



Greece

Destination Guide

Travelling To & From

Airport Procedures - Be sure to check in for your flights about 12-24 hours prior to travel through the online app or website.

Arrival Procedures - At customs, your passport will be verified, and you'll be asked about your reason for travel – for vacation and leisure, of course!

Getting Around

Transfers – If you elected to have a transfer company take you from the airport to your hotel, locate your driver who most likely has your name on a sign near the designated pick-up area at the airport.

Tram – The tram is a popular form of transportation in the major cities especially because it's so cost effective.

Cabs - If you didn't elect for a transfer, locate the cab pick-up area at the airport and offer them your destination's address found in your travel documents. You'll even find Uber and rentals scooters just like in the US.

Buses - If bus tickets are included in your package, your tickets will be included in your confirmation numbers. You will be provided with directions to obtaining your admission passes. If bus tours weren't included in your package, you can hop on the bus by purchasing an admission pass by the day or by the ride. See nearby bus stop attendants for help!

Walking Around – Around your hotel, you'll find plenty of shops, pubs, restaurants, etc.

Currency

Cash - The euro is used around Greece. It's a great idea to exchange cash at your bank for a small fee prior to your trip, rather than at the airport, at the hotel, or in destination for a larger exchange fee.

Credit - Call your card company and banks before you travel to advise them of your travel dates and destinations. Some fees and restrictions may apply. Please note that sometimes you can use international ATMs for a fee.

Tipping – 5-10% is standard. Tips are appreciated in cash although not expected. You may find you can not tip when paying with a credit card.

Communications

Language – While one of the most common foreign languages learned in Greece is English, about 99% of the population speaks Greek. Communication issues shouldn't be a problem.

Cell Phones – Be sure to let your cell phone provider know of your travels. International travel packages may need to be purchased for service.

Packing for Your Trip

Clothing – Pack mindful light layers, knowing the seasons, heat, and potential winds. Be sure to prioritize proper footwear. The style is best described as active by day and neat, but comfortable for the evenings. Some formal evenings may occur depending on your itinerary.

Accessories – In addition to your walking shoes, you may want to bring hats to stay out of the sun and your own refillable water bottles. Be sure to leave any valuables at home or in your room safe.

Bagging Arrangements - Bring a daytime backpack for your belongings and any souvenirs you pick up along the way.

Staying healthy

Activities – Be prepared for high activity levels. Walking in Greece is quite the adventure for even the most active of travelers. Pace yourself and listen to your body.

Hydration – Keeping yourself hydrated is crucial. While you may not feel the effects of the heat right away, dehydration can quickly catch up to you.

Be smart in the sun – Here there's a potentially harsher sun, much comparable to a desert terrain. Wear sunscreen and proper sun protection gear like hats and sunglasses.

Weather

Year-round sun

Summer - dry, hot, and arid weather

Winter – Mild and slightly wet

Technology

Internet – Some areas provide public Wi-Fi like in restaurants and hotels. If you're cruising, the connection can be spotty while on the ocean.

Electricity – Bring along a European converter adapter to plug in your devices. A power bank is also a great idea. If you're cruising, check with your cruise line to see the recommended outlet extenders for potential no-surge policies.

Emergencies

Emergency Numbers – 112 is the emergency number.

US Embassy - A great safety resource for Greece is: <https://gr.usembassy.gov/>

Travel Protection - Should you need to file a travel protection claim, you will most likely be reimbursed on a credit card for approved claims. See travel protection policies for details.