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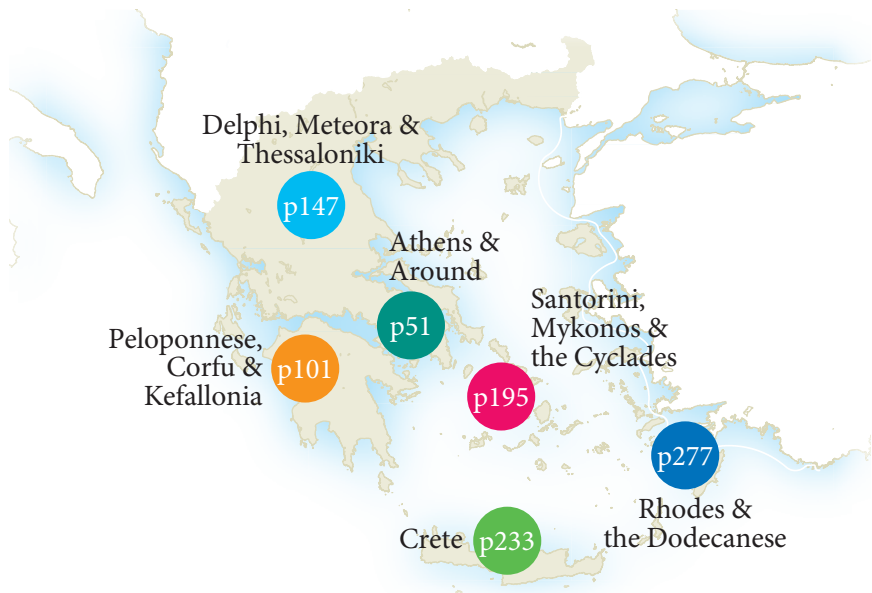


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This Is Greece

It's easy to understand how so many myths of gods and giants originated in this varied landscape. Wide-open skies; dramatic, plunging coastlines; and mysterious ancient ruins beckon with the promise of stories yet to be discovered. Walled medieval towns and hill-top villages transport you to long-ago eras, remote beaches tell epic tales of many-oared ships, and city life overflows with creativity as vibrant as Apollo's and a passion as pure as Aphrodite's.

Let the Greece you've been imagining fill your senses. Whether it's through the pulsing nightclubs of Mykonos or the solemnity of Meteora; the grandeur of Delphi or the earthiness of Meteora; the rugged Cretan hillsides and the lush wildflowers of spring, it's not difficult to find the Greece you were hoping for.

Greece embraces the past passionately while simultaneously welcoming the future. You'll quickly become acquainted with the melancholic throb of *rembetika* (blues songs) and the ability of the ancient sights to unleash an imagination you might not have realised you had. You'll also encounter thought-provoking modern art and a vivacious contemporary music scene, stumbling across galleries, impressively modern museums, and live-music acts in the most unexpected places.

Stretch your legs and your love of the outdoors. Greece offers endless activities and is a magnet for anyone who enjoys the great outdoors. Wander along cobbled Byzantine footpaths, hike volcanoes, watch for dolphins and sea turtles, and cycle through lush forests. Greece also offers some of the world's top kitesurfing, diving and rock-climbing locations.

Greece is essentially a laid-back place. Lounge endlessly at cafes over coffee, stroll along the seafront, park yourself on a beach, take your time over meals and you'll fit right in. Greeks know how to enjoy life and are renowned as some of the most hospitable people on the globe. Their generosity and warmth is as genuine as the soft sand between your toes and the glow of the Aegean sun.

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