



Modern Greek *Language*



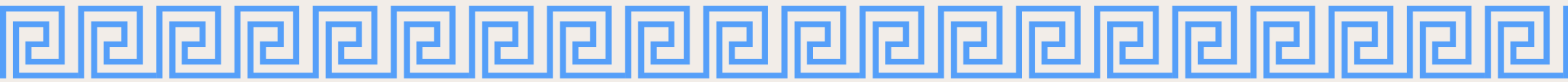
I hope you’re excited to experience this amazing destination! Greece is known for its ancient ruins, delicious food, and stunning sun and sea — but it’s the culture and people that truly make it one of my favourite places.

While tourism plays a big role here and many locals speak excellent English, it’s always appreciated when visitors make the effort to use the local language. Save this guide to your phone to have the words you’re most likely to use at your fingertips!

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Greetings:

Greek	Phonetic	Meaning
Γεια σας	YAH-sahs	Hello or goodbye (health to you all / formal)
Γεια σου	YAH-soo	Hello or goodbye (health to you (one) / informal)
Γεια	Yia	Hi (shortened version – sing-song tone)
Καλημέρα	Kali-mera	Good morning (used until 4pm)
Καλησπέρα	Kali-spera	Good afternoon or evening (4pm onward)
Καληνύχτα	Kali-NEEK-ta	Good night (when leaving)
Χαίρετε	HE-re-teh	Hello (formal – “joy to you”)
Τι κάνεις;	tee KAH-nees	How are you? (informal, to one person)
Τι κάνετε;	tee KAH-ne-teh	How are you all? / How are you? (formal)





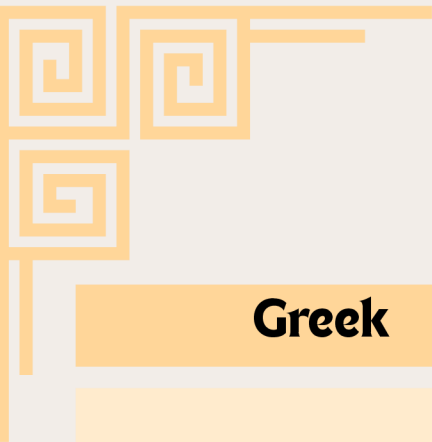
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Conversation:

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Καλό / Καλά / Καλή	Kalo / kala / Kali	Good (varies by gender or context)
Πολύ	po-LEE	Very much / a lot
Ναι	Nai	Yes
Όχι	OH-hee	No
Ευχαριστώ	ef-hah-rees-toe	Thank you (from me)
Ευχαριστώ πολύ	ef-hah-rees-toe po-LEE	Thank you very much (from me)
Ευχαριστούμε	ef-hah-rees-TOO-meh	Thank you (from us)
Παρακαλώ	pa-ra-ka-LOH	Please / You're welcome
Συγγνώμη	Seeg-NO-mee	Excuse me / I'm sorry
Μιλάς αγγλικά;	Mee-LAHS ang-GL EE-kah	Do you speak English?
Είμαι από τον Καναδά	Eimai apo ton Canatha	I am from Canada
Ελλάδα	Eh-LAH-tha — Greece	Greece
Βοήθεια!	Voe-ee-thee-uh	Help!





Ordering Food & Drink:

Greek	Phonetic	Meaning
Θα πάρω	tha PAH-ro	I'll take...
Θα πάρουμε	Tha pair-ooH-may	We'll take...
Θέλω	THEH-loh	I want...
Μπορώ να έχω	bo-ROH na EH-ho	Can I have...
Ένα / Μία	Ena / Mia	One / A
Δύο	Thee-oh	Two (soft “th” like “this”)
Τρία / Τρεις	Tria / tris	Three
Αυτό	Afto	This / That
Με κάρτα / Με μετρητά	May Karta / May metrita	(I'll pay) with card / (I'll pay) with cash
Νερό	Nero	Water
Μπουκάλι νερό	Bo-KA-lee-ah ne-ROH	Bottled water
Φρέντο espresso / cappuccino	Freddo espresso / cappuccino	Excellent Greek iced coffee. Ask for cappuccino for milk, or espresso for black.
Σκέτο	Sketto	Without sugar
Με ζάχαρη	Me ZAH-ha-ree	With sugar
Καφές	ka-FES	Coffee (try Greek or Turkish style)
Χυμό πορτοκάλι	hee-MO por-to-ka-LEE	Orange juice (usually served “fresco”)





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Getting Around:

These days, it is pretty easy to navigate Athens using an e-sim and Google Maps, which outlines all the bus and metro locations and times (less frequent in August). Taxis are all connected to Uber. On the islands and rest of the mainland, I recommend renting a vehicle to see everything you want to see.

Greek	Phonetic	Meaning
Πού είναι; ____	POO EE-neh	Where is (it), ____?
Η Λαϊκή	Ee la-ee-KEE	The local farmer's market
Το Φαρμακείο	Toh far-ma-KEE-o	The pharmacy
Το Μετρό	Toh Metro	The metro / subway station
Το Λεωφορείο	Toh le-o-fo-REE-o	The bus
Το Εστιατόριο	Toh Estia-torio	The restaurant
Το Ξενοδοχείο	Toh kse-no-tho-HEE-o	The hotel
Το Μπάνιο	Toh BAN-yo	The bathroom
Το Μουσείο	Toh moo-SEE-o	The museum
Το Πλοίο	Toh PLEE-o	The ferry / ship
Το Λιμάνι	Toh lee-MA-nee	The port

