

RISK ASSESSMENT

School: <u>FLESS</u>	Grade/Group: <u>Travel Club</u>	Teacher: <u>Shawn Lank</u>
Destination & Activity: <u>Greece</u>		<u>Explorica Tour</u>
Date(s) of Trip: <u>March 13 - March 24 2026</u>		
LOW RISK		
<input type="checkbox"/> Day trip, in district <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> On beach or near stream (<u>no</u> stepping in water)	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Risk Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> List on parent information form and permission slip	
MODERATE RISK		
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-District but within province <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness/bear area <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming in any pool or hot tub <input type="checkbox"/> Boating or swimming in lake <u>near shore</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity near fast moving or open water <input type="checkbox"/> Creek or stream programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Risk Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Water Component Form	
HIGH RISK		
<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Province <input type="checkbox"/> Ski/Snowboard <input type="checkbox"/> Active logging roads <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lake crossing <input type="checkbox"/> On fast moving water <input type="checkbox"/> Lake ice activity (<u>not</u> on river ice)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Water Component Form <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Component Form	
OUT-OF-COUNTRY		
<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Country STEP 1 (<i>must be approved before proceeding to STEP 2</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Country STEP 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Approval Application Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Country Application Form	

Identify the person in charge at the activity:

Name: Shawn Lank Qualifications: multiple trips w/ EF + Explorica

How were students selected to participate and what preparation/experience do they have? _____

Are students participating in supervision? Yes No

If yes, how were students selected to participate in supervision? _____

sign up

Comments: _____

Principal/Vice Principal: M. Lank

Date: November 3/2025

OUT-OF-COUNTRY STEP 2: APPLICATION FORM



STEP 2 must receive Board Approval 3 – 6 months prior to departure.

School: FLES Application Date: Sept 18/25
 Group/Grade: Travel PBL Teacher: Deanna Lank
 Destination: Greece
 Dates: March 13 - March 21 2026

Give the goals and objectives of the Out-of-Country trip: to expose students to ancient history and cultures different than their own

Give the experience of the teacher: multiple international field trips

Number of student participants: 17

Names of adult chaperone(s) (CRC required): Deanna Lank

Accommodation plans: hotels booked by Explorica

Transportation plans: air, bus, flying & cruise booked by Explorica

Submit with this application to the Principal/Vice Principal:

- Risk Assessment
- Itinerary
- Current Travel Advisory <http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>
 - Exercise normal security precautions
 - Exercise a high degree of caution
 - Avoid non-essential travel
 - Avoid all travel
- Child Travel Consent Letters: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>
- Permission Slips for Treatment by a Doctor in a Foreign Country to Treat Under-aged Child
- Accommodations Confirmation not until closer to the trip
- Transportation Confirmation not until closer to the trip (approx 3 months prior)
- Participant Roster

Principal/Vice Principal:	_____ Principal/Vice Principal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Board Pre-Approved (STEP 1) on <u>February 24/2025</u> (date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group medical/hospital insurance coverage purchased <u>yes</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trip cancellation purchased <u>built into costs</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permission Slips on file at school <small>(Pending closer to actual trip)</small> * <u>NO ocean wading/swimming..</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Information Forms on file at school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental Informed Consent process complete (if required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All adult volunteers compliant with policy 1002.3 <input type="checkbox"/> Third Party Waivers complete (if required) 	
Principal/Vice Principal:	<u>Deanna Lank</u>
Date:	<u>November 3/2025</u>
School Supervisor:	<u>Karen Lank</u>
Date:	<u>Nov 7/25</u>
Superintendent:	<u>Deanna Lank</u>
Date:	<u>Nov. 20/25</u>

DISTRICT USE:	Board Approval
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> OUT-OF-COUNTRY Application Form and supporting documents	
Board Meeting Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Comments:	_____
Board Chairperson:	_____
Date PVP Informed:	Via: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone By: _____
DISTRICT USE: One Week Prior to Departure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Travel Advisory http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Exercise normal security precautions <input type="radio"/> Exercise a high degree of caution <input type="radio"/> Avoid non-essential travel <input type="radio"/> Avoid all travel 	
Comments:	_____
Superintendent:	Date: _____

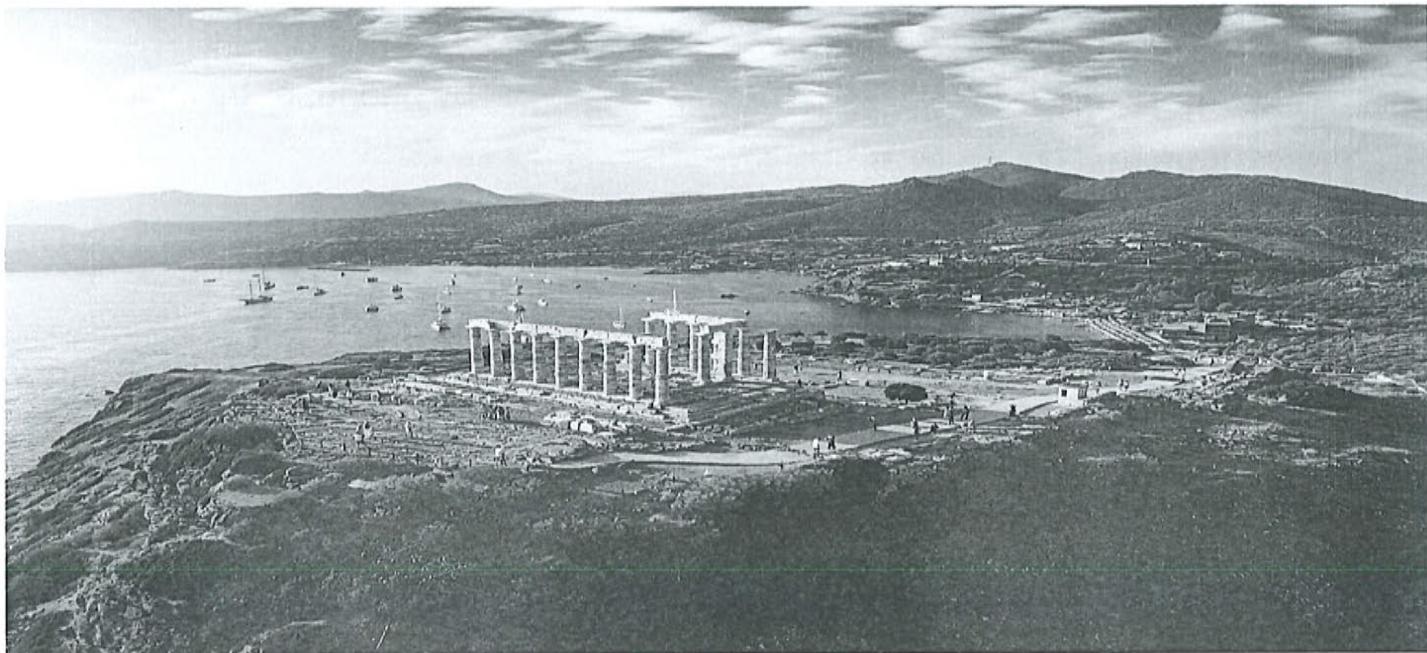
WATER COMPONENT FORM

** Complete this form and attach to your application as required. **

MODERATE-RISK	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Near fast moving or open water <i>ferry + cruise to islands</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Fish release <input type="checkbox"/> Creek or stream programs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming in public pool <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming in hotel pool/hot tub	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed on permission form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teacher/chaperone supervision
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming in unguarded or private pool <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming in lake near shore <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or kayaking near shore <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on permission form <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Certified lifeguard or swimming instructor(s)</i> Name: _____ Level: _____ Name: _____ Level: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Certified BC/CRCA boating instructor</i> Name: _____ Level: _____
HIGH-RISK	
<input type="checkbox"/> On fast moving water (e.g., river rafting) <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing in lake (<i>not near shore</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking in lake (<i>not near shore</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming in lake (<i>not near shore</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Lake crossing <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Parental informed consent <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on permission form <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Company documents: water certification/insurance policy/informed consent process</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Parental informed consent <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on permission form <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Certified BC/CRCA canoe or kayak instructor</i> Name: _____ Level: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Certified lifeguard or swimming instructor</i> Name: _____ Level: _____

Provide a description of the water component: _____

SCHOOL USE:	Principal/Vice Principal
Comments: _____	
Principal/Vice Principal: <i>M. Col</i>	Date: <i>November 3/2025</i>



Athens & the Aegean

explorica.ca/Lank-4229

March 19 - March 28, 2026

Day 1 Overnight Flight to Greece (Athens)

Day 2 Yassou Athens

Meet your tour director and check into hotel
Athens city walk: Plaka district, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch

Day 3 Athens

Athens guided sightseeing tour: Parthenon, Acropolis site visit, Temple of Athena Nike, Omonoia Square, Syntagma Square, 2004 Olympic site

Day 4 Athens

Delphi guided excursion: Visit Delphi site, Temple of Apollo

Day 5 Aegean cruise (tour must depart North America on Thursdays for the Aegean Cruise)

Depart Athens on four-day Aegean cruise
Your cruise includes three shore excursions, Mykonos visit
Cruise overnight to Kusadasi

Day 6 Kusadasi--Rhodes

Kusadasi visit
Cruise on and visit Patmos
Cruise overnight to Rhodes

Day 7 Rhodes--Crete

Rhodes visit
Cruise overnight to Crete

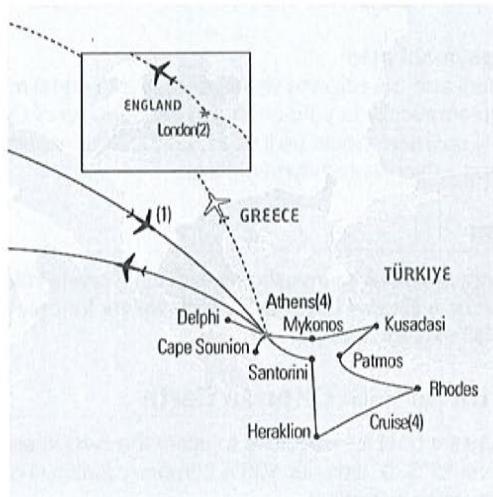
Day 8 Crete--Athens

Visit Crete
Cruise on and visit Santorini
Cruise overnight to Athens

Day 9 Athens

Arrive in Athens
Cape Sounion guided excursion

Day 10 Flight home from Athens



Reserve your Spot!

Tour Center ID: Lank-4229

Initial registration deadline: November 29, 2025

What's included

We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip airfare
- 4 overnight stays (6 with extension) in hotels with private bathrooms
- 4 overnight stays in cabins on cruise ship
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- Lunch on cruise ship
- Full-time services of a professional tour director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- 4-day Aegean Cruise
- Three shore excursions on cruise
- Tips to cruise staff
- Tour Diary™
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Optional excursions, optional pre-paid Tour Director and multi-day bus driver tipping, among other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included.

Tour investment

Students (travellers under the age of 23): \$6,745

Adults (age 23 and over): \$7,390

Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay \$99 upon enrolment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your chequing account. As of October 27, 2025, your monthly payment would be just \$2,122.00. Manual plan also available; learn more on explorica.ca/paymentplans.

Travel protection

Most Explorica travellers protect their investment with our Travel Protection Plan Plus, which includes a Cancel For Any Reason waiver for only \$28 per day. To learn more, visit explorica.ca/cfar.

Carbon neutral travel with Choose Earth

Our Choose Earth program enables travellers to offset the carbon emissions generated by their travel for \$20, plus our 100% company match. To learn more, visit worldstrides.ca/carbonoffset.

Enrol online,
by phone, or by mail



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a paper application on
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Roster Report

Get traveller details at a glance in this comprehensive list of all current and cancelled participants—and simply click on their email addresses to quickly send them an email. You can also send an email to the entire group at once by using your account's Message Center.

Show this roster to participants on my Tour Center.

Hide Cancelled Travelers

Last	First	Email	Telephone	Status	Gender	Age
				Active	Female	14
				Active	Male	17
				Active	Male	15
				Active	Female	52
				Active	Male	16
				Active	Male	17
				Active	Female	17
				Active	Female	15

Active Travellers - 8 Inactive Travellers - 1

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Recommended Consent Letter for Children Travelling Abroad

The following sample consent letter, provided by Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, can be modified to meet your specific needs. For instructions and an interactive form you can use to create a customized letter, visit travel.gc.ca/letter.

To whom it may concern,

I / We,

full name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) / organization giving consent

Address:

street address, city

province/state, country

Telephone and email:

telephone _____ email _____

am / are the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other authorized person(s) or organization with custody rights, access rights or parental authority over the following child:

Information about travelling child

Name:

child's full name

Date and place of birth:

dd/mm/yyyy _____ city, province/territory _____

Number and date of issue of passport (if available):

number _____ dd/mm/yyyy _____

Issuing authority of passport (if available):

country where passport was issued _____

Birth certificate registration number

number _____

Issuing authority of birth certificate

province / territory where birth certificate was issued _____

Information about accompanying person (leave blank if child is travelling alone)

This child has my / our consent to travel alone or

This child has my / our consent to travel with

Name:

full name of accompanying person

Relationship to child:

teacher _____ mother, father, grandparent, sister, brother, relative, friend, other _____

Number and date of issue of passport:

number _____ dd/mm/yyyy _____

Issuing authority of passport:

country where passport was issued _____

Contact information during trip

I / We give our consent for this child to travel to:

Destination(s):

Greece _____ name of destination country / countries

Travel dates:

March 13 - 24 2026 date of departure to date of return

to stay with / at (if applicable)

Shawn Lank @ hotels booked by Exploria name of person with whom child will be staying / hotel or other accommodation

at the following address(es)

various hotels see attached itinerary street address(es), city (cities)

from Exploria _____

Telephone and email

778 675 6134 _____ province(s)/state(s), country (countries)

This letter may be signed before a witness who has attained the age of majority (18 or 19, depending on the province or territory of residence) OR certified by an official who has the authority to administer an oath or solemn declaration (recommended).

Signature(s) of person(s) giving consent

Signature of witness

Signature of official

Signed before me on this _____

day of _____ month _____ year _____

by _____ name(s) of person(s) giving consent

dd/mm/yyyy

dd/mm/yyyy _____ city, province/territory _____

signature of official _____

name / title of official _____

Questions regarding information in this consent letter should be directed to the person(s) or organization giving consent.

(seal)



Explorica Medical Release Form

The form should be completed and returned to your Program Leader

Participant's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Student Cell Phone (_____) _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Allergies _____

Other medical conditions

Medication being used (include dosage/frequency)

Present state of health



Family Physician _____ Phone (____) _____

Medical Insurance Company _____ Phone (____) _____

Policy Holder's Name _____

Policy Number _____

Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their insurance card.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT OF MINOR

I, the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that reasonable efforts will be made to contact the parent/guardian in case of an emergency, and, if possible, before any medical treatment is administered. In the event of an emergency or if the parents cannot be notified, I hereby give permission to the Program Leader or the Explorica by WorldStrides staff to secure treatment for my child. If necessary, this includes selection of physicians and medical treatment facility who are then authorized to perform such treatments as deemed medically necessary. I further give my permission for Explorica by WorldStrides staff to have access to medical records relating to any treatment contemplated or received by my child and to provide such information, as necessary, to health insurance carriers. I understand that I may be responsible for all costs associated with the provision of emergency medical services or treatment.

Explorica by WorldStrides cannot be responsible for accommodating any food allergies, requirements or restrictions and is not responsible for any problems associated with the same. All issues with regard to food and drink, including allergies, requirements and restrictions are the sole responsibility of the participant.

In the event of any emergencies during the trip, the undersigned hereby grants authority to be exercised at the discretion of the Program Leader or chaperone to dispense over-the-counter medication.

Parent / Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Participant Release & Agreement

I, the undersigned (or my parent or guardian if I am under 18 years old), an applicant for an educational tour provided by WorldStrides, agree to the following:

- 1 WorldStrides and their owners, directors, officers, employees and affiliates, your sponsoring school, teachers, chaperones and Program Leaders, does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, WorldStrides is not liable for any negligent or wilful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, WorldStrides is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labour activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, zip lining, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics, or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of WorldStrides. In addition, I release WorldStrides from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.
- 2 My WorldStrides tour begins with the departure of the WorldStrides bus or take-off of the flight from my departure city and ends upon completion of the return flight or WorldStrides bus trip to Canada.
- 3 Without diminishing Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, I understand that WorldStrides is not responsible for me when I am apart from WorldStrides-organized activities, such as visits to friends or relatives, or during stay-ahead/stay-behind optional periods if the optional period does not include the services of an WorldStrides Tour Director.
- 4 If I become ill or incapacitated, WorldStrides or my Program Leader may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and wellbeing, including attempting to secure medical treatment (at my own expense) and/or transporting me home at my own expense.
- 5 WorldStrides cannot be responsible for accommodating any food allergies, or dietary requirements and restrictions, and is not responsible for any problems associated with the same. All issues regarding food and drink, including allergies, or dietary requirements and restrictions, are the sole responsibility of the participant. In advance of travel, each student's parent/guardian should sign a release form that grants the Program Leader or chaperone the authority to dispense over-the-counter medication in the event of an emergency during the trip.
- 6 I agree to abide by WorldStrides' regulations and the directions of my Program Leader or WorldStrides' personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in WorldStrides terminating me from the tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is cause for me to be sent home, at my own expense, with no right of refund.
- 7 I agree to abide by all local laws including those concerning drugs and alcohol. I understand that to abuse or disobey such laws is cause for me to be sent home, at my own expense, with no right of refund. I understand that I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
- 8 I understand that I will be required to pay for any phone calls or incidental personal expenses that I incur at hotels, as well as for any damage I cause to hotel rooms or facilities, buses, ferries, trains, or cruise ships. I will indemnify WorldStrides and hold it harmless for any financial liability or obligation which I incur, or injury or damage to the person or property of others which I cause or contribute to, while participating on an WorldStrides tour.
- 9 I understand that both WorldStrides and my Program Leader reserve the right to refuse or cancel my enrolment for conduct which in either's sole discretion could impact the participant's ability to comply with trip regulations or which could impact the group's enjoyment of the trip and that in any such case standard cancellation fees will apply.
- 10 WorldStrides has the right to make changes in tour itineraries and departure dates and to modify transportation or lodging arrangements. In the event of changes being made, refunds will be given only in accordance with the provisions of the "WorldStrides Terms and Conditions" supplied herewith.
- 11 I understand that it is my responsibility to secure all necessary travel documents, including passport, visas, transit visa and any required travel insurance unless specifically arranged for the group by WorldStrides. Failure to do so does not constitute grounds for a refund except according to the normal cancellation guidelines as outlined in the "WorldStrides Terms and Conditions."
- 12 I acknowledge my choice to travel with the teacher/Program Leader organizing my group, and I understand that this choice is not the responsibility of WorldStrides. I understand that WorldStrides reserves the right to reassign my group to a replacement teacher/Program Leader should my original Program Leader be unable to, or determine not to, participate in the tour and that the standard cancellation policy will apply if I choose not to travel with the new Program Leader.
- 13 Any film or video likeness taken of me while participating in an WorldStrides program and any comments or statements made by me while participating in an WorldStrides program may be used in future promotional or other materials published by WorldStrides without payment of any consideration therefor.
- 14 I understand that as a participant or as a parent of a participant I authorize my first name and last initial to be included in an online roster.
- 15 This Agreement, and the Terms & Conditions supplied herewith, constitute the entire Agreement (collectively, "Agreement") between WorldStrides and me. I understand that no warranty or representation not herein, including but not limited to any oral statements made to me by agents of WorldStrides or by my school or Program Leader, applies to any WorldStrides tour. This agreement may be amended or modified only in writing, signed by an WorldStrides officer at WorldStrides' main office in Toronto, Canada.



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Greece travel advice

Take normal security precautions

Latest updates: Entry and exit requirements – updated information on the Entry/Exit System (EES)

Last updated: October 15, 2025 15:50 ET

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Risk level

Greece - Take normal security precautions

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Safety and security

Demonstrations and strikes

Demonstrations

Demonstrations take place regularly, particularly in Athens and Thessaloniki. They are usually held on days of social or historical significance, such as:

- Workers' Day on May 1
- the commemoration of the Athens Polytechnic uprising of 1973 on November 17
- the commemoration of the riots of 2008 on December 6

In Athens, demonstrations and marches occur primarily in areas around:

- Syntagma Square, in front of the Greek Parliament
- Omonia Square
- the National Technical University complex on Patision Avenue
- Exarchia neighbourhood

In Thessaloniki, they occur primarily in areas around:

- Aristotelous Square
- Egnatia Street
- the Arch of Galerius
- the campus of the Aristotle University

Even peaceful demonstrations can turn violent at any time.

Demonstrations and strikes can also lead to disruptions to traffic and public transportation.

- Avoid areas where demonstrations and large gatherings are taking place
- Follow the instructions of local authorities
- Monitor local media for information on ongoing demonstrations

Strikes

Strikes and pressure tactics occur regularly, particularly in key sectors such as transport and public health services. These strikes can disrupt travel and public services.

- Consult local media to be aware of strikes that may affect your stay or travel plans
- In the event of a transport strike, plan extra time to get to your destination

Mass gatherings (large-scale events)

Crime

Petty crime

Petty crime, such as pickpocketing, purse snatching and luggage theft occurs. Tourists are frequently targeted.

Organized groups of thieves often use distraction techniques and are particularly active:

- at tourist sites and attractions
- in restaurants, patios and bars
- in hotel lobbies
- on public transportation, including metro and trains to and from Athens International Airport

- at airports, bus and railway stations including Larissa and Peloponnese stations in Athens
- on beaches

While you're in Greece:

- ensure that your belongings, including your passport, are secure at all times
- don't keep your passport and other types of ID at the same place and carry a photocopy rather than the original
- avoid showing signs of affluence
- avoid carrying large sums of cash or unnecessary valuables
- pay attention to your surroundings, particularly in crowded and tourist areas
- be wary of unsolicited offers or advice from strangers
- avoid isolated areas, parks and down-market bars and restaurants, especially after dark

Violent crime

Violent crime, such as attacks committed by far-right extremists against individuals belonging to ethnic, religious or political minorities are uncommon, but do occur.

Always be vigilant and aware of your surroundings.

Spiked food and drinks

Never leave food or drinks unattended or in the care of strangers. Be wary of accepting snacks, beverages, gum or cigarettes from new acquaintances. These items may contain drugs that could put you at risk of sexual assault and robbery.

Victims of crime

If you are a victim of a crime, go to the nearest police station to report it. Keep a copy of your report, as you may need it to make a claim to your insurance provider.

If you are a victim of sexual assault:

- seek medical assistance, whether or not you appear to have been physically harmed
- contact the local police immediately and ensure they file a report
- inform consular officials at the nearest Canadian embassy or consulate

The Greek police has a dedicated unit to assist foreign tourists and offers services in English and other languages.

You can contact the tourism police 24/7 anywhere in Greece by dialling the 1571 or the regular police at 100.

Fraud

Credit card and ATM fraud occurs.

When using debit or credit cards:

- pay careful attention when your cards are being handled by others
- use ATMs located in public areas or inside a bank or business
- avoid using card readers with an irregular or unusual feature
- cover the keypad with one hand when entering your PIN
- check for any unauthorized transactions on your account statements

Overseas fraud

Terrorism

There is a threat of terrorism in Europe. Terrorists have carried out attacks in several European cities. Terrorist attacks could occur at any time.

Targets could include:

- government buildings, including schools
- places of worship
- airports and other transportation hubs and networks
- public areas such as tourist attractions, restaurants, bars, coffee shops, shopping centres, markets, hotels and other sites frequented by foreigners

Be particularly vigilant if attending:

- sporting events
- religious holidays
- other public celebrations

Terrorists have used such occasions to mount attacks.

Extremism

Extremist groups and organizations have used improvised explosive devices, bombs and arson attacks in urban areas to target:

- the Greek State and its institutions
- foreign commercial and diplomatic interests
- medias
- ethnic, religious and migrants' centers and organizations

While tourists are not specifically targeted, you could find yourself in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Always be vigilant and aware of your surroundings.

Women's safety

Foreigners have been sexually assaulted, most often on the islands.

Don't accept rides from strangers or casual acquaintances.

Advice for women travellers

Water activities

Swimming

Many beaches in Greece are supervised and enforce excellent safety procedures.

However, tidal changes and strong winds can cause hazardous currents and riptides.

Coral, urchin, jellyfish and other aquatic life found along reefs can poison, sting or cause infection if touched or stepped on.

- Always obey warning flags at beaches
- Ask local authorities about the presence of dangerous species and immediately seek medical assistance if you get hurt
- Wear reef shoes to protect yourself against stone and coral cuts or urchin stings
- Keep a safe distance from boats and restricted areas
- Avoid visiting beaches or coastal areas during periods of severe weather warnings
- Look out for signs warning of cliff erosion and falling rocks
- Don't dive into unknown waters, as hidden rocks or shallow depths can cause serious injury or death
- Exercise caution and follow the advice of the local authorities

Recreational boating

If you are planning to go boating:

- know the capacity of your boat and don't exceed it
- know and respect the navigation rules
- follow safe practices for all activities on the water
- keep a safe distance from areas reserved for certain activities such as snorkeling
- carry a VHF marine radio that will generate your position in case of emergency
- be prepared for emergencies

Adventure travel health and safety

Hiking

Outdoor activities, such as hiking, can be dangerous if unprepared. Trails are not always marked, and weather conditions can change rapidly, even in summer.

If you intend to go hiking or mountaineering:

- never do so alone, and do not part with your hiking companions
- obtain detailed information on your activity and on the environment in which you will be before setting out
- buy travel insurance that includes helicopter rescue and medical evacuation
- ensure that your physical condition is good enough to meet the challenges of your activity
- avoid venturing off marked trails
- ensure that you're adequately equipped and bring sufficient water
- stay informed about weather and other conditions that may pose a hazard

- be aware of the presence of dangerous species such as snakes
- inform a family member or friend of your itinerary
- dial 112 from a cellphone for any emergency

Road safety

Road conditions and road safety can vary greatly throughout the country.

Severe traffic congestion and difficult terrain may lead to hazardous driving conditions.

Accidents causing fatalities are common. Drivers often drive at excessive speeds and are reckless.

Drivers and speeding motorbikes don't always yield to pedestrians or bicycles. Exercise caution when walking, crossing streets or biking.

Motorbikes

Accidents involving tourists renting motorbikes, scooters or mopeds are common, especially on the islands.

Small, unlicensed rental agencies do not always offer vehicles that comply with up-to-date safety standards.

- Read the rental contract carefully
- Inspect the equipment before renting it
- Never drink and drive
- Reduce your speed on rough and uneven terrain
- In the event of an accident, wait for police to arrive

You may not be able to file an insurance claim without a police report.

Public transportation

Public transportation is generally safe and reliable. The bus network is extensive, and train services connect certain major cities. Athens has a modern metro system. Strikes may sometimes affect transportation services.

Taxis

Taxis are generally safe. Metered taxis are widely available.

There are fixed rates for transportation to and from Athens International Airport. Confirm the rate before departure.

Ferries

Ferries between mainland Greece and its islands meet European safety standards.

Weather conditions and strong winds can lead to cancellations or significant delays. Rough sea conditions may cause motion sickness, particularly on high-speed ferries.

- Pay attention to pre-departure notices from your carrier
- Always reconfirm departure schedule before heading to the port

Air travel

We do not make assessments on the compliance of foreign domestic airlines with international safety standards.

[Information about foreign domestic airlines](#)

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Entry and exit requirements

The authorities of a country or territory decide who can enter or exit through its borders. The Government of Canada cannot intervene on your behalf if you do not meet your destination's entry or exit requirements.

We have obtained the information on this page from the Greek authorities. It can, however, change at any time.

Verify this information with the [Foreign Representatives in Canada](#).



Entry/Exit System (EES)

The Entry/Exit System (EES) began operations on October 12, 2025.

The EES is an automated registration system for travellers from countries outside the European Union or the Schengen area. You will be required to register through this system upon arrival at the border of any of the 29 countries in the Schengen area.

You don't need to take any action before you travel. The EES collects information about your trip as well as your facial image and fingerprints.

Useful links

- [Travelling to Europe](#)
- [Entry/Exit System \(EES\) – European Union](#)

Schengen area

Greece is a Schengen area country. Canadian citizens do not need a visa for travel to countries within the Schengen area. However, visa-free travel only applies to stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period. Stays are cumulative and include visits to any Schengen area country.

Member states may reintroduce temporary controls at internal border crossings within the Schengen area. You may be required to pass through immigration controls when entering Greece, even if arriving from another Schengen area country. Verify if temporary border controls are in effect before you travel to Greece.

If you plan to stay in the Schengen area for a longer period of time, you will need a visa. You must contact the high commission or embassy of the country or countries you are travelling to and obtain the appropriate visa(s) before your departure.

Useful links

- [Schengen area](#)
- [Foreign Representatives in Canada](#)
- [Temporary Reintroduction of Border Control](#) – European Commission

Passport

Entry requirements vary depending on the type of passport you're travelling with.

Before you travel, check with your transportation company about passport requirements. Its rules on passport validity may be more stringent than the country's entry rules.

Regular Canadian passport

Your passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the date you expect to leave the Schengen area.

Passport for official travel

Different entry rules may apply.

Official travel

Passport with “X” gender identifier

While the Government of Canada issues passports with a “X” gender identifier, it cannot guarantee your entry or transit through other countries. You might face entry restrictions in countries that do not recognize the “X” gender identifier. Before you leave, verify this information with the closest foreign representative for your destination.

You should also be aware that current systems used by some countries and travel companies may not recognize the “X” gender identifier. You may still be asked to provide your sex/gender information as either male or female when travelling.

Other travel documents

Different entry rules may apply when travelling with a temporary passport or an emergency travel document. Before you leave, verify this information with the closest foreign representative for your destination.

Useful links

- [Travel and your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics](#)
- [Foreign Representatives in Canada](#)
- [Canadian passports and other travel documents](#)

Visas

Tourist visa: not required for stays up to 90 days in any 180-day period

Business visa: not required for stays up to 90 days in any 180-day period

Work visa: required

Student visa: required

Overstays

If you must stay in Greece longer than 90 days due to serious and unforeseen events, such as a medical emergency, you may be able to seek an extension of your stay as a visitor.

Present your request to the office of the Greek police on aliens' issues at least 15 days before your 90-day, visa-free period expires.

Yellow fever

Learn about [potential entry requirements related to yellow fever](#) (vaccines section).

Children and travel

Learn about [travelling with children](#).

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Health



Relevant Travel Health Notices

- [Measles: Advice for travellers](#) - 12 May, 2025
- [COVID-19 and International Travel](#) - 12 May, 2025

This section has information and advice about health risks you might face when travelling. Following this advice can help reduce your risk of getting sick. Not all risks are listed here.

It's best to talk to a healthcare provider or visit a travel health clinic preferably 6 weeks before your trip to get personalized health advice. Even if your travel date is coming up soon, it's still worthwhile to make an appointment.

Routine vaccines

Make sure your routine vaccinations are up-to-date before you travel, no matter where you're going.

These may include vaccines for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, varicella (chickenpox), meningococcal disease, seasonal flu, and others.

Provincial and Territorial Immunization Information

Pre-travel vaccines and medications

When travelling in this destination, you might be at risk for diseases that can be prevented with vaccines or medications. Talk to a travel health care provider about which ones are right for you based on your travel plans.

The highlights below will also tell you if your destination may require that vaccine for entering or exiting.

► Yellow Fever - Country Entry Requirements

► Measles

► Hepatitis B

► COVID-19

► Influenza

► Malaria

► Rabies

Safe food and water precautions

Eating or drinking unsafe food or water, or swimming in contaminated water can make you sick while travelling. Take precautions by following these tips:

- Boil it, cook it, peel it, or leave it (only eat food that is prepared safely)
- Avoid, if possible, getting water in your eyes, mouth, or nose when swimming in freshwater (like streams, lakes, or canals), especially after heavy rain or flooding - the water might look clean but can still be contaminated
- Don't swallow water when bathing, showering, swimming in pools, or using hot tubs

Eat and drink safely abroad

Tick and insect bite prevention

Many diseases are spread by bites from infected ticks and insects like mosquitoes, fleas, or flies. Before you travel, find out what types of ticks or insects are in the area, when they're most active, and what diseases they can spread.

To protect yourself from bites:

- use an approved bug spray (insect repellent) on exposed skin
- wear light-coloured, loose clothing made of tightly woven materials like nylon or polyester
- wear socks and closed-toe shoes
- sleep under mosquito netting if you're outdoors or staying in places that aren't fully enclosed
- do a full body tick check on yourself, your children, your gear, and any pets you're travelling with when you return from outdoor activities

Insect bite and pest prevention

Personal insect repellents

Animal precautions

Some infections can spread directly from animals to people, like rabies or bird flu (avian influenza). Others don't spread directly from animals but can infect people who visit areas animals have contaminated with their droppings or body fluids.

Certain activities can increase your chances of coming into contact with animals, their droppings, or their body fluids, like:

- travelling in rural or forested areas
- camping, hiking, or visiting caves
- visiting places where live animals are sold or killed for food, like wet markets

To reduce your risk of getting sick:

- avoid contact with animals like stray dogs, livestock (such as pigs and cows), monkeys, snakes, rodents, birds, and bats.

- stay away from places where animal waste can build up, such as caves
- avoid eating undercooked meat

Make sure to closely watch children; they are more likely to try to touch animals.

Person-to-person infections

When travelling, you can reduce your risk of getting or spreading respiratory infections, like the flu or COVID-19, by:

- staying at your accommodation and limiting contact with others if you're sick
- wearing a well-fitting mask, especially:
 - if you're sick and need to be around others
 - when you're at large indoor events or in crowded settings, like sporting events, concerts, and airports
- cleaning your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol
- covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow, not your hands

Mass gatherings (large-scale events)

Clean your hands to help reduce the spread of infectious diseases

Respiratory infectious diseases: How to reduce the spread with personal protective measures

To lower your risk of getting sexually transmissible infections (STIs), HIV, and mpox, you can:

- get vaccinated against mpox if you're eligible
- practise safer sex methods

- use barrier protection during sexual activity, like condoms and dental dams.

Mpox vaccines

Sexual health and travel

HIV and AIDS: Travel health advice

Medical services and facilities

Health care is adequate, but varies throughout the country.

Facilities are generally good in cities such as Athens and Thessaloniki and in towns that have large hospitals, such as Heraklion, Ioannina and Patras.

If you're travelling to smaller islands or to remote areas, you may need a medical evacuation to a central hospital, in the event of serious illness or injury.

Make sure you get travel insurance that includes coverage for medical evacuation and hospital stays.

Health and safety outside Canada

Keep in Mind...

The decision to travel is the sole responsibility of the traveller. The traveller is also responsible for his or her own personal safety.

Be prepared. Do not expect medical services to be the same as in Canada. Pack a travel health kit, especially if you will be travelling away from major city centres.

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Laws and culture

You must abide by local laws.

Learn about what you should do and how we can help if you are arrested or detained abroad.

Transfer to a Canadian prison

Canada and Greece are signatories to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons. This enables a Canadian imprisoned in Greece to request a transfer to a Canadian prison to complete a sentence. The transfer requires the agreement of both Canadian and Greece authorities.

This process can take a long time, and there is no guarantee that the transfer will be approved by either or both sides.

Drugs

Penalties for possession, use or trafficking of illegal drugs are severe. Convicted offenders can expect prison sentences and heavy fines.

Drugs, alcohol and travel

Identification

Local police may ask to see your identification at any time.

- Carry adequate identification at all times, such as your passport or residence permit
- Keep a photocopy of your passport in a safe place, in case it is lost or stolen

Photography

There are restrictions on photographing and filming:

- military installations and military personnel
- border areas
- harbours, airports and other transportation hubs
- churches, monasteries and monks
- schools

In and around these areas, you should always:

- verify if photography is allowed or if a special permit is required
- request permission if individuals are involved
- refrain from photographing or filming if in doubt
- comply with all requests from local authorities

Drones

Recreational and commercial flying of drones is regulated.

You must register your drone to use it across the European Union. If you don't comply, you may be fined and your drone confiscated.

Useful links

- [Information to visitors concerning drones](#) - Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA)
- [Civil drones](#) - European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Weapons

Greece has strict laws regarding the possession and use of weapons and items that may be used as weapons, such as:

- knuckledusters

- pocketknife
- pepper spray

Do not buy or travel with these items.

Cultural heritage and antiquities

There are strict laws regarding:

- purchase and exportation of antiquities and objects of special significance to the country's cultural heritage
- excavation and on-site archaeological research
- access to underwater archaeological sites
- filming and photography of archaeological sites for commercial purposes
- protection of archaeological sites and monuments

To avoid any difficulties, make sure you:

- have the proper permit to conduct activities related to cultural heritage and archaeological sites
- obtain and carry the required legal paperwork to purchase or export antiquities

While visiting archaeological sites and monuments:

- don't film or photograph unless it is clearly allowed
- stay on the dedicated paths and respect off-limits areas
- don't touch statues and monuments
- don't pick up rocks or any other artifacts found on site

[Greek Cultural Heritage law - Hellenic Society for Law and Archaeology](#)

Dual citizenship

Dual citizenship is legally recognized in Greece.

If you are a Canadian citizen, but also a citizen of Greece, our ability to offer you consular services may be limited while you're there. You may also be subject to different entry/exit requirements.

Dual citizens

National obligations

If you are a Canadian citizen, but also a citizen of Greece, or are eligible for Greek citizenship, you may be subject to compulsory military service and other aspects of Greek law.

Obtain a document certifying your status from the Embassy of Greece prior to travel.

Useful links

- National service - Embassy of Greece in Ottawa
- Greek citizenship - Embassy of Greece in Ottawa

International Child Abduction

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction is an international treaty. It can help parents with the return of children who have been removed to or retained in certain countries in violation of custody rights. The convention applies between Canada and Greece.

If your child was wrongfully taken to, or is being held in Greece, and if the applicable conditions are met, you may apply for the return of your child to the Greek court.

If you are in this situation:

- act as quickly as you can

- contact the Central Authority for your province or territory of residence for information on starting an application under The Hague Convention
- consult a lawyer in Canada and in Greece to explore all the legal options for the return of your child
- report the situation to the nearest Canadian government office abroad or to the Vulnerable Children's Consular Unit at Global Affairs Canada by calling the Emergency Watch and Response Centre

If your child was removed from a country other than Canada, consult a lawyer to determine if The Hague Convention applies.

Be aware that Canadian consular officials cannot interfere in private legal matters or in another country's judicial affairs.

Useful links

- [List of Canadian Central Authorities for the Hague Convention](#)
- [International Child Abductions: A guide for affected parents](#)
- [Children and travel](#)
- [The Hague Convention – Hague Conference on Private International Law](#)
- [Canadian embassies and consulates by destination](#)
- [Request emergency assistance](#)

Boating

If you plan on entering Greece by sea on your boat or a rented boat of a total length of over 7 metres, you must pay the Recreational and Daily Tour Cruise Ships fee (TEPAI). This must be done online prior to arrival.

Recreational and Daily Tour Cruise Ships fee - Independent Authority for Public Revenue (AADE) (in Greek)

Driving

As a tourist or temporary resident, you can drive with a valid Canadian driver's licence.

You must have valid insurance coverage.

You must wear a helmet when driving or as a passenger of a motorcycle, a scooter or a moped. You may be fined if you fail to comply.

Carrying an individual in an irregular migration situation in your vehicle, even without your knowledge, is a criminal offence. Don't pick up hitchhikers.

Driving in Greece - European Commission

Money

The currency of Greece is the euro (EUR).

ATMs may not be easily available in remote areas or may be out of cash. Make sure to carry some money if you plan on visiting small islands and remote regions.

If you are carrying €10,000 or more, or the equivalent in other currencies or monetary instruments, you must make a declaration to customs when you enter or leave the European Union.

This does not apply if you are travelling within the European Union or in transit to a non-EU country.

EU Cash Controls – European Commission



Natural disasters and climate

Seismic activity

Greece is located in an active seismic zone. Major earthquakes could occur and can cause significant damage.

Volcanoes

Santorini and Nisyros islands have active volcanoes.

If you're travelling near an active volcano or are practising volcano tourism:

- closely monitor volcanic activity levels through local media and official sources
- ensure that you're well informed about conditions that may pose a hazard
- follow the advice of local authorities

Useful links

- [Latest earthquakes](#) – National Observatory of Athens
- [Volcanic eruptions](#) – Ministry for climate crisis and civil protections

Seasonal storms and flooding

Seasonal storms and heavy rains can cause severe flooding and landslides particularly during the spring and winter months. Roads may become impassable and infrastructure damaged.

Useful links

- Weather forecast and alerts – Hellenic National Meteorological Service
- Civil Protection Announcements – Greek Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection (Greek only)

If you are in or near an affected area:

- monitor local media for the latest regional weather forecasts
- follow the advice of local authorities, including evacuation orders and phone alerts from the 112 emergency notification system

Meltemi wind

The Meltemi or Etesian is a strong wind that regularly sweeps the Aegean and the eastern Mediterranean seas from May to September. It can blow uninterruptedly for several days. This wind may bring high waves, strong currents and may disrupt transportation.

If you travel to Greece during this period:

- expect possible transportation delays or cancellations
- be very cautious if sailing or boating
- avoid swimming during rough sea conditions
- monitor the latest regional weather forecasts

Wildfires

Wildfires are common between July and September, particularly in:

- the Peloponnese
- Central Greece
- Eastern Macedonia and Thrace
- the northern areas of Athens.

The air quality in areas near active fires may deteriorate due to heavy smoke.

In case of a major fire:

- stay away from affected areas, particularly if you suffer from respiratory ailments
- follow the advice of local emergency services personnel, including evacuation orders
- monitor local media for up-to-date information on the situation

[Latest information on fires](#) – General Secretariat for Civil Protection

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Need help?

Local services

- ▶ [Emergency services](#)

Consular assistance

- ▶ [Athens - Embassy of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Thessaloniki - Honorary consul of Canada](#)

For emergency consular assistance, call the Embassy of Canada to Greece, in Athens, and follow the instructions. At any time, you may also contact the [Emergency Watch and Response Centre](#) in Ottawa.



Useful links

- [Register as a Canadian abroad](#)
- [View travel insurance information](#)
- [Read our Traveller's Checklist](#)
- [Advice for different types of travellers](#)
- [What to do if things go wrong](#)

Disclaimer

The decision to travel is your choice and you are responsible for your personal safety abroad. We take the safety and security of Canadians abroad very seriously and provide credible and timely information in our Travel Advice to enable you to make well-informed decisions regarding your travel abroad.

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If you need consular assistance while abroad, we will make every effort to help you. However, there may be constraints that will limit the ability of the Government of Canada to provide services.

Learn more about [consular services](#).