



PACKING AND TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

The best piece of advice we can give you for travel in Greece is to pack light. Manouverability is key! Backpacks or duffel bags are ideal, but rolling bags can also work if they aren't too heavy. It's also a good idea to check your ariline's website for any baggage restrictions.

CLOTHES

We might be visiting some more conservative churches and monateries in Greece, so while you should certainly dress light for the hot weather, be sure to pack a shawl or a light jacket to cover bare knees and shoulders. Swimming is also possible, so don't forget your towel and suit!

SHOES

We will be walking regularly and frequently as we learn about Greece. Much of this walking will be on cobblestones, but will also include dusty walkways, uneven flagstones and low stone walls when visiting archaeological sites. Your feet will thank you if you do this walking in sturdy sneakers or cross trainers. Sandals will also come in handy if swimming.

SUN

We recommend bringing sunscreen or a hat, and a good pair of UV-protective sunglasses just in case. Sunscreen is very expensive in Greece, so it's best to bring enough from home.

ELECTRONICS

All of your chargers and devices will need either adapters or converters for European outlets. Most things, like camera, phone, and laptop chargers, just need adapters. However, a handful of things, like blowdryers, require a converter. Make sure you do a quick Google search if you are unsure of what you need.

MONEY

The use of credit cards can't always be relied upon in Greece, so it's a good idea to have some euros on your person just in case. There are ATMs at Eleutherios Venizelos Airport. Some people prefer to change their dollars to euros at cash exchange places, but that can be rather expensive. It would be a good idea to call your bank to see what their international ATM withdrawal fee is. Citibank, for instance, collaborates with Alpha Bank— this means that people can withdraw cash from Alpha Bank ATMs with little charge.

TOILETRIES

Toiletries in Greece can be purchased at many places, so if you would like to cut back on the amount of liquids in your carry-on, it's very easy to pick up things like toothpaste and shampoo. However, keep in mind that sunscreen is often expensive in Europe, and that hotels rarely provide conditioner.

LANGUAGE

Though many people in Greece will be able to understand at least some English, it is a good idea to learn a couple of Greek phrases just in case. Fodor's has a nice, short list.