

Geography 19th January Greek Tourist Information

- Athens is known as the **oldest capital city in Europe**. Athens is named after Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom.



Views over Athens

- Greece has **one of the longest coastlines in the world, and the longest coastline** in the Mediterranean with 13 676 km/ 8 498 miles.
- **Crete is the largest island** of Greece.
- The **Corinth Canal is 6 km/ 3.7 miles long** and shortens the voyage across the isthmus of Corinth by 325 km/ 202 miles.



- Greece's **highest mountain is Mount Olympus**. The mountain's Mytikas peak is the highest peak with 2 917 m/9 570 ft.



Mount Olympus is the highest mountain in Greece

- Lake Trichonida is the **largest lake** in Greece. It is located north of the city of Patras.
- There are 18 UNESCO world heritage sites in Greece.
- Among the most well known monuments of Ancient Greece are the Acropolis in Athens and its Parthenon temple, the Sanctuary of Delphi, the ruins of the Olympic stadium in Olympia and the Shrine and Theatre of Asklepios in Epidaurus.
- Here are some images of the most well known Greek landmarks.



- Besides the ancient Greek monuments, Greece is known for its scenic landscapes with picturesque villages and stunning beaches such as Elafonissi Beach on the island of Crete.



Elafonissi Beach on Crete



Oia

town on the Greek island of Santorini

- The windmills on the island of Mykonos were built in the 16th century and are a prominent landmark. The island of the Cyclades is amongst the windiest in Greece. The power of the wind was mainly used here to mill grains such as wheat.



Mykonos windmill