

PILGRIM'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the best time of year to visit Greece for a vacation?

Greece's climate changes significantly throughout the year, so you should plan your visit around your preferred weather.

The summer is the peak season for [Greece tours](#) because that's when the weather is warmest. That also means you have to deal with large crowds if you visit during the summer, which isn't ideal for everyone.

The shoulder seasons — spring and autumn — are a better time to visit if you want to avoid traffic. While the weather isn't quite as warm as it is during the summer, visiting in the spring or autumn gives you an opportunity to enjoy a more authentic Greece vacation.

What are the must-visit islands during a Greece vacation?

Greece is home to several beautiful islands that travelers love to visit. Some of the islands you must see during your trip to Greece include Santorini, Mykonos, Crete, Rhodes, and Corfu.

Santorini is the premier vacation spot in Greece, offering stunning views that only get better as you get higher up in the cliffs. This is where most people go when they visit Greece.

Mykonos is another Greek island that's known for its beauty. Sitting at the center of the Cyclades group of islands, Mykonos combines stunning natural views with bustling nightlife.

Crete is the largest and most populous Greek island, making it a great place to visit during your Greece vacation.

If you want a more historical experience, Rhodes and Corfu offer a combination of natural beauty and historical importance that visitors love.

Whether you're taking one of our [Christian Alaska cruises](#) or a trip to Greece, there are scenic islands all over the world.

What are the top historical sites to visit in Greece?

Just like our [Germany tours](#), our Greek tours give you a chance to visit several historical sites that played an important role in European and Christian history.

The Acropolis is an ancient citadel that sits above the city of Athens. Here you can find the remains of several key historical structures, including the Parthenon.

The Palace of Knossos in Crete is an important Bronze Age archaeological site. This palace also experienced the fall of the Ottoman Empire which eventually led to Crete and Greece unifying.

The Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus was home to dramatic shows and games near the end of the 4th century BC. Constructed by Polykleitos the Younger, this theater has been used to host occasional modern events as well.

What local Greek dishes should I try?

You can find a wide variety of food on our [U.S. tours](#), but Greece and many other countries are known for making their own unique, world-renowned dishes.

Moussaka is similar to lasagna but it's typically made with potato or eggplant along with ground lamb or beef. It's not easy to make, but it's well worth it.

Spanakopita is a savory spinach pie that's popular in Greece, made with spinach, feta, and a crispy phyllo pastry.

Souvlaki is grilled meat — and sometimes vegetables — cooked on a skewer and often served with tzatziki, a Greek dip made from yogurt, cucumber, and other ingredients.

Baklava is a traditional Greek dessert that's made of many layers of pastry sheets with chopped nuts. If you have a sweet tooth, baklava is a must-try.

What are the visa requirements for visiting Greece?

Before booking your Greece and Europe tour, make sure you have a valid passport and research visa requirements. If your passport is about to expire, you may be denied entry to Greece.

As far as visa requirements go, you may need a visa if you're not from a Schengen country. You may be able to visit Greece for a period of time without a visa if you're a US citizen. Take a moment to check the latest visa requirements from an official source or the Greek embassy in your country.

Can I use my credit card everywhere in Greece?

Like our [Ireland tours](#), you can use your credit card in many stores and restaurants throughout Greece without a problem. Visa and Mastercard credit cards are widely accepted in many parts of the world, so you can bring your credit card with you and swipe it most places you go.

Keep in mind that US credit cards aren't accepted everywhere, so it's smart to carry some cash. Cash is especially important when you're visiting rural areas and smaller islands. You can convert USD to euro at several banks throughout Greece.

What is the typical tipping etiquette in Greece?

Tipping is appreciated but not mandatory, so you don't have to tip if you don't want to. Generally speaking, you should leave a 5-10% tip at a restaurant if the service is good. You should also round up fares for taxis to give your drivers a small tip. Whether you book a Greece vacation or one of our [Costa Rica tours](#), make sure you carry some extra cash for tips.