

Geography - Greece



Greece is divided into three geographical regions:

- the mainland,
- the islands
- the **Peloponnese** (the large peninsula south of the mainland).



The Greek flag has NINE horizontal blue and white stripes. These represent the blue of the sky and seas and the white of the clouds.

The White Cross on the blue background in the top left corner symbolises Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

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Greece is located in Southern Europe, between Albania and Turkey.

It borders the Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Turkey all border Greece.

The coastline of Greece is an impressive 13,676 km in length.



What is a biome?

Scientists divide the world into large natural areas called **biomes**.

Each biome is known for certain kinds of plants and animals. But what's really at the heart of a biome is its **climate**.

Greece is a **CHAPARRAL** BIOME and has a **MEDITERRANEAN** CLIMATE.



Mount Olympus is the highest mountain in Greece.

Mount Olympus is located in the Olympus Range on the border between Thessaly and Macedonia.

Mount Olympus has 52 peaks and deep gorges. The highest peak, Mytikas meaning "nose", rises to 2,917 metres (9,570 ft).

It is one of the highest peaks in Europe.

Athens

Athens, the capital city of Greece, is situated on the mainland.

The Parthenon, an ancient Greek temple which was built in approximately 500BC, was built to worship the goddess Athena. It can still be seen today, built on the Acropolis (a rocky hill).

