



Italy, Greece & Turkey

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ All'Arco (p504)
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Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Palazzo Guadagni Hotel (p511)
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Why Go?

Europe seems to ramp up the intensity as you head south-east – from the food to the sights to the scenery and the zest for life. This is where you dig into the freshest pasta, relish the tangiest local cheeses and savour the most aromatic pastries. Visit vineyards in Italy, drink ouzo with locals in Greek villages and experience Turkey's teahouses. You will witness history firsthand: sights like Pompeii, the Acropolis and Ephesus are merely the sprinkles on the gelato. The region is a cultural parade as well. See dervishes whirling; visit monasteries honed out of rock or built atop soaring pinnacles; get pampered in a Turkish bath; paddle down Venice's canals; lose yourself in Rhodes' walled, medieval city; and gaze up, spellbound by the Sistine Chapel. And as if this wasn't enough to lure you, it's all ringed by bewitching turquoise waters, silky soft sand and sunset-coloured cliffs. Prepare yourself: the southeast is boundless and magnetic.

Fast Facts

Capitals Rome (Italy), Athens (Greece), Ankara (Turkey)

Country code 39 (Italy), 30 (Greece), 90 (Turkey)

Currencies Euro € (Italy, Greece), Lira ₺ (Turkey)

Visas Not required for EU citizens or for stays of up to 90 days for many nationals (Italy, Greece). Required for many nationals and available online at www.evisa.gov.tr (Turkey).

Time zones GMT/UTC plus two hours (Italy), GMT/UTC plus three hours (Greece, Turkey)

Hello *Ciao* (Italian), *Yasas* (Greek), *Merhaba* (Turkish)



WORTH A TRIP: CINQUE TERRE

Hike between a dramatic coastline, the turquoise Ligurian Sea and stunning villages. (p513)

WORTH A TRIP: METEORA

Wander amongst soaring rock pinnacles topped with ancient monasteries. (p559)

Italy, Greece & Turkey Highlights

1 Venice Take in gorgeous Venetian architecture from a gondola. (p498)

2 Florence Explore this exquisite Renaissance time capsule. (p505)

3 Rome Haunting sights, awe-inspiring art and must-see sights. (p516)

4 Corfu Beautiful architecture, a colourful history and fantastic cuisine. (p538)

5 Athens Ancient and contemporary come together, from the Acropolis to museums and atmospheric bars. (p544)

6 Santorini Be mesmerised by this island's dramatic