

 **Capital:** Athens



 **Language:** Greek

 **Geography :** Greece is located in the South of Europe. It is in the Balkan peninsula. It has a lot of mountains. The most famous one is Mt. Olympus, home of the 12 ancient Gods. It also has a lot of islands, both in the Aegean and the Ionian sea, like Mykonos, Santorini, Corfu, etc.

 **Population:** 9,833,487 habitants

  **Outline map of Greece**



 **Key Cultural Symbols:** The Parthenon, an olive tree branch, a small boat with white sails, a small whitestone church, a dolphin, a laurel wreath as a symbol of victory, a little owl as a symbol of wisdom, a blue evil eye for good luck.

 **Traditional Music and Dances:** Rebetiko, Bouzouki music, Tsamiko dance, Hasapiko and Kalamatiano dances.

 **Important National Celebration:** 25th of March 1821 (Revolution against the Turkish occupation), 28th of October 1940 (resistance against Italian invasion)

 **Popular greeting:** Γεια! /Yia!/ =Hello! Καλημέρα! ?Kalimera!/? = Good morning!

 **Popular food** (Typical Dishes): mousaka, gyros, souvlaki, tzatziki

 **Easy recipe** (to cook in a class): Tzatziki

 **Fun Facts:**

The official name of Greece is Hellenic Republic - Name days are almost as big as birthdays - The "Evil Eye" is the most common superstition among Greeks - Greece is the third biggest olive oil producer in the world - Greek is the oldest language in the world that's still used.

 **Pictures of key cultural elements of Greece**



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