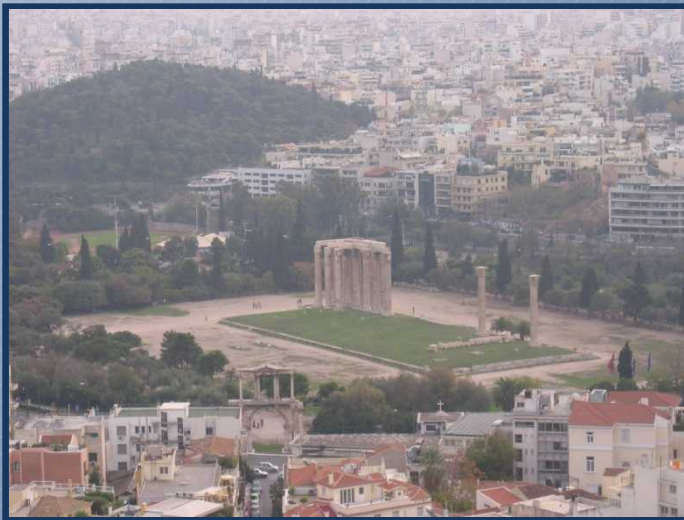
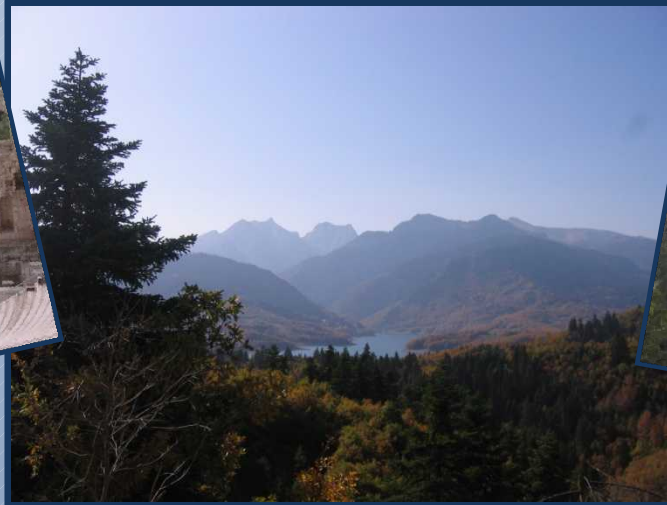
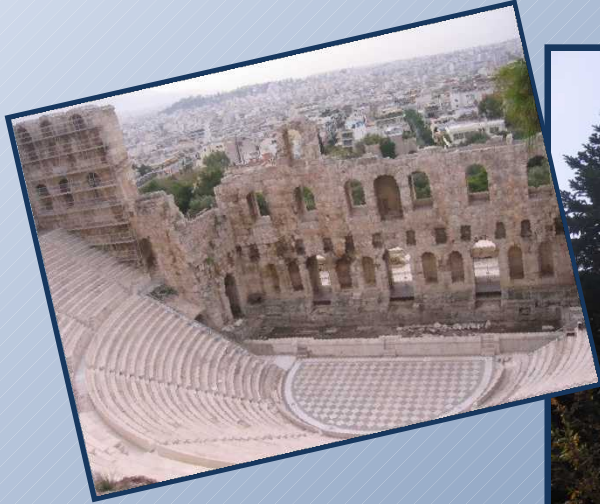
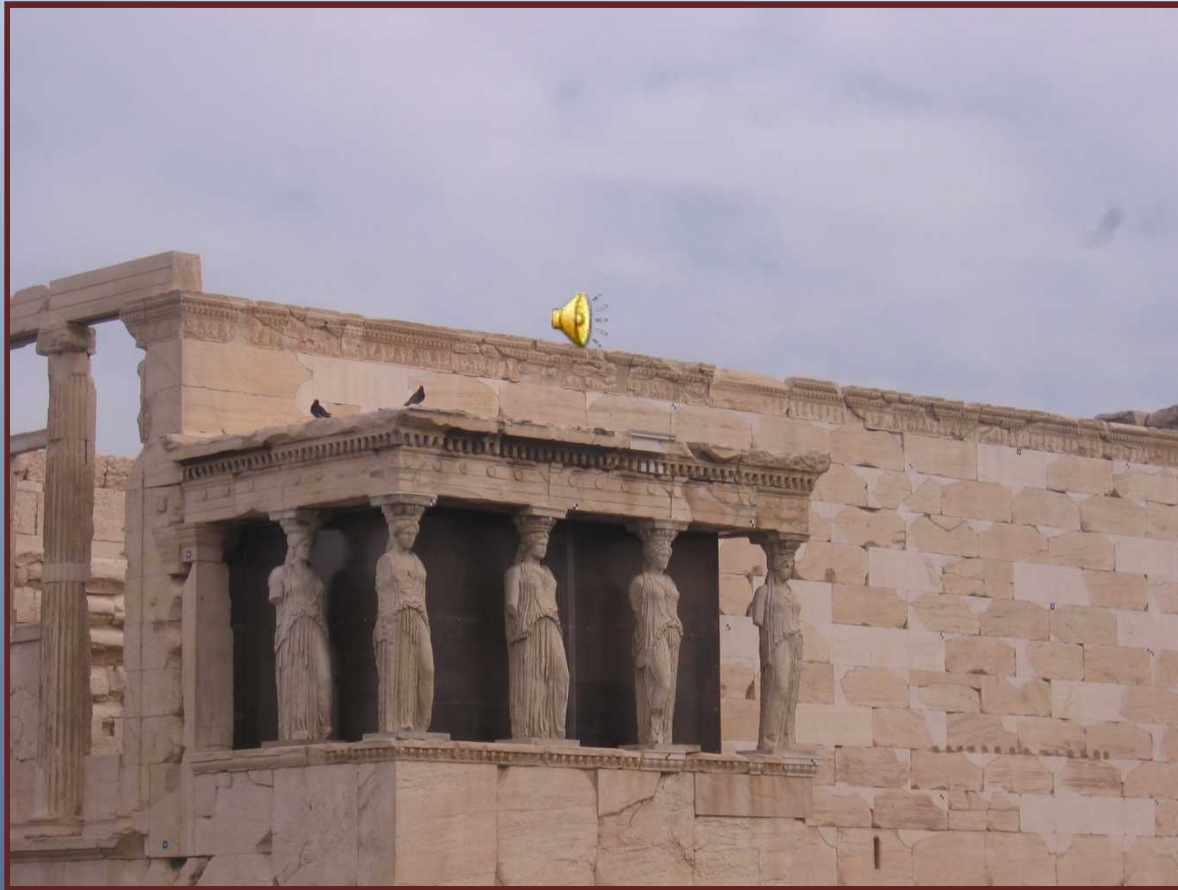


# Greece



*To understand our culture and the main features of the western civilization it's necessary to know its origin. And for that it's necessary to look at the southeast of the European ancient continent.*



*In the beginning of the first millennium, in the land where now is Greece set, the most advanced of all the ancient civilizations and the cradle of European civilisation flourished. For example, there was born the most common form of government, democracy.*



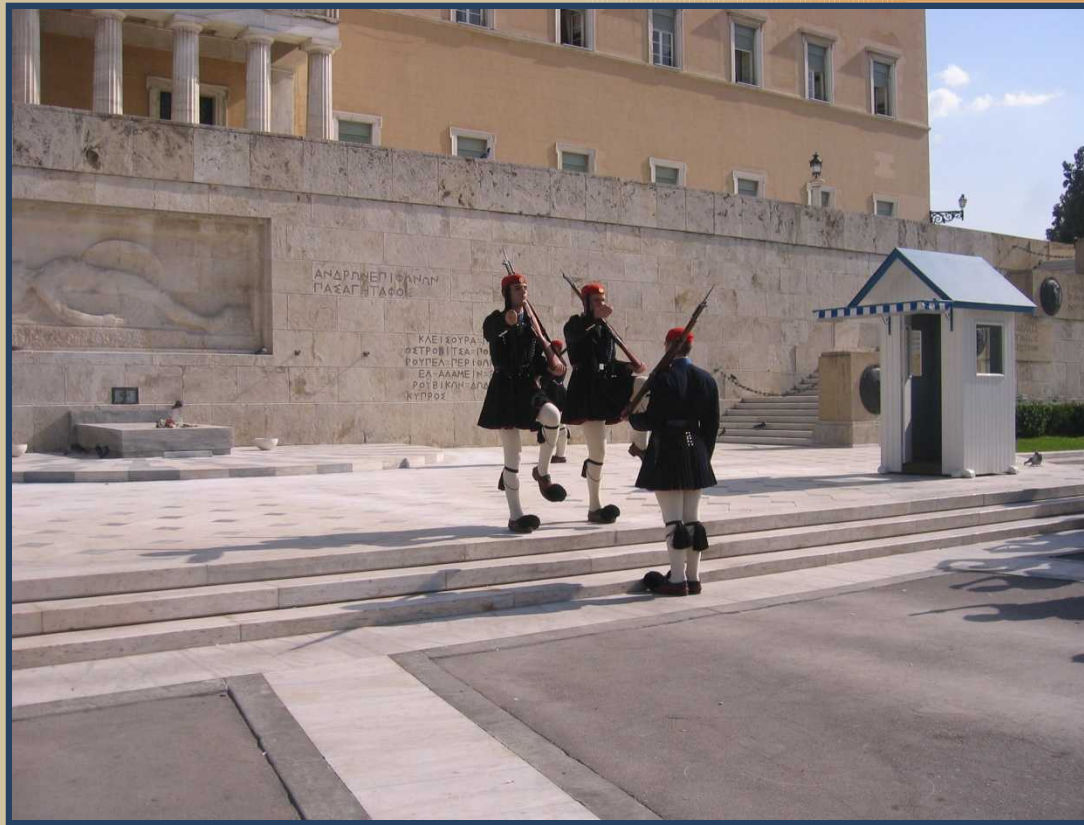
*Another important and very influential aspect of this culture was Greek art which has been a world concern. The sculptural canons and the architectonic styles have been recreated along all the western civilisation history.*



*There were very important thinkers and philosophers such as Socrates, Plato and Aristoteles, who established the basis of the western knowledge. They developed disciplines such as philosophy, maths, laws, theatre, medicine and geography.*



Greece is a country with a wide range of different traditions and beautiful landscape. Therefore, young people enjoy going out and doing things that are related to the Greek tradition.



As the place of birth of the Olympics, Greece is a country where sports are very important and they are one of the most popular activities among young people. Some of the most important and popular sports are basketball, water polo, athletics and football, but basketball has a long tradition in Greece and young people often organize friendly matches just for fun. Although young people don't like it as much as basketball, water polo is also very popular in Greece.



Greece has a long musical tradition. Young people often play instruments just for fun, join bands or start them with their friends. They enjoy live performances and play traditional instruments and songs.



Greek cuisine is the most famous example of the healthy Mediterranean diet, incorporating fresh ingredients and varied traditionally Greek dishes. Due to their wide variety when it comes to food, young people in Greece love going out to have a coffee, or having dinner at restaurants.



Theatre and cinema are also deeply rooted traditions in Greece, and many important films have been produced there. Talking about theatre, the ancient Greek drama plays were a very important part of their culture. Nowadays young people love going to the cinema to watch a good film or to the open air theatre to see both old and new plays.

