



Topic: Greece

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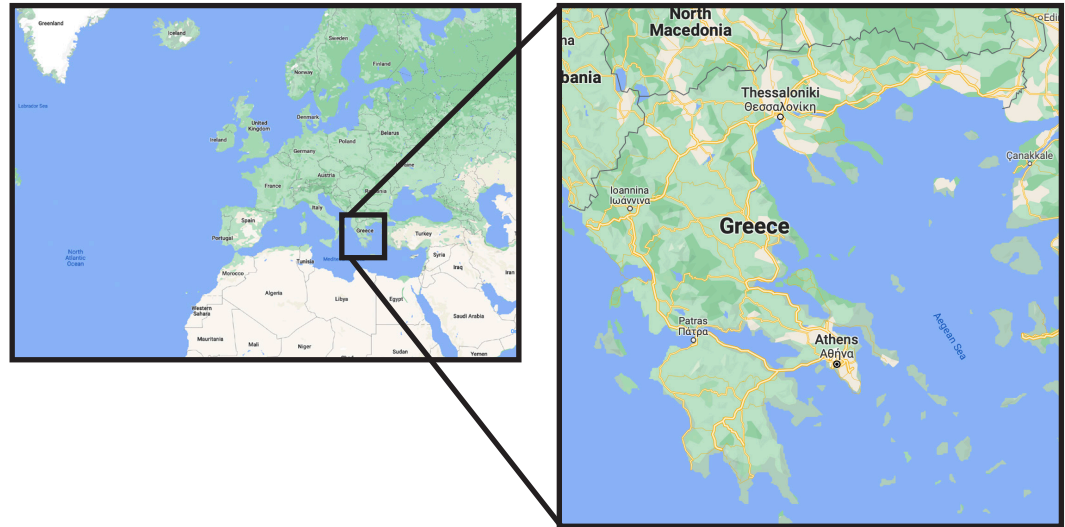
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Key Facts

Quick Facts	
Flag	
Language(s)	Greek
Capital City	Athens
Currency	Euro
Religion(s)	Christian Orthodox (90%); Other [Muslim, Catholic, Jewish, other] 10%
Climate	Mediterranean climate: warm and dry in summer, with some rain during colder months



Locational Knowledge



Greece is the southernmost city of Europe. It is surrounded by the Aegean and Ionian seas.

History

Greece's history is incredibly impressive.

Ancient Greece was one of the earliest and greatest civilisations ever.

Greece held the first ever Olympic Games in the city of Olympia in 700 BC to honour their most powerful God, Zeus.



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Physical Geography

Greece has the longest coastline in Europe. There are thousands of islands close together called an archipelago.

Greece's mainland has rugged mountains, forests, and lakes.

Its biggest mountain, Mount Olympus, was said to be home of the many Greek Gods in ancient times.

Human Geography

Greece's historic architecture can be seen as a reminder of its ancient history. The Acropolis in Athens was an ancient citadel that remains today.

Most people in Greece live in large cities.

There is a Prime Minister and a President: the Prime Minister has more power than the president.

People and Culture

Family life is very important in Greece: some children live with their parents even when they are adults and married.

Greeks are known for living long lives. They have a varied diet of olives, lamb, fish, squid, chick peas and lots of fruit and vegetables.

Vocabulary

Word	Explanation
ancient	something that is very old
archipelago	lots of islands dotted closely together in the sea or ocean
citadel	a city built on a hill with a fort to defend itself
civilisation	a large group of people who live together under the same rules and laws
climate	the type of weather in a particular area
culture	the ideas and ways that groups of people live their lives
islands	small parts of land surrounded by sea
landscape	parts of the land that you can see