

Exploring Greece

Exploring the beauty, history, and cuisine of three Greek islands.



WELCOME TO MY TRAVEL JOURNAL OF GREECE!

This site captures the best moments of my unforgettable journey through three incredible Greek destinations, Santorini, Paros, and Athens. From breathtaking views to amazing culture and, of course, the amazing food! Explore my gallery, discover top activities, and get a taste of Greek cuisine. I've also included additional resources to help future travellers navigate Greece. Enjoy!



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Things To Do

From relaxing on stunning beaches to exploring world-class museums to wandering through charming towns and markets, there's something for everyone! Here are some of the top experiences from my journey that made Greece unforgettable. Hopefully, this will give you some inspiration for a future trip to Greece.

BEACHES



Water Taxi, Paros, Greece



Paralia Perissa Beach, Santorini, Greece



Piperi Beach, Paros, Greece

Greece is home to some breathtaking beaches, each with its own unique charm. During my travels, I had the opportunity to visit several stunning beaches, including Paralia Perissa in Santorini, Marchello Beach in Paros, and Piperi Beach in Paros.

Santorini's Paralia Perissa, a volcanic beach, stood out with its beautiful black sand, something I had never experienced before. In Paros, reaching Marchello Beach was an adventure of its own, as I took a water taxi across the water, another exciting first for me. Each beach offered something special, making my time by the water unforgettable and the hot weather more bearable.



TOWNS + MARKETS

Additionally, I made it a point to visit the capital cities of each island. Including Fira, the capital of Santorini, and Parikia, the capital of Paros. These city hubs offer a glimpse into the most vibrant areas of the islands, filled with local shops, restaurants, and stunning views. Exploring these capitals allowed me to experience the local culture, take in cool sights and attractions, and even purchase some unique gifts for my friends and family back home.



Fira, Santorini



Parikia, Paros

Common stop for tourists due to the large docking of cruise ships, the variety of shops, and the amazing views.

Popular town where people gather for its cobblestone roads, old churches, and variety of restaurants and shops.

As the capital of Greece, Athens is full of exciting things to do. One of my favorite spots was Monastiraki Square, home to one of the largest flea markets and shopping areas in the country. Surrounded by beautiful restaurants, the square offers a variety of unique shops and souvenirs. One of the highlights of my visit was getting to build my own charm bracelet in one of the local shops!



Monastiraki Square, Athens, Greece

ACROPOLIS + MUSEUM



Stunning view of the Acropolis from my hostel

You can't visit Athens without exploring both the Acropolis Museum and the Acropolis itself! This multi-tiered museum is filled with ancient Greek artifacts and rich history. As I walked through the exhibits, I listened to a guided tour through my headphones, bringing the incredible history of the Acropolis to life. My favorite part of the museum was the bottom level, where you can look down onto the actual ruins and see the remnants of ancient structures.

It's definitely one of my top must-visit museums alongside the American Museum of Natural History in New York!



Want To Visit?

Have I convinced you yet? Check out the official Acropolis Museum website to purchase tickets and learn more about this incredible experience!

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National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

One of many iconic blue-domed churches

National Library of Greece

Panathenaic Stadium

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Food

During my trip, I had the chance to try a variety of dishes made from fresh local ingredients and bold flavours. I dined in a variety of different environments whether it was a beachside restaurant, traditional family-run restaurant, or a popular town restaurant.

As someone with multiple food allergies, I was pleasantly surprised by how accommodating the restaurants were. The staff always took the time to ensure my meals were safe without taking from the culture of the dish. Here is a list of some of my favourite dishes from the trip:

- Lamb Chops 🥩
- Souvlaki 🥘
- Grilled Calamari 🦑
- Greek Salad 🥗
- Baklava 🥧

Every meal in Greece was a cultural experience I'll always remember!

RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHTS

Although all the food in Greece was amazing, I wanted to highlight some of my favourite restaurants from my trip:

Pergola, Perissa, Santorini

Located right on the beautiful black sand beach of Perissa, Santorini, Pergola had an ever-ending list of menu items which made dining there always a new adventure. The service was excellent and the food was delicious. I was not disappointed when it comes to the quality and taste of its meals, which is why I found myself returning multiple times during my stay in Santorini. My personal favourite was the lamb chops served with fresh-cut Greek fries!

Alpino Cucina Italiana, Naoussa, Paros

Although I was travelling through Greece, I couldn't resist having some Italian cuisine. Alpino Cucina Italiana was located directly on the cliffs in Naoussa, Paros, offering the perfect combination of delicious food and a breathtaking view. As I ate I was able to enjoy a panorama view of the water and surrounding island, making the experience more special. I personally tried the burrata pasta, and it was absolutely perfect. Being Italian myself, I have to say that Greece really knows how to do Italian cuisine justice.



Hyper Astro Bar, Athens

Hyper AstroBar was located on the top floor of my hotel in Athens with a direct view of the Acropolis. Although the menu was simple, every dish had its own special twist. The service was exceptional, and I had the pleasure of speaking with the manager, who shared his stories about his travels around the world. I was particularly intrigued to learn that he had worked as a chef in Calgary for many years before making his way to Athens.



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Gallery

Here's a collection of memorable photos I captured during my time on each island! While I made an effort to stay present and enjoy the moment without my phone for most of my trip, some sights were simply too beautiful not to capture. These photos were taken using a mix of my personal cellphone and my childhood digital camera, adding a nostalgic touch to my travel memories.

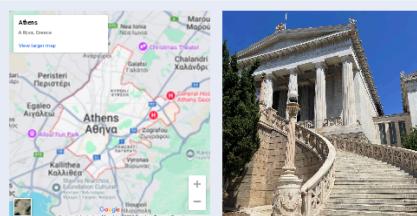
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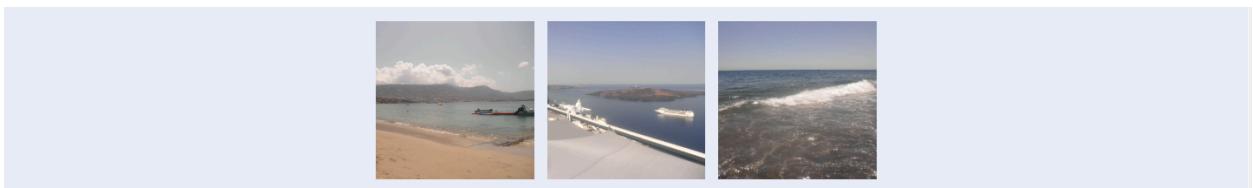
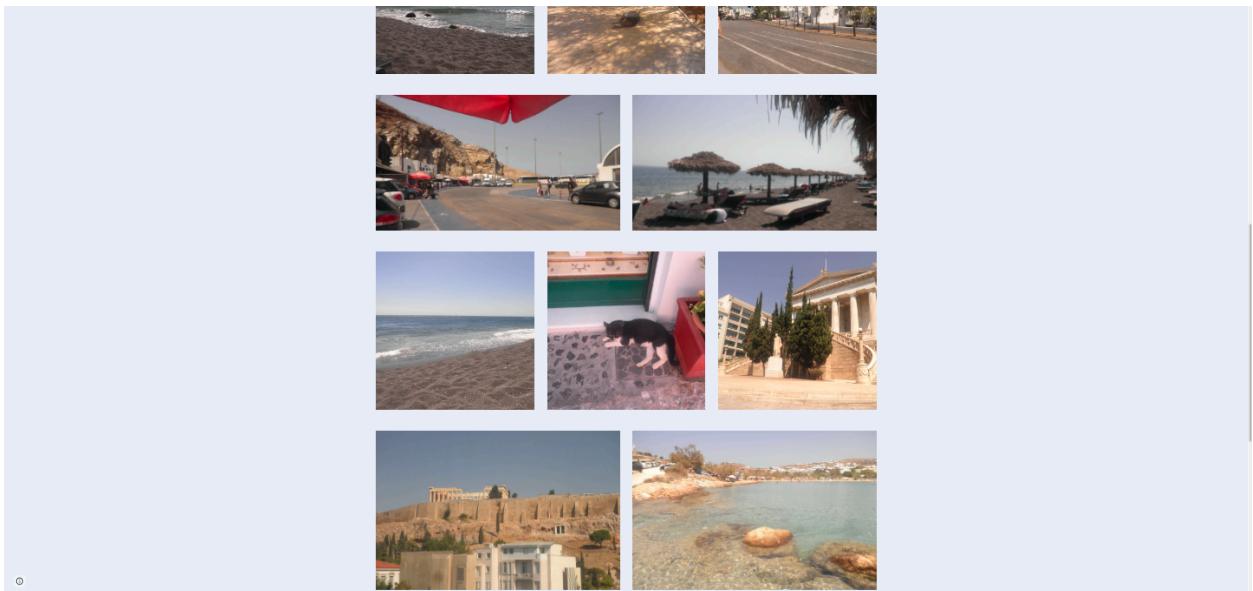


ATHENS



DIGITAL CAMERA





FAVOURITE MARKETS

This next set of photos showcases some of my favourite markets in Greece! I loved exploring these spots and discovering unique souvenirs and/or keepsakes that I'll cherish forever. Some of my favourite finds include evil eye bracelets, a jewelry dish, and a handmade Greek ring.



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Additional Resources

TRAVEL GUIDES

I've done external research to compile a list of additional resources that I believe would be helpful for anyone planning a future trip to Greece!

GREECE TRAVEL GUIDE

This travel guide is one of the most up-to-date resources I found during my research, designed specifically for Greece travel in 2025. It covers a wide range of essential information, including things to see and do, safety tips, money-saving advice, how to get around, and much more. Whether you're unsure about which parts of Greece to visit or where to begin your travels, this guide is an excellent starting point for planning your trip.

SANTORINI TRAVEL GUIDE PAROS TRAVEL GUIDE ATHENS TRAVEL GUIDE

I also explored island-specific travel guides, as it only felt fitting to highlight the destinations I personally visited. Linked above are detailed guides for Santorini, Paros, and Athens, each packed with recommendations for must-see attractions, the best places to stay, and much more. These guides offer valuable insights for island specific trips!

PERSONAL TRAVEL TIPS

I wouldn't call myself a travel expert, but through my own experiences, I've gathered some useful tips for traveling to Greece, especially when it comes to island hopping:

1. **Travel with a Carry-On Only:** Bringing just a carry-on made traveling between islands much easier and worry-free. I didn't have to stress about lost checked luggage, and it saved me the hassle of dragging multiple suitcases onto ferries and planes. Packing light was definitely the way to go!
2. **Book Excursions, Ferries, and Flights In Advance:** Before arriving in Greece, I had already planned out my major excursion days such as visiting the Acropolis and booked all my transportation between islands. This ensured I got the best schedule for my itinerary and avoided last-minute availability issues.
3. **Buy Toiletries at Your Destination:** To save space in my carry-on, I skipped packing toiletries like sunscreen, knowing I could easily purchase them in Greece. Not only was the sunscreen cheaper than in Canada, but it was also specifically formulated for the intense Greek sun.
4. **Carry Medical/Allergen Cards:** As someone with multiple food allergies, I made sure to print a medical card listing my allergies in both English and Greek. This was incredibly helpful when ordering food, as I could easily provide it to restaurant staff to ensure my meals were safe.

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