

GREECE



Topographical map of Greece.



The remaining columns of the Temple of Apollo in Delphi

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Greece is a state which is situated on the south of Europe. Its neighbours are: the Republic of Macedonia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Albania. Between Greece and Turkey there is the Mediterranean Sea. Eighty percent of Greece consists of mountains. The highest mountain is Mount Olympus (2 917m). Many tourists go to Greece on holiday – to the sea and to see ancient monuments.



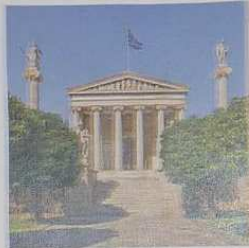
Greek beaches



Mount Olympus

ATHENS

The capital city of Greece is Athens. About 4 million people live there. The city has its own airport and port. Only about 40% of inhabitants are Greek people. There are a lot of people from Poland and Albania. It is a very old city. The first notes are from 3 000 BC. Around 1 400BC the first royal castle was built on Acropolis.



Academy of Athens

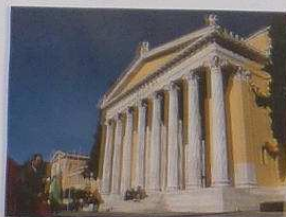


Goddess Athena



The Parthenon on the Acropolis of Athens

Athens is a city which attracts tourists so transport is very important. There are three metro lines underground and in the streets you can use about 4 000 buses, 14 000 taxis. Inhabitants of Athens use tramways and trolleybuses a lot too. There are 140 theatres (even more than in London). Athens is a birthplace of many famous people, e.g. Platón, Greek King Constantin I. etc.



Zappeion Hall



Athens modern trams



Acropolis of Athens



Temple of Olympian Zeus



Olympic fire for Olympic games