



Reasons to visit Greece

1. The awe-inspiring Acropolis
2. The glorious historical heritage
3. The breathtaking landscape
4. The fascinating views
5. The sensational islands
6. The impressive beaches
7. The fantastic mediterranean climate
8. The extraordinary cuisine
9. The terrific hospitality
10. The vibrant nightlife
11. The great affordability
12. The high level of safety and ...
13. almost everyone speaks English



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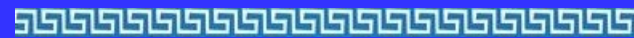
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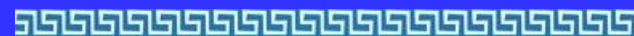


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STUDY ABROAD: GREECE

Greek Science and Astronomy

University of Central Florida

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- Go beyond the traditional textbooks and travel back in history to gain a deeper perspective of the origins of western civilization. Visit the places where the ancient greeks walked; touch the objects they created; feel how revolutionary ideas were born in the harsh mountainous greek mainland and the numerous scattered islands of the mediterranean sea. Finally, immerse in the modern greek life and enjoy the authentic greek cuisine and desserts.
- Open to students of all disciplines who are interested in exploring the birthplace of the western civilization.
- Participants of the study will explore Athens and various sightseeings in the capital of Greece. There will be a half-day excursion to Cape Sounio, a full day trip to the city of Nafplion and the theater of Epidauros to watch a play, and an extensive trip to the islands of Samos, Myconos, Delos and Santotrini.
- The course will admit 15 students with the possibility to increase this number slightly if the instructor decides that there are additional mature, dedicated applicants who should not be rejected. Eligible students must pass an interview.
- Applications must be entered through the UCF Study Abroad website. The cut-off application deadline is Saturday, February 15, 2020. Priority is given to early applicants. After quota is reached, all remaining students will enter in a waiting list.



Athens is the capital of Greece and takes its name from the goddess of wisdom Athina. Many of the philosophical, scientific, artistic and political ideas of the western civilization originated in the streets of this city. Among other activities, you will visit: Acropolis, Athens's ancient citadel built on the top of a rocky hill which features Parthenon, one of the most important architectural buildings constructed by humans; the Ancient Agora, which was the administrative, political and commercial heart of ancient Athens; Pnyka the area where important politicians, philosophers and generals gave their influential speeches; Plaka the area at the eastern and northern side of the Acropolis built on top of the residential area of ancient Athens; the National Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Ancient Inventions and Toys. You will also observe the disastrous effect that modern expansion with limited planning had in one of the most beautiful cities of the past.



Besides Athens, we will visit: the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounio; the ancient theater of Epidauros, a marvel of acoustics, where we will watch a play; the city of Nafplio where we will walk 913 steps in the winding stair from the town to a well preserved medieval fortress; and several islands in the Aegean sea.



Tentatively, the current plan includes visits and exploration of the following islands: First of all, the two most widely known islands of Greece: the cosmopolitan island of the winds, Mykonos, with its vibrant nightlife and the island of Santorini (known before the 13th century as 'the most beautiful one' and 'the circular one') which archeologists now believe to be the lost Atlantis. Adjacent to Mykonos, the sacred island of Delos, birthplace of the gods Apollo and Artemis, which is one of the most extensive archeological sites in the mediterranean area. Finally, the island of Samos, birthplace of Pythagoras and the island of Lesbos, the third largest island of Greece. Each island offers many different activities and points of interest.

