

## Greece for Kids

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Greece is a beautiful country in Southern Europe. It has beautiful buildings, magnificent mountains, and breath-taking countryside. Many famous things happened in Greece, such as the first Olympic games. If you went to visit Greece, you would see high mountains, eat tasty food, and meet friendly people. In this paper, I will give a brief description of the history, the geography, and the culture of this beautiful Mediterranean country.

Greece was known for the early civilizations of the Minoans and the Mycenaeans, the Minoans originated from the Greek Island of Crete and the Mycenaeans populated the Peloponnesos, or mainland. Greece later split into city states, which are somewhat like the states we have in America. There were many great Greek leaders, the most famous being Alexander the Great, who conquered nearly the whole known world of the time. The men of Greece spent most of their time thinking and debating, which led to great contributions to rhetoric (speaking skills) and philosophy (the study of the mind). Greek history is also known for its mythology, untrue tales that attempted to explain and depict Greek “gods” and natural happenings, such as why the sun rises or why seasons change. The ancient Greeks believed their gods lived on Mount Olympus.

In addition to Mount Olympus, Greece is home to many old and famous sites, buildings, structures, large cities, and tiny mountain villages. It is the home of the Parthenon, which, though it is now crumbling and falling apart, was a huge temple built in honor of the goddess Athena, whom the Greek people considered to be their protector. The Parthenon sits on a mountain called the Acropolis. When you are in Greece, you can view these magnificent sights and structures while enjoying the relaxing culture.

Greek Culture consists of tasty foods, beautiful music, and fun sports. Greek food often consists of fresh vegetables, salads, cheese, olives, olive oils, meats, seafood, and other tasty dishes. Greek cuisine is famous for its Souvlaki, which is meat barbecued on a skewer. Sometimes, this Souvlaki is placed in pita bread, somewhat like an American hotdog and bun. Music and dancing is still practiced at Greek weddings (many of which are held outdoors) and is a large part of the culture. Basketball and soccer are two main sports played there; both teams have won championships and have gained respect for their skill in those sports.

In conclusion, Greece is a place where anyone can have fun. The rich history and robust culture make it a fascinating place to visit. Plus, the people are friendly, the beaches are warm,

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and the stores are full of beautiful knick-knacks for anyone who likes to collect souvenirs. Whether you like soccer, basketball, Greek food, high mountain views, or historical legends, Greece has it all.