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Greece



Greece lies at the South eastern tip of Europe occupying a total area of 131,990 sq. Km. The highest Greek mountain is Mount Olympus (2,917 m.), believed to be the seat of the 12 Gods of ancient Greek mythology. Further south lays the largest city and the capital of Greece, Athens, with a population of over 5 million. Also Greece has more than 2,500 islands, of which about 165 are inhabited.

Greece has a long and rich history during which brought great cultural influence on three continents. In ancient Greece democracy was born and philosophy, the Olympic Games, drama, tragedy and comedy. Although that independent state with Greece name recognized only in 1828, the Greek history extends beyond the geographical limits of the current state and in long period of centuries into the past. In general the Greek history is divided into periods, usually without clear boundaries between them, such as Stone Age, Minoan Civilization and Ancient Greece.



Chania



Chania is the second largest city of Crete and the capital of the Chania regional unit. It lies along the north coast of the island, about 70 km west of Rethymno and 145 km west of Heraklion.

The official population of the municipal unit is 53,910, while the municipality has 108,642 inhabitants. This consists of the city of Chania and several other towns and villages.

The city of Chania can be divided in two parts: the old town and the modern city which is the larger one. The old town is situated next to the old harbor and is the matrix around which the whole urban area was developed. The center of the modern city is the area extending next to the old town and especially towards the south.

Near by the city of Chania is the seemingly endless north coast of Crete that starts in Kalamaki and extends to Kolimpari, covering an area of 20 kilometers. Along the length of this coast, many Tourist heavens have been developed, places like Platanias, Gerani and Maleme. The intense Night Life in the old port, give Chania a cosmopolitan flavor.

There are many places one can visit, using Chania as the hub. As an example we look at the area surrounding lake Kourna, with Georgoupoli, and Theriso a village famous for its resistance to Turkish rule, Samaria Gorge, the exotic Elafonisi and the famous lagoon of Balos.



Weather & Climate

Mediterranean summers are hot and dry whereas winters are usually mild. Most of the rain falls in autumn and winter. The weather is very warm from May till September and sometimes even in October. In March, April and November there is quite unstable weather. From December till March it is quite cold. The temperature hardly ever drops below 3 degrees, but due to the extremely high humidity it can get really cold.

The month of July is characterized by essentially constant daily high temperatures, with daily highs around 31° C throughout the month, exceeding 35° C or dropping below 27° C only one day in ten.



Money & Costs



Greek currency is European Euro (€). Here are some prices that you can use as guidelines for the cost of life in Greece

Food & Drink	
Water	0,50 €
Coffee	1,5-3 €
Milk	1,50 €
Beer	1-3,5 €
Other Alcohol	5-7 €
Bread	1,00 €
Souvlaki (stick)	1,50 €
Souvlaki (pita gyros)	2-3 €
Pizza	5-9 €

Transportation	
Bus Ticket	1,70 €
Bus Ticket from/to the port of Souda	1,70 €
Bus ticket from/to the airport	2,50 €

Language

The official language of Greece is Greek, spoken by 99% of the population. In addition, a number of non-official, minority languages and some Greek dialects are spoken as well. Here are a few useful words you can learn in Greek:

English	Greek
Good Morning	Kalimera / Καλημέρα
Good Afternoon	Kalispera / Καλησπέρα
Goodnight	Kalinihta / Καληνύχτα
Hello	Ya su / Γεια σου
Goodbye	Adio / Αντίο
Help	Voithia / Βοήθεια
Yes	Ne / Ναι
No	Ohi / Όχι
Thank you	Efharisto / Ευχαριστώ
Please	Parakalo / Παρακαλώ
How much does it cost?	Poso kani? / Πόσο κάνει
Hello beautiful	Ya su omorfi / Γεια σου όμορφε
I am sorry	Signomi / Συγγνώμη
You are my little soul	Eisai i psihoula mou / Είσαι η ψυχούλα μου
May the force be with you	I dinami na einai mazi su / Η δύναμη να είναι μαζί σου



Transportation

Athens



From airport to port of Piraeus:

By metro: Use Metro line 3 from the Athens International Airport and change at Monastiraki to Metro line 1 (direction to Peiraeus). Estimated journey time is 60 minutes. Frequency: Every 5-15 min. Available from 5.00 am-11.30pm

By Bus: Use Route X96 Piraeus – Athens International Airport. 24hour service. All buses disembark passengers at the Departures Level and depart from the Arrivals Level, between Exits 4 and 5.

For Athens Public Transport Organization call center at 185 O Piraeus Port Authority at (+30) 210-4147800.

* Frequency: Every 20 min

Chania



From the port to the city center:

You can take the Chania city bus, number 13. The ticket costs 1,70 euro from Souda port to Chania. The bus stop from Souda to Chania Central is about 50 meters distance from the port. Frequency is related to the ship routes.

From the airport to the city center:

By Bus:

There is a reduced public bus service between the city of Chania and the airport. The bus stop is outside the departures building.

Schedule: Bus routes are different from week to week, they are based on the flights of the week. In case you need to take the bus from airport to the city center, you have to check first the routes here: <http://www.e-ktel.com/en/component/imeticket/?view=routetable> (BUS ROUTES FROM CHANIA AIRPORT TO CHANIA)

Whole ticket: 2.50 euros.

By Taxi:

The taxi stand is located right in front of the airport and there is generally no waiting time to get a taxi. It will cost about 18 to 20 Euro to get to the airport from the city center or vice versa.

What to bring

- Passport
- International Student Card
- Health Insurance
- Money for extra expenses (Euro)
- Medicine
- Formal Clothes for the Official Opening
- Towels
- Your camera if you have one
- Swimwear is important!
- Sunscreen
- Hat & sunglasses
- Your country's flag, traditional food and drink for the international evening!



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