

Odette and Jerry's trip to Greece Roadbook

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KEY DESTINATION INFO

Language

Greek is the only official language commonly spoken in Greece, although in most places, especially in cities, people will be able to understand and communicate in English.

Currency

The Euro (EUR - €) is the official currency of Greece. 1 Euro is divided into 100 cents. There are 8 coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents, and 1 and 2 Euros; and 7 bills: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 Euros. By the way, always make sure you have some cash with you, as taxi drivers or small shop owners in villages/small towns (among others) rarely have a POS system.

Religion

The constitution recognizes Greek Orthodoxy as the “prevailing religion.” It states freedom of religious conscience is inviolable and provides for freedom of worship under the protection of the law. Greek Orthodoxy is extremely pivotal for the Greek identity, as it was part of the trifecta of qualities used to define who is Greek on the eve of the Greek War of Independence: because Greece had been under occupation of the Ottoman Empire whose religion was Islam, being Orthodox Christian and practicing in the particular protocols developed within the Greek Orthodox Church was a major element of Greekness together with speaking the Greek language and having been raised within the Greek culture and traditions.

Etiquette / Customs

Greetings:

In Greece, it is customary to greet people with a handshake, and sometimes a kiss on each cheek.

Dress code:

Greece has a warm Mediterranean climate, but it is still important to dress modestly, especially when visiting churches and other religious sites. Shorts and beachwear are generally not acceptable in restaurants and public events, unless you're by the beach.

Dining etiquette:

In Greek culture, meals are often social events and are enjoyed at a leisurely pace. It's important to arrive on time and not to begin eating until the host invites you

to do so. When eating, it's customary to use utensils and not to use your hands unless you're eating fast-food type dishes, like gyros or souvlaki.

Religious customs:

Greece is predominantly Orthodox Christian, and there are many important religious customs and traditions to be aware of. When visiting churches, it's important to dress modestly and to remove hats and sunglasses. It's also customary to light a candle and make a donation, if possible.

Language:

The official language of Greece is Greek, but many Greeks speak English and are happy to help tourists. Learning a few basic phrases in Greek can be a great way to show respect and appreciation for the local culture.

Tipping:

In Greece, it's customary to tip around 10% in restaurants and cafes, and to round up the fare in taxis. It's also common to tip hotel staff and tour guides, if the service has been exceptional.

Environmental fee

As of January 1, 2024, all hotels in Greece are required to implement a new environmental fee defined as the Climate Crisis Resilience Fee. This fee was established under Article 30 of Law 5073/2023 and replaces the previous Accommodation Tax.

The fee is to be paid by guests staying in hotels, furnished rooms/apartments (rooms to let), and short-term rentals. Accommodations are responsible for collecting this fee from guests and remitting it directly to the tax authorities. The Climate Crisis Resilience Fee is charged per room, per night and must be collected from hotel guests upon check-out. The specific amount of the fee varies based on the hotel's category and the period of the stay, as detailed below:

Hotel Category	March through October	November through February
1*	2,00 Euros	0,50 Euros
2**	2,00 Euros	0,50 Euros
3***	5,00 Euros	1,50 Euros
4****	10,00 Euros	3,00 Euros
5*****	15,00 Euros	4,00 Euros

Gestures:

Like in many cultures, certain hand gestures and body language have different meanings in Greece. For example, nodding your head up and down means "yes", while shaking your head side-to-side means "no". It's important to be aware of these cultural differences to avoid misunderstandings.

Visa/Entry requirements

Greece is a party to the Schengen Agreement; therefore, U.S. citizens may enter Greece without a visa for stays of up to 90 days for tourism or business purposes.

Vaccinations/Health requirements

All travellers arriving in Greece, regardless of their country of origin, are no longer required to display a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or evidence of a negative test result from SARS-CoV-2 infection (PCR or Rapid Antigen test). However, a simplified PLF remains in operation, the completion of which is OPTIONAL, for the sole purpose of enabling the traveller / family to issue an EU Certificate of negative or positive COVID-19 test result.

<https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

Additionally, it is important to have comprehensive travel medical insurance to cover medical expenses, including any related to COVID-19, as unexpected illnesses or accidents can happen during travel. Overall, it's always a good idea to consult with your healthcare provider or a travel health specialist to get personalized advice based on your medical history and travel plans.

Electricity/power adapters

In Greece there are two associated plug types C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Greece operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

PACKING LIST

Clothes

- Hoody
- Jeans/Pants
- Jacket
- Socks
- T Shirts / Cotton Shirts
- Walking Shoes/hiking boots
- Hat/Cap/Sunglasses

Recommended Items

- Passport
- Copy of Passport
- Document Wallet
- Copy of Travel Insurance
- Next of Kin Contact Detail

TRIP INFO

Day 1

Feb 20th

Welcome to Athens

Hotel

Elia Ermou Athens Hotel

Address: Ermou Street, 15-17, 105 63 Athens, Greece

Phone number: +30 210 325 0100

Room Type: Superior Room

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included meals: Breakfast

Arrival & airport pick up

Your driver will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. The trip takes around 35 min.

SUGGESTIONS OF THE DAY

Explore the centre of Athens or/and relax at your hotel.

Day 2

Feb 21th

The Acropolis

Hotel

Elia Ermou Athens Hotel

Address: Ermou Street, 15-17, 105 63 Athens, Greece

Phone number: +30 210 325 0100

Room Type: Superior Room

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included meals: Breakfast

Activity

Private Acropolis Guided Tour

In this tour you will get to discover the richness and magnitude of the Acropolis. Acropolis is the landmark that stands out in the city and the monument that has come to symbolize the great ancient Greek civilization that flourished on this land thousands of years ago.



You will acquire background information, anecdotes and historical knowledge that will allow you to step back in time and reflect on the splendour, power and rich heritage of this capital city.

More specifically you will see the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and of course the Parthenon, all located on the sacred rock.

Included

- 2-hour Acropolis private guided tour
- Licensed guide
- Entry fees to the archaeological site
- Hotel pick-up (walking)

Not included

- Personal expenses and anything not mentioned above.
- Your guide will be picking you up from the hotel at 09:30.

Day 3

Feb 22th

Athens for food lovers!

Hotel

Elia Ermou Athens Hotel

Address: Ermou Street, 15-17, 105 63 Athens, Greece

Phone number: +30 210 325 0100

Room Type: Superior Room

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included meals: Breakfast

Activity

Athens Gourmet Food Tour

Highlights:

- 3- 4 hour food walking tour of Athens with a local tour leader.
- Taste a selection of Greek specialties, including koulúria (sesame bread rings) and loukoumades (Greek donuts).
- Explore Varvakios Agora with an expert guide and learn about the city's culinary history.
- Try a traditionally brewed Greek coffee.
- Visit specialty food stores to try local produce wine and organic olive oil.
- Be prepared to get full; the tour contains lots of food.

Your guide will be picking you up from the hotel at 10:00.

Day 4

Feb 23th

Welcome to Nafplio!

Hotel

Carpe Diem Boutique Hotel

Address: Othonos 41 & Riga Feraiou, 21 100 Nafplio, Greece

Room Type: Junior Suite with Hammam (Panoramic City View)

Phone number: +30 2752 029 449

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

Transfer from Athens to Nafplio & pick up time

Your driver will be picking you up from the hotel at 11:00. The trip takes around 2 hours.

SUGGESTIONS OF THE DAY

Explore the centre of Nafplio or/and relax at your hotel.

Day 5

Feb 24th

Discovering Greece's Ancient Past

Hotel

Carpe Diem Boutique Hotel

Address: Othonos 41 & Riga Feraiou, 21 100 Nafplio, Greece

Room Type: Junior Suite with Hammam (Panoramic City View)

Phone number: +30 2752 029 449

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

Activity

Discover Mycenae & Epidaurus

Participate in a comprehensive full-day guided tour led by a professional tourist guide, exploring the historical sites of Mycenae and Epidaurus. Begin with a guided tour of the renowned archaeological site of Mycenae and its museum, featuring invaluable exhibits. Subsequently, proceed to the archaeological site of Epidaurus to witness the iconic "Asclepieion," explore the museum and marvel at the world famous ancient theater.

Your guide will be picking you up from the hotel at 09:00.



Day 6

Feb 25th

Greece's most romantic city

Hotel

Carpe Diem Boutique Hotel

Address: Othonos 41 & Riga Feraiou, 21 100 Nafplio, Greece

Room Type: Junior Suite with Hammam (Panoramic City View)

Phone number: +30 2752 029 449

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

Activity

Nafplio half day combined guided tours

Embark on an extraordinary journey with a professional tourist guide, beginning at the iconic Palamidi castle. Uncover the fascinating tales of historical moments and heroism that resonates through the ages. Elevating the experience, our adventure includes a visit to the enchanting Bourtzi fortress, perched on the sea. The grand finale unfolds with a delightful walking tour through the picturesque alleys the old town of Nafplio. Immerse yourself in the city's allure, as you explore key landmarks, creating memories of Nafplio at its absolute best - a seamless blend of history, heroism, and breathtaking views awaits!

[Your guide will be picking you up from the hotel at 09:15.](#)

Day 7

Feb 26th

Welcome to incredible Crete! Welcome to Chania!

Hotel

Casa Delfino Hotel & Spa

Address: Theofanus Street 9, 731 00 Chania, Crete

Phone number:+30 28210 87 400

Room Type: Junior Suite

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

Transfer from Nafplio to Athens airport & pick up time

[Your driver will be picking you up from your hotel at 09:00 to take you to the Athens International Airport. The trip takes around 2 hours.](#)



JOYSTERS

Arrival & airport pick up

Your driver will be waiting for you at the Chania International Airport to take you to your hotel. The trip takes around 25 min.

SUGGESTIONS OF THE DAY

Settle in at the hotel and go for a walk in the old town.

Day 8

Feb 27th

Unveiling Chania's charm

Hotel

Casa Delfino Hotel & Spa

Address: Theofanus Street 9, 731 00 Chania, Crete

Phone number: +30 28210 87 400

Room Type: Junior Suite

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

Activity

Chania Private City Tour

Our walking tours of Chania offer context and insight into the multi-layered history of these storied cities. We go behind closed doors to discover Jewish cemeteries, Roman mosaics, a music conservatory in a mosque, and tanneries converted into fish tavernas. We reveal the rooftop cafes, backstreet souvlaki joints, and tree-lined squares where the locals eat and drink. Beyond the well-worn tourist trail, Crete's cities harbour countless secrets.

Your guide will be picking you up from the hotel at 09:30.

Day 9

Feb 28th

Chania Free Day

Hotel

Casa Delfino Hotel & Spa

Address: Theofanus Street 9, 731 00 Chania, Crete

Phone number: +30 28210 87 400

Room Type: Junior Suite

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

SUGGESTIONS OF THE DAY

Explore Chania at your own pace and take in as much as you can.

Day 10

March 1st

Return to Athens

Hotel

Amalia Athens Hotel

Address: Amalias Avenue 10, 105 57 Athens, Greece

Phone number: +30 210 323 7300

Room Type: Superior Room

Check in/out times: 15:00/11:00

Included Meals: Breakfast

Transfer from Casa Delfino to Chania International Airport & pick up

Your driver will be picking you up from your hotel at 13:15 to take you to the airport. The trip takes around 30 min.

Arrival in Athens & airport pick up

Your driver will be waiting for you at the Athens International Airport to take you to your hotel. The trip takes around 1 hour.

Disclaimer:

Both the itinerary and accommodation are subject to change. However, every change made will always reflect the same high level of service included in the agreed programme.

Terms & Conditions:

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Your journey is about to begin

Imagine there was a hidden world that could be unveiled at the touch of a button. Would you press it?

Of course you would! Who wouldn't?

As a matter of fact I do so repeatedly, joyfully, the way a familiar but unexpected smell triggers a fond memory.

I just can't get enough. But that's just me.

After all, I know that my part of the world is an authentic noble gem but you don't; Not yet.

Let me show you what an authentic local travel experience looks like in my neck of the woods.