

# Greece



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# Geography



- Greece is a country located in Southern Europe, on the southern end of the Balkan Peninsula. **Greece** is surrounded on the north by Bulgaria, the Republic of Macedonia and Albania; to the west by the Ionian Sea; to the south by the Mediterranean Sea and to the east by the Aegean Sea and Turkey. The country consists of a large mainland; the Peloponnese, a peninsula connected to the southern tip of the mainland by the Isthmus of Corinth; and around 3,000 islands, including Crete, Rhodes, Corfu, the Dodecanese and the Cyclades.





80% of Greece is mountainous, and the country is one of the most mountainous countries of **Europe**. The Pindus, a chain of mountains lies across the center of the country in a northwest-to-southeast direction, with a maximum elevation of 2637 m. Extensions of the same mountain range stretch across the Peloponnese and underwater across the Aegean, forming many of the Aegean Islands including Crete, and joining with the Taurus Mountains of southern Turkey. Central and Western Greece contain high and steep peaks dissected by many canyons and other karstic landscapes. Mount Olympus is the highest point of Greece and the fourth highest in relative topographical prominence in **Europe**, rising to 2,919 m above sea level. The Rhodope Mountains form the border between Greece and Bulgaria. Plains also are found in eastern Thessaly, in central Macedonia and in Thrace. Western **Greece** contains lakes and wetlands.

# Climate



Greece's climate is divided into three classes :

- A Mediterranean climate features mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers. Temperatures rarely reach extremes, although snowfalls do occur occasionally even in Athens, Cyclades or Crete during the winter.
- An alpine climate is found primarily in Western Greece (Epirus, Central Greece, Thessaly, Western Macedonia as well as central parts of the Peloponnese like Achaea, Arkadia and parts of Lakonia where the Alpine range pass by).
- A temperate climate is found in Central and Eastern Macedonia as well as in Thrace at places like Komotini, Xanthi and northern Evros; with cold, damp winters and hot, dry summers.

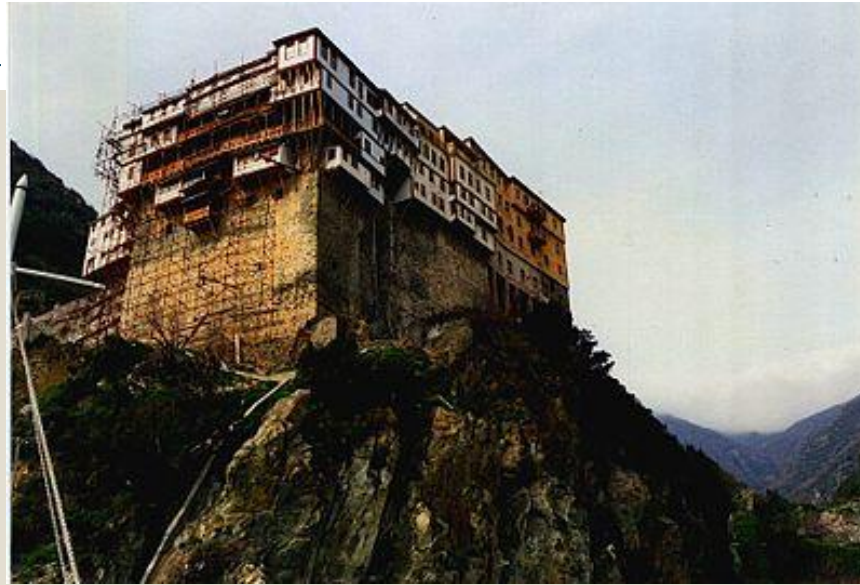


# Religion



- The Greek population is composed of a 97% of Christian Orthodox. The rest of the population is Muslim, Roman Catholic and Jewish. Greek Muslims make up about 1.3% of the population, and live mainly in Thrace. Greece has some Roman Catholics: mainly in the Cyclades islands of Syros, Paros and Naxos; some Protestants and some Jews, mainly in Thessaloniki. Some groups in Greece have started an attempt to reconstruct Hellênismos, the old Greek pagan religion.

# Mount Athos



- **Mount Athos** is a mountain and a peninsula in Macedonia, northern Greece. It is home to 20 Orthodox monasteries and forms an autonomous state under Greek sovereignty. Only monks are allowed to live on Athos and the current population numbers around 1,400.

# Media



Television is Greece's most popular medium. Established privately-owned networks operate alongside the public broadcaster ERT. The government has sought to regulate the TV sector, and five national networks were licensed in 2018. Media outlets have had to weather Greece's economic crisis. Some outlets have made cuts and others have closed altogether.



# Language



- Greek, the official and primary language of Greece is spoken by the majority of the country's population. English is the dominant foreign language spoken in the business world of Greece and also taught in the schools. Greek is also the de facto provincial language in Albanian. Today, it exists as Modern Greek with many dialects in the different regions of the country.



● Greek is also one of the oldest Indo-European languages in the world having survived more than 34 centuries, and it is the official language alongside Turkish in Cyprus. Today, more than 15-25 million people speak Greek and in Greece 99.5% of the population converse in the language.

# What Language Do They Speak In Greece?



Rank	Category	Languages
1	Official Language Of Greece	Greek
2	Regional Languages Of Greece	Cretan, Tsakonian, Cappadocian, Maniot, Yevanic, Pontic
3	Minority Languages Of Greece	Turkish, Macedonian, Armenian, Albanian, Romani, Bulgarian, Aromanian, Ladino
4	Primary Foreign Languages Of Greece	English (48%) German (9%) French (8.5%) Italian (8%)

Thank you for your attention!

