



WHERE IS GREECE?

▪ Can we find Greece on the globe?



▪ Which other countries are near Greece?

# Greece today

- Greece is a small country in south east Europe.



- Greece has an area of mainland, which is very mountainous, and hundreds of small islands dotted around in the Aegean and Ionian seas.
- There are about 140 inhabited islands in Greece, but if you count every rocky outcrop, the total surges to about 3,000

- The largest island is Crete which is in the Mediterranean Sea.



▪ The highest mountain in Greece is Mount Olympus (9,754 ft.), seat of the gods of Greek mythology.



▪ The largest city and capital of Greece is Athens, with a population of over three million.



▪ How big is Greece?

Greece has a total area of 131,957 square kilometers (50,502 square miles). This includes 1,140 square kilometers of water and 130,800 square kilometers of land.



▪ What is the flag of Greece like?

The National Flag of Greece consists of four white and five blue alternating horizontal stripes, with a white cross on the upper inner corner.





## ▪ Quick Facts about Greece

- **Capital:** Athens
- **Population:** 10.9 million
- **Population density (per sq km):** 80
- **Area:** 131.957 sq km
- **Coordinates:** 39 00 N, 22 00 E
- **Language:** Greek
- **Major religion:** Orthodox Christian
- **Currency:** Euro



## Ancient Greece

- The Ancient Greeks lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, but also in what is now Turkey, and in colonies scattered around the Mediterranean sea coast.
- There were Greeks in Italy, Sicily, North Africa and as far west as France.





## ▪ What was ancient Greece like?

- Ancient Greece had a warm, dry climate, as Greece does today.
- People lived by farming, fishing, and trade.
- Some were soldiers. Others were scholars, scientists or artists.
- Most Greeks lived in villages or in small cities.
- There were beautiful temples with stone columns and statues, and open-air theatres where people sat to watch plays.

