

Summer in Greece

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Info Session

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Welcome

Welcome to the info session about the Summer Abroad program in Greece 2025.

In this session, we will cover the following topics:

- Program Overview
- Academic Opportunities
- Cultural Experiences
- Travel and Accommodation
- Application Process



Where is Greece?

At the crossroads of Europe, Asia & Africa

Cradle of Western civilization

- Democracy
- Olympic Games
- Medicine
- Philosophy
- Drama
- Political science
- Literature
- Mathematic and scientific principles



Why should I go Study Abroad?

- Gain international experience (& independence)
- Travel the world, meet new people
- Enhance your language skills (learn a new language)
- Develop skills and abilities (communication, problem-solving, adaptability)
- Learn about another culture first -hand (immerse yourself & live like a local)
- Better understand & share your own culture (tell the world who you are)
- Reach personal, academic, & professional goals (challenge yourself)



Program Overview

The Summer Abroad program in Greece offers students a unique opportunity to:

- Study the Greek Language ,History and Culture
- Earn academic credits
- Immerse themselves in Greek & European culture
- Explore beautiful landscapes and historic sites



Cultural Experiences

Participants will have the chance to:

- Visit ancient ruins and archaeological sites
- Participate in traditional Greek festivals and events
- Enjoy Greek cuisine
- Enjoy the Greek Dances
- Engage with local communities and make new friends

Academic Opportunities

The Program Summer I in Greece combines classroom study of the Greek language, history, literature, and culture of Greece and field trips to introduce students to all aspects of Greek life.

Special emphasis is placed on visiting and exploring significant monuments and historical sites, not only in Athens but also through field trips to the Island Aegina ,Nafplio, Ancient Olympia, Island of Spetses, Epidaurus, Island of Hydra.

Students take 2 courses :

- one **Greek language course GRK 121 Elementary Modern Greek I** - very basic level with the basic conversation, (3 credits) &
- one **Selected Readings in European Studies EUR 447** - this course will allow the students to explore and familiarize themselves with the history of the country, from Ancient Greece to present day (3 credits)

Earn **SBU 6 credits** towards your degree

- Language Credit part 1 EXP
- Upper Division 3 Credits

Program Description

- Some days will be devoted to Greek Language course (GRK121) and selected readings course (EUR 447)
- In addition, the students will be learning about the places that will be visited and their importance prior to the visits
- Other days will be devoted entirely to field trips and excursions.

*NOTE: all the course material (syllabus, general instructions, orientation ppt, daily schedule) will be post on Brightspace

Duration of the Program

May 27 - June 22

May 27 - June 5 : Online Synchronous Classes

June 6 : Departure from NYC - (overnight flight)

June 7 - June 22: **GRK 121 In person class (in Greece)**

EUR 447 Online class

June 22 : Departure from Athens / Arrival to NYC

Travel and Accommodation [\(click here\)](#)

- **Athens**
- **Aegina**
- **Hydra**
- **Nafplio**
- **Spetses**
- **Ancient Olympia**
- **Athens**

*the dates of individual trips are still tentative





Ancient Olympia

Mycenae

Corinth Canal

Asclepius

Epidaurus

Athens

Aegina

Hydra

Sounio

Nafplio

Spetses

What to Eat in Greece

- With a focus on freshness and organic growth, it is nearly impossible to get a bad meal in Greece.
- There is a huge variety of food and drink that caters to everyone including vegetarians, vegans and people with food allergies.



Program Itinerary & Highlights

Athens

Visit and walk in the Plaka & Monastiraki area

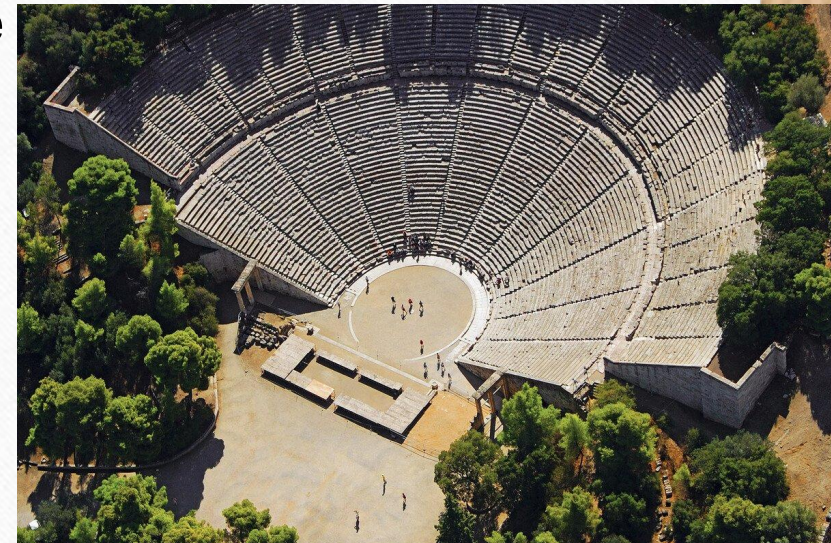
Explore some of the most important sites in Athens and the beaches with the convenience of a double-decker hop on/hop off bus. Athens & Beach-Riviera Tour

Visit to Acropolis of Athens in the UNESCO World Heritage

Aegina

Visit the Temple of Aphaia and Lecture on site

Visit the seaside village of Agia Marina & enjoy the sandy beach & Greek food



Program Itinerary & Highlights

Nafplio

Tour of Nafplion's Old City / Visit to [Palamidi](#) & [Bourtzi](#) & Lecture on the site

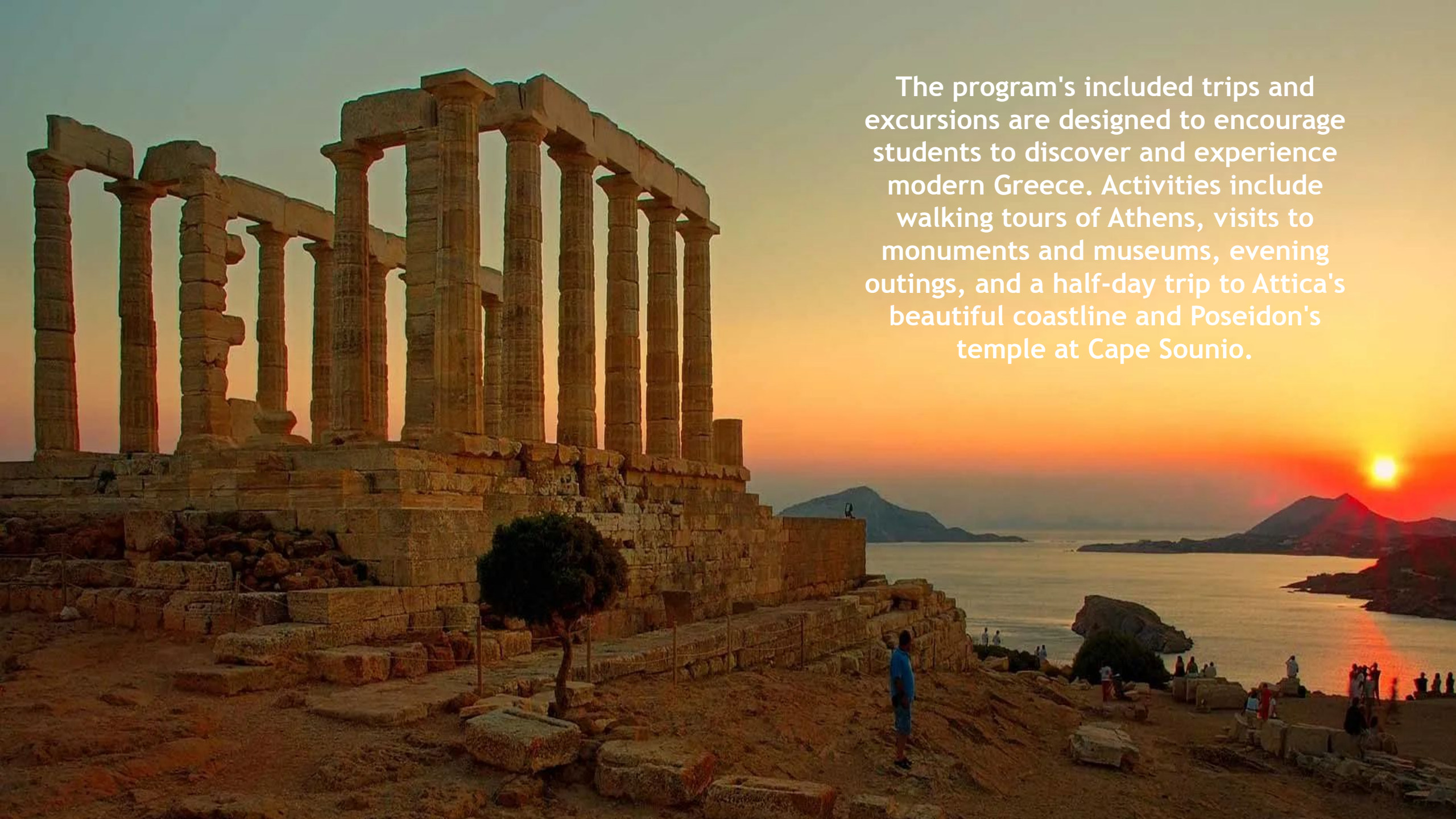
Day trips to [Ancient Olympia](#) , [Day trip to the islands of Hydra & Spetses](#) , [Epidaurus Ancient Theater / Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus](#) / [Mycenae](#) & Lectures on the sites

Athens

Visit to [Acropolis Museum](#) & Lecture on the site

Visit to Benaki Museum / [Museum of the History of Greek Costum](#) / [National Gallery of Art](#) & Lecture on the site





The program's included trips and excursions are designed to encourage students to discover and experience modern Greece. Activities include walking tours of Athens, visits to monuments and museums, evening outings, and a half-day trip to Attica's beautiful coastline and Poseidon's temple at Cape Sounio.

Housing

Overview of the housing accommodations

- Location/neighbourhood
- How housing arrangements will work
- What is included in housing (ex: furnished, WiFi, shared rooms/individual rooms, shared restroom, common space, etc.)

Lots of gratitude and appreciation for **Mrs. Efi Spentzos** who negotiated all the activities and accommodations, and who will be on site in Greece during the program



Scholarships Summer Abroad



- Cost Sheet
- You may be able to apply **financial aid** toward your program. Please speak to the financial aid office
- **IAP Scholarship**
 - 3.0 or above GPA, personal statement
- **SBU Hellenic Studies Scholarship**
(Tsantes scholarship)
- Follow IAP on **Instagram**
(@sbustudyabroad) to enter to win \$500 toward your program fee

Application

- Eligibility requirements vary by each program (GPA, language ability, etc.)
- 300 word statement of purpose
- Official transcript
- Student Conduct Form
- Scanned copy of passport
- 1 academic reference

Next Steps

- Apply for a passport!
- Attend/review the Summer Abroad First Step presentation
- Apply the application deadline: **February 1, 2025**
- Schedule an appointment with the program's Study Abroad Coordinator
- Research funding resources and apply for scholarships by deadlines



[Summer in Greece 2024 Part I \(click here\)](#)



[Summer in Greece 2024 \(part II\)](#) (click here)



Questions.....

