

## **Best Places To Visit In Greece**

### **Why Greece?**

Legends and tradition, historical relevance, breath-taking landscapes and gorgeous beaches are just some of the charms of Greece.

Even those with little knowledge of history know Greece is a very historic country. Thanks to movies and books about Athens, Olympia, and other prominent Greek names, this storied country and its beautiful cities are a popular travel destination. From breath-taking islands to rugged snow-capped mountains and ancient ruins to beautiful pristine beaches and picturesque cliff-side villages, Greece has endless vacation destinations to offer.

### ***Best Travel Destination in Greece***

#### ***Greek Islands***

Greek islands are beautiful and exotic locations to visit and it's no surprise droves of tourists are lured here every year. With more than gorgeous beaches, ancient ruins, active volcanoes, colorful harbors, and more than 2000 islands, Greek islands have it all.

One of the top visited islands in Greece is Santorini. It is probably the most popular travel destination in Greece, with its picturesque beauty. Go dipping in turquoise waters, dine in fine restaurants, and stroll around beautiful villages, Santorini is better seen to be believed. No wonder it is called the diamond of the Aegean.

Mykonos with its perfect blend of modern, cosmopolitan society and traditional whitewashed houses along with its maze-like streets is also a cool destination in the Greek Islands.

Other notable mentions are Rhodes; popular for its great beaches and historical significance, Crete and its pleasing contrasts of beautiful landscapes, stunning coastline, rugged mountains and rolling countryside dotted with olive trees, and Corfu with its mixed culture and architecture which is a testament of its past foreign rulers.

#### ***Athens***

Very few cities in the world can rival the history of Athens. Athens is widely known as the birth place of democracy and the founder of western civilization. There is no shortage of culture in Athens, and it's also home to popular sites like the Parthenon, Acropolis, the Theatre of Dionysos and the Temple of Zeus.

#### ***Meteora***

Meteora in Greek simply means "suspended in the air," and there is no better word to describe this spectacular cliffs. These cliffs rise more than 1,200 feet and overlook the villages of Kalambaka and Kaastraki. The beauty of these cliffs is only further enhanced by historic monasteries perched along the summits. These monasteries were built by monks as early as the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## ***Delphi***

If the most popular archaeological site in Greece is the Acropolis, then the Delphi will come a close second. Located along the slopes of the awe-inspiring Mount Parnassus, Delphi was referred to as the centre of the earth by ancient Greeks and was dedicated to the god, Apollo. It is home to significant ruins and structures like the Athenian Treasury, the Temple of Apollo, and the hippodrome.

## ***Peloponnese***

Peloponnese was traditionally called Morea, which means mulberry leaf. This is because it is shaped like a large leaf. Peloponnese features historic sites like Venetian fortresses, Greek temples, Mycenaean palaces and Byzantine churches. It is also the home of Olympia, the site where the first Olympic Games were hosted in honor of Zeus.

Thanks to its vast history, culture and beautiful picturesque landscapes and structures, these are just some highlights of the best places to visit in Greece. Other notable destinations are:

- **Halkidiki:** a trident-like peninsula sporting beautiful beaches. The three peninsulas have different significances: Kassandra is known for the nightlife, Sithonia for its beaches and Athos for its monks.
- **Zagori:** with its natural beauty, grand stone houses, striking geology, and two national parks. Many of the stone houses date back to the late eighteenth century.
- **Thessaloniki:** is popular for its lively festivals, buzzing nightlife, byzantine walls, colourful food markets, social events, museums and art galleries. It is the Greece's second-largest city.
- **Cape Sounion:** The most popular attraction here is the site of the ruins of the ancient Greek temple of Poseidon, more popularly known as the god of the sea.

Thanks to a mixture of its inspiring history and jaw-dropping beauty, Greece is one of the top destinations to visit. Destinations like Athens, Delphi and the Greek Islands constantly provide excitements and jaw-dropping scenery for tourists and visitors alike. Either alone or accompanied by your family.

Although various people travel in tour groups, some people prefer to go at it alone. If you're one the latter, then you might want to rent a car from companies like Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Another option is to use the public transportation system.