



TRAVEL PROGRAM MEDIA GUIDE

Island Life® Ancient Greece: An Aegean Odyssey

We hope you find the following list of resources—books, maps, video recordings audio recordings, and websites—relating to your travel program helpful. The book titles listed should be available at local public or university libraries; most of them may be purchased and/or downloaded for e-readers through local and online bookstores.

◆ **GUIDEBOOKS AND MAPS**

Ancient Athens – Modern Athens. Anavasi Maps. 2018.

This set of two maps includes the limits of ancient Athens at a scale of 1:4800 and modern-day Athens at 1:6400. They indicate monuments and other points of interest as well as footpaths.

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: The Greek Islands. Eyewitness Guides. 2019.

This comprehensive guidebook combines color photographs, drawings and maps with excellent commentary on Egypt's historic cities, natural wonders, museums, churches, tombs, temples and Christian and Islamic monuments. Illustrative aerial views, cutaways and floorplans give you instant access to streets, landmarks and public buildings.

Greece 1:800,000 Travel Map. Anavasi Maps. 2011.

Athens-based cartographers produced this detailed, shaded relief booklet map of mainland Greece and its isles. Includes an accompanying Greek to English translation booklet of cities and sites. Full-color, unfolded size: 65cm x 92 cm. Scaled to 1:800,000.

Lonely Planet Greek Islands. Lonely Planet. 2018.

The latest edition in the hallmark Lonely Planet style, this guide—known for its comprehensiveness and practicality—includes local and regional color maps, a section of photographs and chapters on history, culture and attractions.

Michelin. *Greece*. 2017.

A colorful, shaded map of Greece and the Greek Islands at a scale of 1:700,000.

The Rough Guide to the Greek Islands. Rough Guides. 2018.

This revised edition features comprehensive sights coverage woven with historical facts and anecdotes, background features and helpful maps.

◆ **HISTORY AND CULTURE**

Belozerskaya, Marina and Kenneth Lapatin. *Ancient Greece: Art, Architecture and History*.

J. Paul Getty Trust Publications. 2004. This introduction to the architecture, painting and sculpture of ancient Greece, is accompanied by a wealth of illustrations.



Boatswain, Timothy and Colin Nicolson. *A Traveller's History of Greece*. Interlink Publishing Group 2003. A well-written survey of Greece prehistory through the 20th century: wide-ranging, accessible and efficiently condensed with a useful chronology and historical gazetteer.

Cline, Diane Harris. *The Greeks: An Illustrated History*. National Geographic. 2016.

A beautifully illustrated and comprehensive reference guide to ancient Greece that elucidates the legacy of ancient Greek civilization on the West, from the great philosophers of Plato, Socrates and Aristotle, to the enduring, timeless themes of Sophocles's Greek tragedies and Alexander the Great's military genius.

Davidson, James N. *Courtesans and Fishcakes: The Consuming Passions of Classical Athens*.

University of Chicago Press. 2011. An informative examination of the impulses of the ancient Athenians set within the context of everyday life in ancient Athens.

Friedrich, William. *Fire in the Sea: The Santorini Volcano: Natural History and the Legend of Atlantis*.

Cambridge University Press. 2000. The author presents a scholarly, illustrated account of the geological history of the island of Santorini, a cradle of Minoan culture, and examines how Santorini's catastrophic Bronze Age eruption is entwined with lost city of Atlantis mythology.

Green, Peter. *Ancient Greece: A Concise History*. Thames & Hudson. 1979.

Author Green covers Greek history from Neolithic times to the death of Alexander the Great. Maps and photographs accompany his brisk, engaging prose.

Hamilton, Edith. *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*. Black Dog & Loventhal Publishers.

2017. A timeless, illuminating introduction to the great tales of Greek and Roman mythology.

Harris, Diane. *The Treasures of the Parthenon and Erechtheion*. Clarendon Press. 1996.

A rare translation of the state's annually inscribed inventories that detail the ancient artifacts and treasures discovered within the Parthenon and the Erechtheion, shedding light on the culture and religion of ancient Athens.

Meineck, Peter. *Theatrocracy: Greek Drama, Cognition, and the Imperative for Theatre*. Routledge.

2017. This groundbreaking study combines a multitude of disciplines to illustrate what makes theater—particularly the drama of Classical Greece—so powerful.

Woodhouse, C.M. *Modern Greece: A Short History*. Faber & Faber. 2000.

This succinct work provides a foundation for understanding the modern Greek state.

◆ ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Behor, G. *Ancient Greece: The Famous Monuments Past and Present*. Oxford University Press.

2000. Behor relates classical Greek ruins, including the Acropolis, Temple of Poseidon and Delphi, to their original civic and religious contexts.

Neer, Richard T. *Greek Art and Archaeology*. Thames & Hudson Inc. 2018.

Utilizing new scholarly approaches, this book provides historical interpretations of Greek art and archeology from 2500-150 B.C. within a well-rounded, chronological framework.



Pollitt, J. J. *Art and Experience in Classical Greece*. Cambridge University Press. 1972.

Framing Greek visual arts as vehicles of expression, Pollitt delves into the psyche and cultural history surrounding famous classical works and provides illuminating insight.

◆ LITERATURE AND TRAVEL MEMOIRS

Homer. *The Iliad and Odyssey*. Wilder Publications. 2008.

For over 2500 years, these timeless classics tracing the adventures of Agamemnon, Achilles and Ulysses have stirred the imaginations of readers around the world and were a primary basis in the development of Greco-Roman mythology, religion and political ideology.

Leontis, Artemis. *Greece: A Traveler's Literary Companion*. Whereabouts Press. 1997.

Contemporary Greek authors provide insights into their homeland in this anthology of short stories, many of which appear in translation for the first time.

Miller, Henry. *The Colossus of Maroussi*. New Directions. 2010.

Originally published in 1941 and a classic in the travel literature genre, Miller recounts his journey in pre-war Greece in impressionist travelogue form.

Sophocles. *The Three Theban Plays: Antigone, Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus*. Penguin Classics. 2000. The most enduring and timeless dramas ever written, Sophocles' three most acclaimed Greek tragedies, written over 2500 years ago, still exert a profound influence over contemporary culture.

Stoneman, Richard. *A Literary Companion Guide to Travel in Greece*. J. Paul Getty Museum. 1994. This well-chosen compendium of excerpts of poetry and prose from the era of Homer to the present complement the sites that have inspired writers for hundreds of years.

Storace, Patricia. *Dinner with Persephone: Travels in Greece*. Vintage. 1997.

This memoir from Storace, a prize-winning American poet, lyrically combines travel writing, personal experience and cultural observation to provide informed and evocative insights into the Grecian consciousness.

◆ FOOD

Bakken, Christopher. *Honey, Olives, Octopus: Adventures at the Greek Table*. University of California Press. 2013. Professor Bakken explores the rich history of Greece through its food in this lyric account of village life, local cooks and artisans across Greece.

Kochilas, Diane. *The Country Cooking of Greece*. Chronicle Books. 2012.

Greece's greatest culinary authority captures all the glory and diversity of Greek cuisine in one magnum opus. More than 250 recipes were drawn from every corner of Greece, from rustic taverns, Kochilas' renowned cooking school and the local artisans and village cooperatives that produce olive oil and homemade pasta. More than 150 color photographs and vivid sidebars bring to life Greece's unique and historical food culture.

Kremezi, Aglaia. *The Foods of the Greek Islands: Cooking and Culture at the Crossroads of the Mediterranean*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 2015. With consummate skill, Kremezi weaves the culinary traditions of the Aegean region together with lively histories of its various islands.



◆ DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS

Listed below are films, documentaries and travel programs featuring Greece. All should be available on DVD and/or Blu-ray at your local library and/or bookstores, or may be ordered online.

Before Midnight. 2013. Directed by Richard Linklater.

The final film in Linklater's acclaimed trilogy, *Before Midnight* follows couple Jesse and Celine, played by Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy, respectively, two decades after their first meeting. Known for its provoking and poignant dialogue, the film chronicles Jesse and Celine's wanderings through Greece's Peloponnese region as they reflect on life, love, art, aging and memory.

Globe Trekker: The Pilot Guide to Greek Islands. 2002.

Enjoy a scenic tour of the beautiful Greek Islands scattered around the blue waters of the Ionian and the Aegean Seas, including the holy isle of Pátmos, the picturesque island of Mykonos, the ancient island of Delos and the volcanic island of Santorini.

Greeks: Crucible of Civilization. 2000. Directed by Cassian Harrison.

Narrated by Liam Neeson, this beautifully produced PBS documentary examines ancient Greece from 500 B.C. through the destruction of the empire using dramatic reenactments, interviews with prominent scholars and footage of architecture.

In Search of the Trojan War. 1985. Directed by Bill Lyons.

Personable British historian and documentarian Michael Wood brings to life the history, myths and heroes of Homer's Trojan War and the Aegean world in this award-winning archaeological detective story filmed in Greece, Turkey, Ireland and Berlin.

Rick Steves' Europe Online Television Episodes.

Join ubiquitous television personality Rick Steves on a journey throughout Greece. In this list of online episodes, Steves travels to many towns, villages and cities we will visit during our travel program, including the following episodes:

- *Athens and Side-Trips*
- *Greek Islands*
- *Greece's Peloponnese*

These episodes can be accessed from:

www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/video/tv-show

Troy. 2004. Directed by Wolfgang Petersen.

Petersen's epic film recounting the Homeric tales of the Trojan War is truly a visual feast. Starring Brad Pitt, Eric Bana and Peter O'Toole.

Visions of Greece. 2003. Directed by Roy A. Hammond.

This virtual tour features stunning aerial views of Greek landscapes and ruins accompanied by a soundtrack of quintessentially Greek music, both traditional and modern.



◆ MUSIC AND AUDIO RECORDINGS

Greek Songs, Dances and Rembetiko. Athenians. Easydisc. 1999.

An assortment of catchy Greek tunes that blend traditional melodies and rhythms with modern instrumentation and production.

Mondo Greece. Various Artists. Ark 21. 2001.

An exceptional collection of contemporary Greek music features some of the nation's greatest stars.

Putumayo Presents Greece: A Musical Odyssey. Various Artists. Putumayo World Music. 2004.

This compilation from Putumayo blends sophisticated Europop with traditional and contemporary Greek rhythms and melodies.

Songs of the Islands. Yannis Parios. EMI International. 2004.

This collection of folk songs performed by one of Greece's most famous vocalists embodies the musical spirit of the Aegean region.

◆ WEBSITES

www.airpano.com

Virtual tours and 360-degree photos of destinations all over the world.

www.cbp.gov/travel

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website.

www.cdc.gov

United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Provides information on immunizations and vaccinations and tips for staying healthy when traveling abroad.

www.iec.ch/worldplugs

Information on international electric current and plug types.

<http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter>

Online currency converter tool and information on currency exchange rates.

www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn

Basic background information for Greece from U.S. Department of State.

www.timeanddate.com

Information on time zones and time conversions.

www.travel.state.gov

United States Department of State website; details on how to obtain or renew a passport.

www.tsa.gov

Transportation Security Administration website. Provides information on air travel security, including permitted/prohibited items for carry-on luggage.

www.visitgreece.gr

The official tourism website for Greece, run by the Greek National Tourism Organization.

www.weather.com

Current weather and extended forecasts around the world.