



## your *Greece* fact sheet

**GETTING THERE:** The easiest way to get to Greece is by air or cruise ship port of call. The preferred airport will depend on the region you visit as Greece has 15 international airports. The most common international airports include:

- Athens (ATH)
- Thessaloniki (SKG)
- Santorini (JTR)
- Mykonos (JMK)
- Heraklion (HER)

**LANGUAGE:** The official language in Greece is Greek.

**CLIMATE:** Greece has a warm Mediterranean climate overall. The climate tends to be warmer in the southern part of the country with mostly dry days throughout summer and wet, cold days during winter. Overall, the average daytime temperature in peak summer season is about 77°F and about 50°F in winter. Many of the Greek islands have much milder temperatures due to the prevailing winds. For example, the popular destination of Mykonos has average temperatures of about 67°F year-round.

**MONEY/CURRENCY (CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, TIPPING, ATMS):** The main currency is the Euro (EUR) and credit and debit cards are also widely accepted. It is recommended to also carry some cash for smaller towns and less touristic areas.

Tipping is not common among locals but has become expected of tourists. Plan to tip 10–15% in cash to your restaurant servers. You should also plan to round up a taxi bill and tip about one Euro per bag with a porter. Guides that offer a great experience would likely warrant a tip of about 10% of your tour cost.

**ELECTRICITY:** Greece uses European plugs, C and F. The voltage is 230 volts and 50Hz.





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### 5 FAST FACTS

1. Greece is said to have about 6,000 islands with only 200 inhabited.
2. Greece has 18 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
3. While Greece has beautiful beaches that are Instagram-worthy, the country is actually made up of about 80% mountains.
4. Greece is one of the sunniest places with more than 250 days of sunshine each year.
5. Leave your high-heeled shoes at home because it is illegal in some historic sites as there is concern that they might damage the monuments.

### 5 ITEMS TO PACK

1. Sunglasses and sunblock.
2. Comfortable walking shoes. You will do a lot of walking and some hiking throughout Greece.
3. Light and comfortable clothes.
4. Day bag/backpack. A light wearable bag is great to hold your water bottle and camera but with room for the souvenirs you know you will buy.
5. Universal plug adapter.

### TOURS/EXCURSION IDEAS:

- The Acropolis in Athens
- Palace of Knossos in Crete
- Ancient Olympia
- Delphi
- Hike Mount Olympus
- Architecture of Santorini
- Samaria Gorge
- Corfu's Old Town

