

A GLIMPSE INTO GREECE



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Food

Some traditional dishes are mousakas, souvlaki, yemista, taramosalata and more. Many traditional products like feta cheese, honey, yoghurt. Greeks are the largest producers of olive and olive oil since ancient years. Mastic is also produced there, on Chios island and it can only be found in Greece.



Tradition

Customs and traditions are very important for the Greeks. There are many local festivals, which include traditional music, dancing, costumes and food. Costumes and dances are different in each place of the country. They dance in circles so they feel united. Greeks love having fun with their relatives and friends.

Their religion is Orthodox Christians so the most important celebration is Easter. They dye red eggs, bake tsoureki and biscuits and light candles. The first week of Easter is the "Big Week" and they go to church every day of that week. On Sunday they do a big celebration with their families where they bake lamb and kokoretsi.



Geography

Greece is located in the Mediterranean. It is in the south of Europe and it is at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa. It to the north with Albania, Bulgaria and the republic of Macedonia, to the east with Aegean sea and Turkey and to the west with the Ionian sea. There are many mountains in Greece and the highest one is Olympus where ancient Greeks believed was the twelve gods' residence.

Greece has many beautiful islands. There are five groups of islands; Cyclades in Aegean sea, includes about 8 big island such as Mykonos, Santorini and Tinos, Dodekanese in Aegian sea, includes about 12 big islands such as Rodos, Karpathos and Kos, Sporades also in Aegean sea, includes about 4 big islands such as Skiathoa and Skopelos, Ionian islands in Ionean sea, includes about seven big islands suck as Kerkira, Zakynthos and Kefalonia and East Aegian islands such as Chios and Lesbos. The biggest island in Greece is Crete which is in the south of the country.



