

# 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: North 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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# Questions

1. Where is Greece?

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2. Name the four countries that border Greece.

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3. What is the weather like in Greece?

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4. What is the capital city of Greece?

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5. How did Athens get its name?

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6. Why do you think the writer included the fact 'there are more than 250 days sunshine a year in Greece'?

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7. What is the highest mountain in Greece?

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8. Why do you think more than 25 million tourists visit Greece each year?

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