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Greece Explorer

19th June – 3rd July 2020

The historical and cultural heritage of Greece continues to resonate throughout the modern western world - in its literature, art, philosophy and politics. It gave us democracy, theatre, and could even be seen as the first European Union. But don't hold that against it - it's a great country for off road expeditions, offering great value for money and stunning scenery.

Situated at the far south of the Balkan peninsula, Greece combines towering mountains with over 1,400 islands. I'm constantly surprised at the amazing range of flora and animals that Greece offers. From bears in mountains to schools of bright fish off sandy beaches, Greece is an unspoilt land. Its people are warm and friendly, its food diverse and its culture a blend of Europe, Middle East and Asia. Coincidentally it also has an unrivalled network of tracks allowing us to explore this new destination off road.

For this trip we'll visit the Peloponnesus – the far south of Greece jutting in to the Aegean and Ionian Seas. Starting at Patras we'll spend time off road in the Kallidromo Mountain working our way east through mountains and lush forests before swinging south to dry rocky headlands fringed with sandy beaches - it's the perfect introduction. You can start the day in snow in the mountains and end it wild camping on warm, golden sands on the Aegean Sea eating freshly caught and cooked fish from the local taverna. Its warm climate makes this the perfect destination for some summer sunshine. With our shipping option across the Ionian Sea it's not even that far away – a perfect break for all the family.





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Summary

Start point	Patras
Finish point	Patras
Number of days	12 days, 12 nights. Meet the evening of the 7 th April
Approx. distance	1200 km
Road conditions	Mixture of gravel, rock tracks and local roads.
No' of vehicles	Maximum of 6 vehicles or 12 adult guests plus our support vehicle.
Accommodation used	Accommodation will be in good standard campsites with toilet/shower facilities, or wild camping in the pristine countryside. 1-2 nights will be in rural hotels.
Specialist equipment - vehicle	A well maintained and serviced 4x4 vehicle fitted with underbody protection. A CB radio must be fitted or Kostas can loan you a radio free of charge. Tyres of All Terrain or Mud Terrain tread patterns are most suitable. Front and rear recovery points and a full set of recovery equipment (strops and shackles) is essential, along with a spade. A winch is not essential and additional fuel cans are not needed. A vehicle fridge/coolbox is useful for cold drinks and keeping food fresh.
Specialist equipment - camping	Either roof or ground tents are suitable. You will need good quality sleeping mats if using ground tents, along with sleeping bags. You should bring your own chairs, table, stove, pans, cutlery and utensils. Clothing can be light as the days will be hot, in the sheltered valleys, however you should bring some warm and windproof outer wear as there will still be snow on the peaks. Protection from the sun and UV is needed.
Passport	Required.
Visa	Not needed for citizens of the EEU.
Health	No special requirements beyond small first aid kit and EHIC – European Health Entitlement Certificate (available from UK Post Offices).
Cost of living	Comparable or slightly less than the UK. You will be able to withdraw Euros from ATM's and credit cards are widely accepted.



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Weather

Warm and sheltered in the valleys but it can be cool up on the mountains, snow will still be present on the high peaks. Gets dryer and warmer as we head east and south.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average daily temp												
Max ° C	11	13	16	21	26	30	34	33	29	24	17	13
Min ° C	4	4	7	11	15	19	22	20	17	14	10	6
Rainfall mm	95	82	60	58	49	47	24	9	33	69	64	117

Food and Shopping

Food is readily available even in small villages, traditional dishes and superb ingredients make this a real gastronomic explorer as well! Meals can be cooked individually or communally, the choice is yours and we will co-ordinate and assist you with food purchasing while in country.

Schedule and Pace

The route and timings are not fixed, we will be free to break journey, stop and explore, as you desire. We aim to be in the campsite by 17.00 on most days to allow us to relax and enjoy the experiences of the day. The daily distances driven vary due to the terrain and ground conditions but a typical day will be 2-3 hours driving in the morning, 1 hour for lunch and then a further 2-3 hours driving. There will be two rest / non driving days during the trip when you'll be free to explorer or rest as you choose, additionally there will be time to visit major sites and attractions on our route.

Outbound shipping

The crossing from Dover to Calais is made by ferry and is included in the expedition price. You are free to specify your own preferred dates and times. You can then either drive across Europe to our meeting point in Greece – a great way to see some extra countries if you want and save the ferry cost or take the inclusive shipping option from Ancona in Italy to Patra in Greece.

Note – While this section of the expedition is unsupported by OneLife Adventure, we are happy for you to join us as we drive down to Acona – perfect while you get used to driving “ on the wrong side”! Accommodation, meals and refreshments you take during this transit stage are not included.

Inbound Shipping

The return crossing from Calais to Dover is made by ferry and is included in the expedition price. Again you are free to break the return journey and specify the ferry dates and times allowing you to extend your holiday as you choose.

Note – As for the outbound journey, this section of the expedition is also unsupported by OneLife Adventure but again you are welcome to join us for the return. Accommodation, meals and refreshments you take during this transit stage are not included.



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Cost

- £1599 per person for the first 2 adults (based on 2 sharing) **inclusive of Dover Calais ferry crossings.**

The expedition price includes **flexible return ferry crossing from Dover to Calais, all campsite/accommodation costs, full backup and guiding from the support team.**

- ***If one adult and one under 16 only then the price is for 2 adults.***
- ***Under 16's - £250 each.***
- ***Adult single supplement, add £599.***
- ***For each additional adult up to a maximum of 4 per vehicle, add £425***
- ***Your fuel, food, snacks, drinks and personal spending are not included.***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THIS
EXPEDITION
PLEASE CONTACT US**

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED – maximum of 6 vehicles or 12 adults!

OneLife Adventure Expedition Rating System

GREECE EXPLORER



Easy, short driving days, suitable for families and drivers with basic off road driving skills.



Easy camping with occasional wild sites interspersed by sites with facilities, no technical needs, suitable for families and young children.



Higher off road content, moderate driving days, suitable for families and medium off road driving skills.



50% wild camping, some technical needs, suitable for families and young children used to camping.



Longer days occasionally and high content of off road driving, recoveries likely and moderate levels of off road skills needed.



80% wild camping +, weather or environment requires some technical clothing/equipment, suitable for experienced families with older children.



Long days and long distances are the norm, likely to encounter severe hazards and will require teamwork to succeed, experienced drivers.



Extreme weather (hot, wet or cold), will require extensive technical equipment, irregular meals and physical discomfort will be the norm! Success is achieving the destination – Camel Trophy style.

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