

Greece (Hellas)

Our Country 🗣️



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Population, Geographical Features & Weather

Greece is located in South-east Europe, part of the Balkan peninsula.

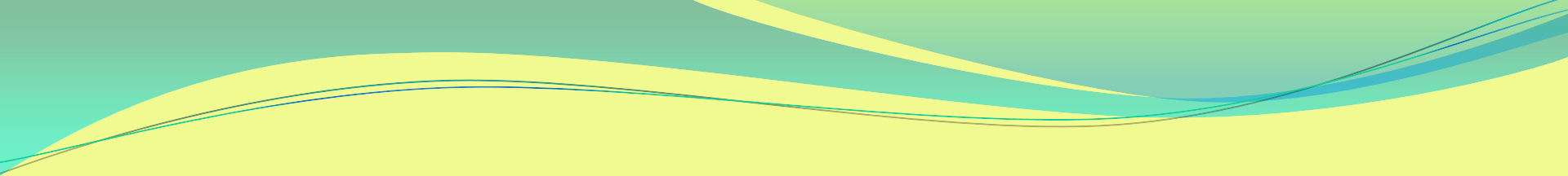


- The country's population is about 10,5 million people and the land area is 131.944 square kilometers.



The climate is primarily Mediterranean with mild, wet winters and hot and dry summers.





National Symbols, Language

- Our flag consists of nine horizontal stripes – five blue and four white- which alternate.

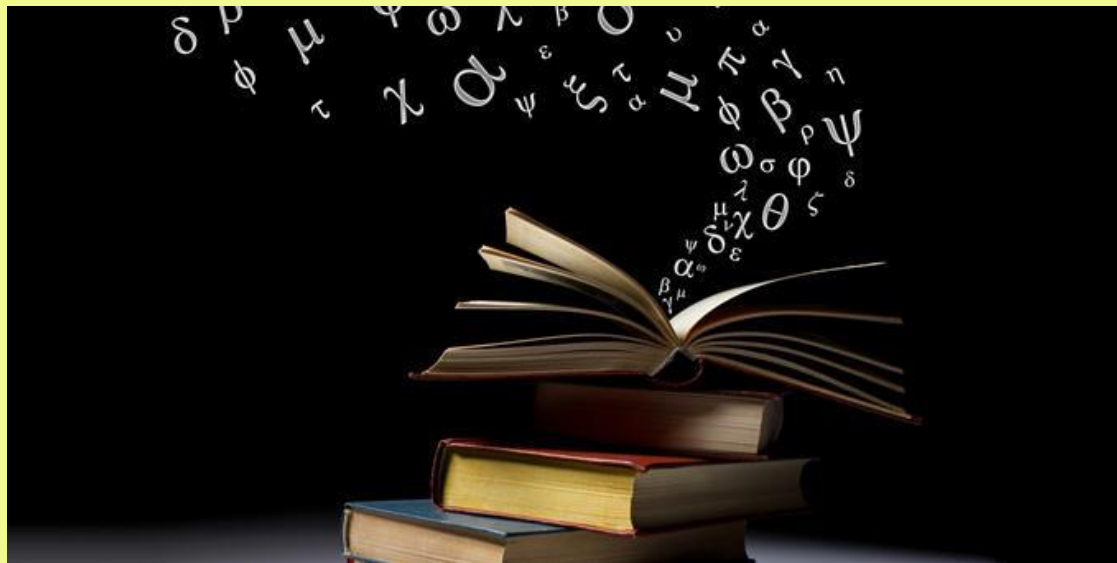
On the top left corner there is a white cross. According to popular tradition, the nine stripes represent the nine syllables of the phrase *Ελευθερία ή Θάνατος* ("Freedom or Death"), the five blue stripes for the syllables "*Ελευθερία*" and the four white stripes "*Θάνατος*".

The nine stripes are also said to represent the letters of the word "**freedom**" (**Greek: ελευθερία- eleftheria**). The blue and the white symbolize the colours of the famous Greek sky and sea, combined with the colors of the clouds and waves.

- The **National Emblem of the Republic of Greece** consists of a blue escutcheon(looks like a shield) with a white cross in the centre, completely surrounded by two laurel branches.



- The official language of Greece is “Greek” and has been used for writing since the 8th century BC.
- There are 24 letters-each in uppercase and lowercase forms- and it consists of 17 consonants and 7 vowels.



Greetings

- Hello --- Γεια (gia)
- Good morning --- Καλημέρα (kalimera)
- Good night --- Καληνύχτα (kalinihta)
- Happy Birthday --- Χρόνια Πολλά (hronia pola)
- How are you? --- Τι κάνεις ; (ti kanis)



Currency, Political System & EU

- The official currency of Greece is the euro (€) .



Κέρμα των 2 ευρώ



Κέρμα του 1 ευρώ



Κέρμα των 5 λεπτών



Κέρμα των 50 λεπτών



Κέρμα των 20 λεπτών



Κέρμα των 10 λεπτών



Κέρμα των 2 λεπτών



Κέρμα του 1 λεπτού

- The political status in Greece is **“Presided parliamentary democracy”**.



- Full accession of Greece in the **European Union** took place on the 1st of January 1981, making Greece the 10th member to join.





Capital, Main Cities & Landmarks

- **Athens** is the capital of Greece since 1834 and the biggest city in the country. It is named after the goddess “Athena”. It also has a population of about 4 million people.



Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece. It is situated in Macedonia.



Patras is a big city in Peloponnese and connects Greece with Europe via its big port.



Volos is our city. It's situated by the sea, in the region of Thessaly.



Ioannina lies in Epirus and it is built on the shore of lake Pamvotis.



The **Parthenon** was built in Athens ,in honor of the goddess **Athena**.



Santorini or Thira is an island in the Aegean Sea and it's built upon the crater of a volcano.



Meteora is a formation of dark sandstone rocks that rise outside Kalambaka. A complex of monasteries are built on top of these unique columns of rock.



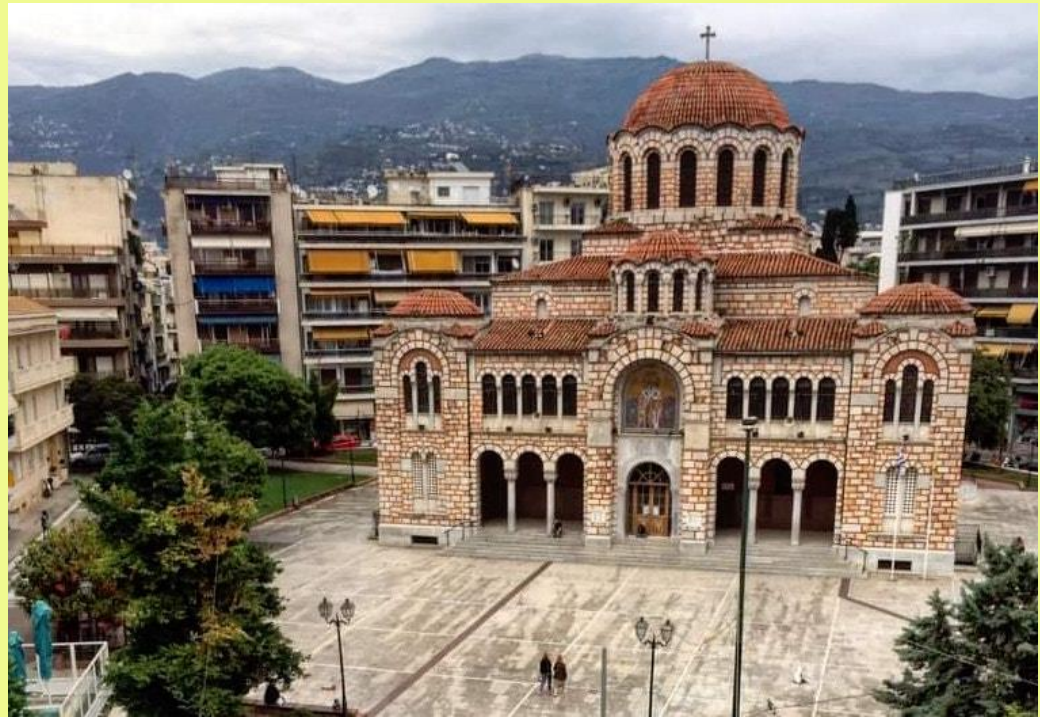
Parnassos is one of the highest Greek mountains in central Greece. It is famous for the National Park and its modern ski resort.





Religion, Tradition & Interesting Historical Facts

The official religion in Greece is the **Eastern Orthodox church of Christ.**



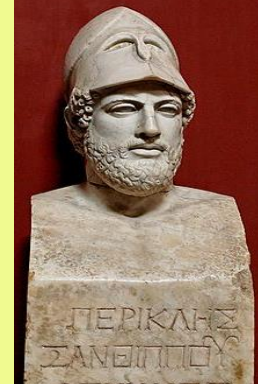
The **Minoan civilization** is the first advanced civilization in Europe and flourished in Crete.



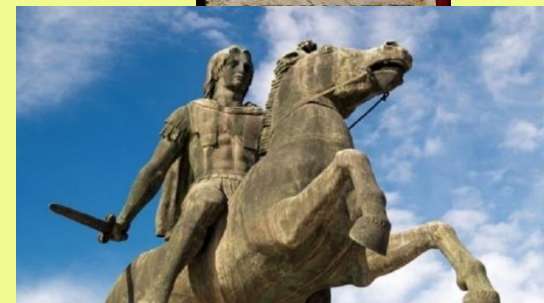
During wartime against the Persians, ancient Greek generals became famous such as **Miltiades** at the battle of Marathon, **Leonidas** in Thermopiles and **Themistocles** at the naval battle of Salamina.



Pericles was an ancient Greek Athenian politician, orator and general of the 5th century BC. During his leadership civilization reached its peak and Democracy was established.



Alexander the Great was the king of Macedonia in Greece. Being brave and undefeated in battles, managed to expand his empire to India.



- The temple of “**Agia Sofia**” is the symbol of Konstantinople and it was built during the Byzantine historic period.



- **The_Greek Revolution** in 1821 took place in order to send away the Ottoman Rule and be able to create an independent state.



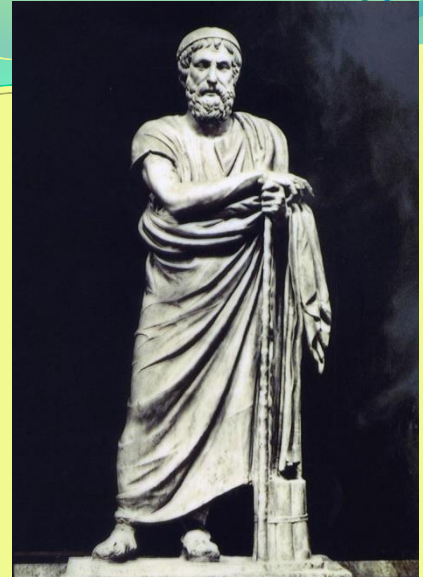
- Greece was involved in both the **First World War** and the **Second World War** by the side of the winners.



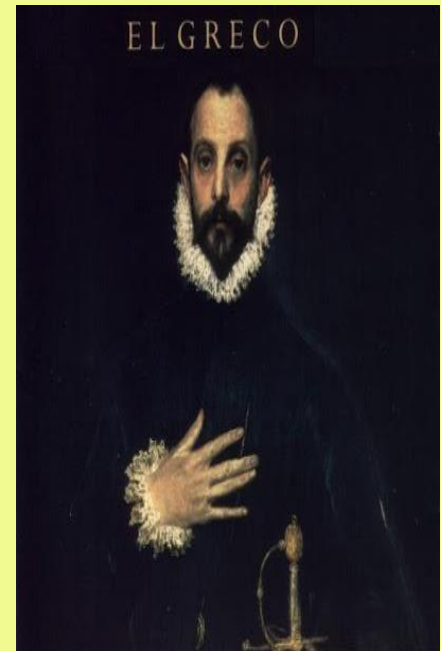


Famous People Known Worldwide

- **Homer** is the greatest poet of all time. He is the writer of **Iliad** and **Odyssey**.



- **Dominikos Theotokopoulos** (known as **El Greco**) was a painter of the Spanish Renaissance , born in **Heraklion of Crete**.



- **Maria Kallas** was a great Greek vocalist, the ultimate diva in the field of lyric theatre.
- **Georgios Papanikolaou** was a doctor of Greek origin. He became known for his invention of the **Papanikolaou test**(_Pap test), which is used worldwide for the detection and prevention of _cancer in the female reproductive system.





Food / Sport / Entertainment

Bean soup is Greece's national dish and belongs to pulses. It is often cooked in winter time. The ingredients for this soup are dry beans, carrots, celery onion, tomato juice, a little salt and pepper and of course olive oil. It is always served warm with some lemon juice. Good appetite!



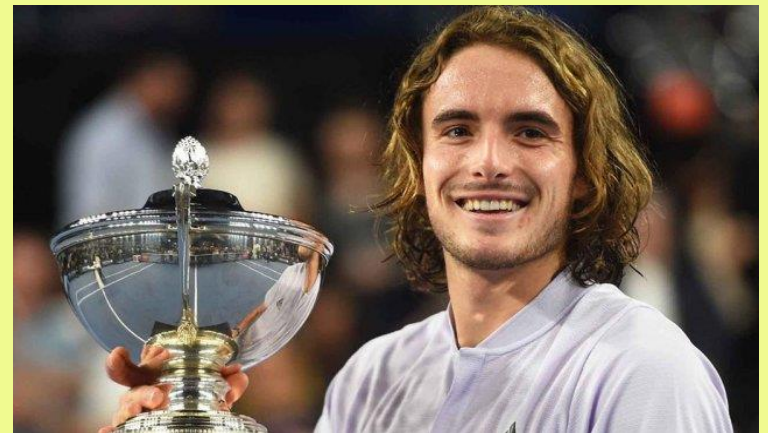
The **National basketball team** of Greece won the European championship twice, in 1987 and in 2005. Greece's representative **football team** stepped on the throne of Europe in 2004.



Giannis Antetokounmpo – an NBA basketball player – Milwaukee Bucks-has been an MVP (Most Valuable Player) for two consecutive years (2019 & 2020).



Stefanos Tsitsipas is, at the moment, one of the top five tennis players in the world.



- **“Tsamikos”** is one of the most characteristic traditional dances of Greece.



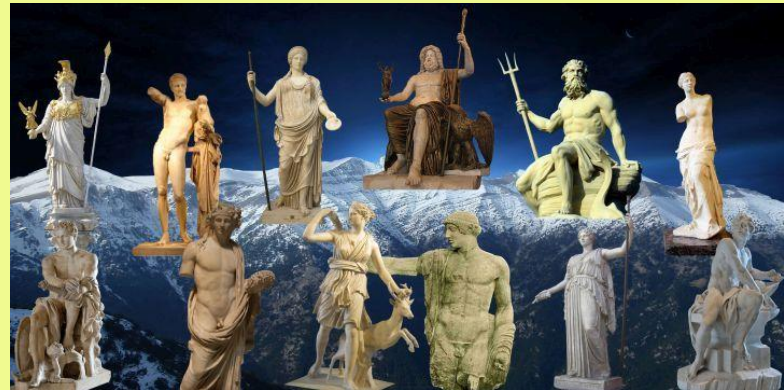
- **“Syrtaki”** is a modern Greek dance. It became famous from the movie “Zorbas” as well as the great musical work of the well-known music composer Mikis Theodorakis.





Famous Folktales, Myths & Legends

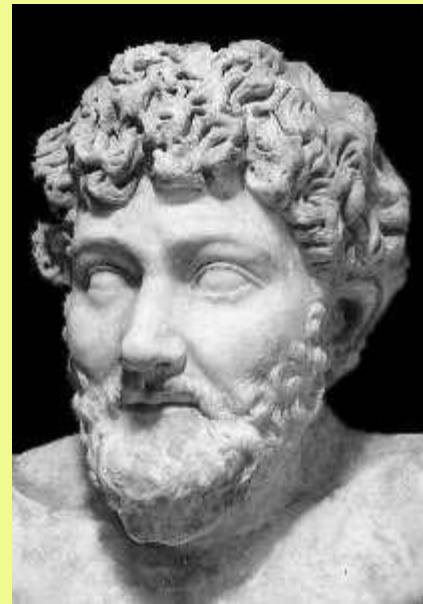
- Ancient Greeks worshipped their gods who lived on the highest mountain in Greece, **Olympos**.



- In the myths and legends of the ancient Greek people, **Hercules and Jason** hold an important place. The first one because of his supernatural powers and the second for his trip in the quest for the “Golden Fleece” which began from our city, Volos.



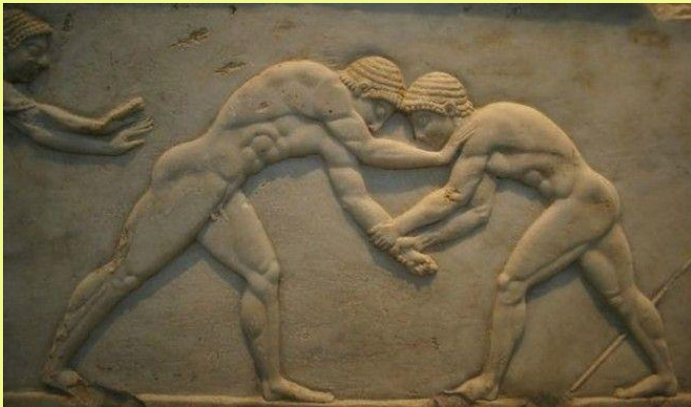
- The greatest storyteller and fable maker of Greece is **Aesop**. His fables not only amuse but also teach children from the ancient times until today.



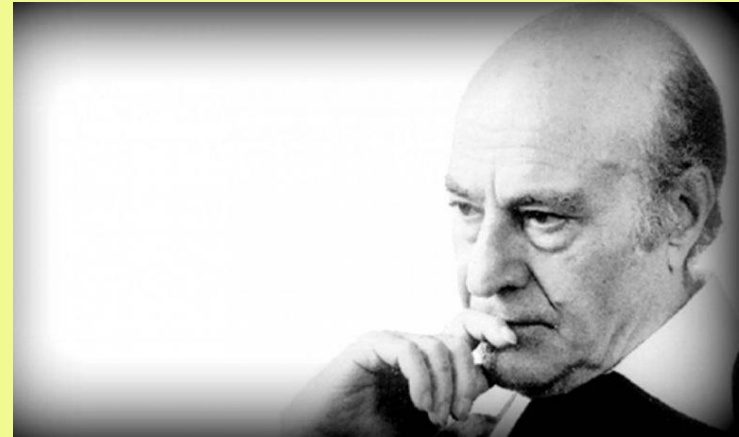
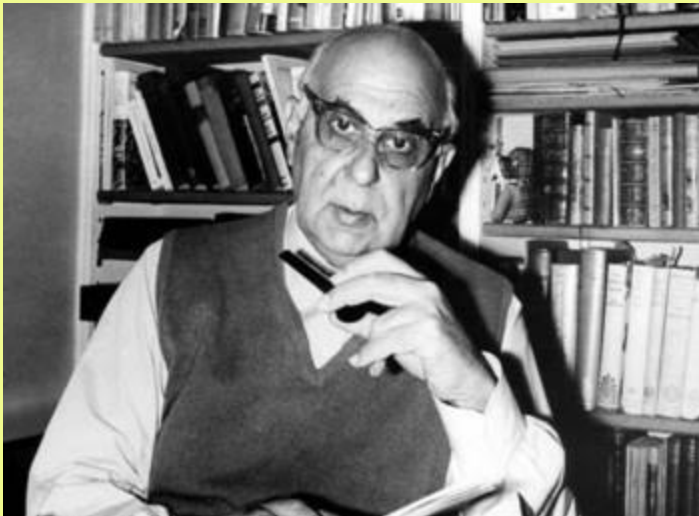


Other interesting facts

The Olympic Games originate in Greece. In the modern times, they were revived in 1896. The first modern Olympics took place in Athens and then again in 2004.



- Greek Literature has been honored with two Nobel prizes until now. The poet George Seferis was awarded the prize in 1963 and Odysseus Elytis in 1979.



Γεια σας από την Ελλάδα!!!

