

# Greek Mainland

## Points of Interest:

- Delphi
- Olympia
- Meteora
- Thermopylae (Think Leonidas and the 300 Spartans)

Beyond its famous islands, mainland Greece offers an unforgettable journey through the birthplace of democracy. Start in Athens, then venture out to discover some of civilization's most important sites.

A highlight is ancient Olympia, where the Olympic Games began in 776 BC. Here, you can walk among ruins where athletes once competed for glory thousands of years ago. Following the scenic coastal route brings you to Delphi, once considered the world's center and home to the famous Oracle. Ancient leaders traveled here seeking prophecies that would shape history.

Don't miss Meteora in Kalabaka, where medieval monasteries perch dramatically atop towering rock pillars – a stunning blend of natural wonder and human determination. On your way back to Athens, stop at Thermopylae, the legendary battlefield where 300 Spartan warriors made their famous last stand against the Persian army.

Between exploring these historic sites, experience modern Greek culture in local tavernas. Here, you'll find not just exceptional Greek cuisine but also the warm hospitality of the Hellenes (Greeks). Their relaxed approach to life and genuine friendliness add a special dimension to your journey.

Mainland Greece offers a perfect combination of world-changing historical sites, breathtaking landscapes, and authentic cultural experiences. It's an ideal destination for travelers seeking to understand Western civilization's roots while enjoying modern Greek life.

I would love for the opportunity to help you plan a trip to Ancient Greece to see the history, the culture that is so different than the islands, and dine on amazing food while having a laugh with the Hellenes.

- Airport – Athens (ATH)
- Currency – Euro
- Visa required – For US Nationals, not currently, however European Union is preparing to implement a travel authorization.