seaside taverna, relax in a comfy chair in a pastry shops, stroll in solitude on a deserted beach, or join the frivolity in Crete's many discos and clubs, your experience will be a treasured memory.

Rhodes

Rhodes, the legendary home of Helios, god of the sun, is the cosmopolitan jewel in the crown of the Dodecanese and enjoys 300 days of sunshine a year. Shangri-la for shoppers, beach and history lovers, the island trumpets the best nightlife outside of Athens. Although Rhodes has just 90,000 inhabitants, it hosts over a million visitors a year seeking not only the aforesaid nightlife, but magnificent beaches, medieval architecture, scenic village and harbours. The Street of the Knights and stone-paved alleyways in the Old Medieval Town will stop you in your tracks, as will the shops. Utterly fantastic. Another "must see", the exquisite little town of Lindos is dominated by an imposing acropolis overlooking a calm, gorgeous bay, whitewashed houses and pebbled courtyards. The acropolis can be reached by donkey or on foot. We suggest the donkey. Great fun!

Nauplion

One of the most picturesque port towns in Greece. With its buildings, renowned castles and generally the whole layout of the city Nafplio is one of the most beautiful places in Greece. Tourism to this area has steadily gained over the years and the fact that it enjoys sunny mild weather year round, makes it a favorite not only for tourists, but for locals alike. Countless visitors will be walking through the main square at the waterfront enjoying the scenery or visiting one of the many local merchants selling delicious Greek snacks such as sweet roasted corn, hot roasted nuts and even cotton candy. Make sure to visit Palamidi fortress, and Bourtzi Castle. The main platia – called Syntagma Square is filled with jewelry shops, bakeries, restaurants and bars. With so much to see and do, it is an ideal location to spend some time.



Palace of Knossos, Heraklion Crete

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View of the Aegean Sea