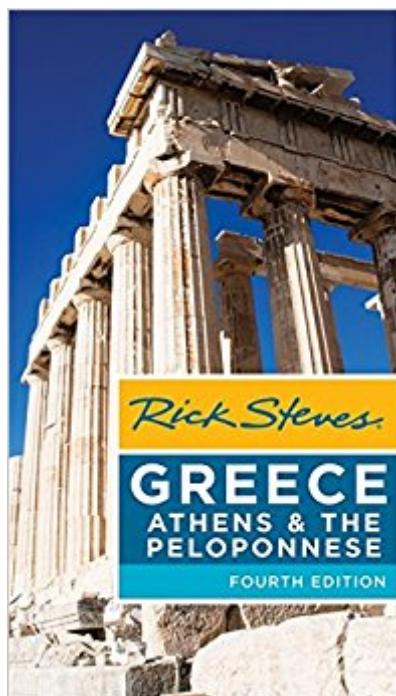


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# Rick Steves Greece: Athens & The Peloponnese



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Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Europe Through the Back Door<sup>®</sup> in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle<sup>®</sup>; Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Since 1973, Rick Steves has spent about four months a year exploring Europe. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. Rick produces a best-selling guidebook series, a public television series, and a public radio show, and organizes small-group tours that take over 20,000 travelers to Europe annually. He does all of this with the help of a hardworking, well-traveled staff of 100 at Rick Steves' Europe in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle. When not on the road, Rick is active in his church and with advocacy groups focused on economic justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. To recharge, Rick plays piano, relaxes at his family cabin in the Cascade Mountains, and spends time with his partner Trish, son Andy, and daughter Jackie. Connect with Rick: [facebook.com/RickSteves](https://facebook.com/RickSteves) [@RickSteves](https://twitter.com/RickSteves)

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I wish, I had actually bought the book much earlier then why I did. We (family, kids) went to Greece earlier this summer wanting to experience the history, archeology and a bit of the Aegean islands experience. I started with the routine research on the web. This book had all the information that once can think of and a solid foundation. Caution: (1) As the title suggests, its for Athens and the Peloponnese. Its not if you are only looking for an exhaustive report on all Greek islands. (2) some of the pricing of museum tickets etc. are outdated. Now the Great Stuff: The guide covers very generously Athens city, and then Peloponnese (Nafplio, Epidavrus, Mycenea, Olympia, Kardamylia, Monemvasia). Then it covers Delphi, and the 3 islands of Hydra, Mykonos and Santorini. The introduction section covers basics of visiting a foreign country (e.g. money, currency, mobile phone, safety, language norms, Rick's tips on his back door travel philosophy and travelling as a local). I particularly found the maps, Rick's suggested walking tours and the best of all his tips on what to do based on how much time you have, the most helpful. I paired reading this book, with watching clips of his Greece program on Hulu. Our trip to Greece went flawlessly and we had a fabulous time. Our trip included (Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Naflion, Epidaurus, Santorini and Paros. Thanks to the tips and research founded on this travel guide.-- highly recommended.

I traveled to Athens, Greece for a conference. I did not know that the conference organizers were going to provide a local guide for a day trip to the Acropolis, so I bought this book and read the Acropolis section, downloaded and listened the MP3 Acropolis walk audio guide while the coach inched to the Acropolis parking lot through heavy traffic. On the site, Rick's book won hand's down: he (from the pages of his book on my BlackBerry) provided a much richer, more organized and enjoyable experience than the seasoned local guide. Again, Rick's personal and accessible style building on the fantasy of the reader, precise "I have seen the place" practical guidance, his opinions and intrepid cutting out unnecessary and unimportant detail made my day. Thank you and keep up the good work!

This book was a great addition to our trip. We used it for all the major archeological sites. I bought the kindle addition so I didn't have to lug it around. Make sure to check out the free downloadable tours as well. I only wish he had a full Greek island travel book. We found some great restaurants on Santorini, but there wasn't anything about Crete or Naxos (our other two island stops).

Rick Steves European guidebooks are informative and comprehensive. The guidebook on Greece: Athens & The Peloponnese does not disappoint. I am not using a travel agent for my first trip to Greece (and Europe) but have confidence with using Rick's guidebooks and doing some of my own research that I will be a well-informed traveler. And I will be taking the guidebook with me as I tour Athens and Thira (Santorini) as it includes maps, directions, history of Greece and much more!

I always rely on Rick Steves for his European travel guides. No other guide compares to the level of detail and personal care. The recommended places to visit, eat, see, etc., are all top notch, and the guided walks are truly the best way to see sights and the city and learn something about it that one will take away forever. I highly recommend all his other European guides as well. I never visit any place without reading it first!

Used the book on a recent trip to Greece. This is all you need. Be sure to look into using the FREE downloadable podcasts of tours. We loved the tour of Athens. The museum tours are also very well done.

Rick Steves is the best ever. He can do no wrong. Thorough, precise, funny, smart, to the point. Everything you can think of and lots you'd not know to ask. LOVE.

Great overall look for area noted on cover. Would like larger translation section on useful words when traveling.

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