

Quick Guide: Greece



Greece is known to be beautiful with turquoise water and white cliffs - but every little Greek island is absolutely mesmerising in it's own way.

What we think you NEED to know

- Always rent a car. Most Greek islands are quite small, and you can often easily drive around the entire island in only a few hours. Driving yourself makes it easier to explore everything you want.
- Greek cuisine is absolutely delicious. We recommend to order a mixed platte, and if you do see a place looking less modern, more cozy and filled with locals, then that is your spot.
- Small islands has pros and cons. Pro: you can see a lot, con: so can everyone else. Go really early or close to sunset to avoid other tourists. Otherwise you'll have to share the view with a lot.
- The climate all around the world is changing, and Greece is no exception. Locals have noticed that the best time to visit (more dry and hot) has moved from June-August to July-September.

Our key moments

- Finding a restaurant, just as described, on Crete, where we met this young chef who made us his own specialties, drank loads of raki, and had the best mixed Greek platte ever.
- Stumbling upon Porto Vromi Beach on Zakynthos. A very small but absolutely stunning beach that we had more or less to ourselves even though it was high season.
- Running on Rhodes. So much beautiful nature to see and if able to carry your snorkle gear with you, feels amazing to go snorkle in the midst of a hot, sweaty run.

High season: June-August

Low season: November-April

Currency: Euro (EUR)

1 EUR = 1,8 USD

Population: 10,4 million people living on 131,957 km²

Location: in Southeastern Europe on the southern tip of the Balkan Peninsula

Weather: Mediterranean climate: hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Climate varies regionally

This will be NICE to know

Driving in Greece:

In general it is easy to drive, and the roads are in fairly good shape.

It will without a doubt be an advantage to rent a small, automatic car.

The roads are in general narrow. But there is a lot of driving on mountain roads/cliff roads that can be *VERY* narrow.

A small car is also nice to have when needing to park or avoid scratches and dents.

- Greece is not as cheap as it used to be. Prices has risen almost everywhere, and Greek prices are now more similar to central Europe.
- Want to save some money and avoid other tourist? Gamble a bit and book a trip in October instead. Weather can be great, warm. Note: *can*.
- If familiar with the more "snacky-hunger" when laying on a sunbed doing absolutely nothing. Flat bread, tzatziki and a Mythos is the best.
- It hopefully doesn't come as a surprise, but the water will of course be more turquoise blue and the cliffs whiter when there is full sun.
- Greece is a very popular tourist attraction. Therefore, there continuously comes more and more tourists shops, bars, tours, traps.

Our favorite locations

- Porto Vromi Beach on Zakynthos. It is this incredibly beautiful, relaxing, small beach. Surprisingly not touristed at all.
- Blue Lagoon on Crete is such a cool place to explore, and the driving there really nice as well.
- Mizithres Rocks on Zakynthos. The view in itself is astounding. The place surrounding the viewpoints was really nice, with a cozy café.

This Quick Guide is just a glimpse of Greece. We have only visited the islands Zakynthos, Crete, and Rhodes. Although, we have no doubt that mainland and other islands are worth a visit too!

