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The oldest Greek citizen in the United Kingdom, Mrs Pizza Morley, celebrated her 101st birthday on April 9, 2022. The Greek Embassy presented her with a birthday cake, along with warmest wishes. Happy Birthday Mrs Morley !



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On Tuesday, April 26, following an invitation from the Prince of Wales, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis visited the Dumfries House, in Scotland, where he met with the Prince of Wales. During his visit, the Prime Minister was given a tour of the historic building and the Dumfries House estate, which has been managed by The Prince's Foundation since 2007, with major restoration projects undertaken to preserve the important cultural heritage of the region. The meeting of the Prime Minister with His Royal Highness focused on the holistic strategy implemented by The Prince's Foundation for the restoration of Dumfries House and the surrounding estate, the development of educational, environmental and cultural activities and the establishment of the estate as a "green" landmark, open to the public throughout the year, offering employment opportunities to the local community. The Prince's Foundation welcomes thousands of schoolchildren to Dumfries House every year offering courses that promote respect for the natural environment. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis underlined that his goal is the promotion, in the same manner, of the Tatoi estate and facilities.

Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and the Prince of Wales participated on Tuesday, April 26, in the teleconference with the Greek Council of the Prince's Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI), which aims to recognize fundamental rights concerning the ecosystem and the development of a sustainable future. At the beginning of the teleconference, which was the first session of the Greek Council, the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister made some very interesting remarks:

Prince of Wales:(...)I'm so grateful to you all for being able to join. And I'm even more delighted that the Prime Minister is here beside me, having managed to make the journey very kindly. And he's now here at Dumfries House. And I must say I was particularly encouraged to hear about all the discussion you've been having on how we can make the SMI Greek Council a really effective catalyst both in Greece and, of course, internationally. And I know just how critical Greek businesses are, for instance, to global industry. And if I may say so, Prime Minister, Greece has a real opportunity to demonstrate pioneering global leadership on the green economy. And similarly, I cannot tell you how delighted I was that Athens was the first city to sign up to the "Terra Carta" principles after our visit to Greece last March, when I think I met most of you on that occasion. And here again, cities with their unique responsibilities and purchasing power have an outsized role, I would suggest, in achieving green ambitions(...)And cities are uniquely placed, at the end of the day, to deliver green and sustainable solutions at the community level, be this energy-efficient buildings, green public transportation, or indeed, waste management and utilization. And Athens' leadership, as a C40 city, has – really encouragingly – inspired more cities to explore the Terra Carta as a helpful roadmap for their partnership with the private sector and with investors. And here I look forward, if we can, to showcasing Athens' example(...)

Kyriakos Mitsotakis: Your Royal Highness, Mayor of Athens, Honored Guests, Ladies and gentlemen. First of all, thank you so much for hosting me in



this spectacular setting. It was really a worthwhile trip to better understand exactly what it is you've done here at Dumfries House. As you know, we have committed significant resources towards the restoration of Tatoi. But Tatoi should not just be a weekend destination for Athenians looking to escape the city. It can become a true center of cultural education, vocational training, agribusiness. What you've done here is truly remarkable. And the way you have engaged with the local community is really offering young people lots of hope and a much more promising future...It's a privilege to be able to participate in this gathering. It's very important that we're able to launch the SMI Greek Council. The companies that are participating are all leaders in their respective fields. And of course, Athens has been paving the way towards implementing what it means turning a city with a legacy of environmental issues into a model for a sustainable future. And of course, as you know and as we've discussed, the government is fully invested in our green agenda and we also plan to use significant funds available from the Recovery and Resilience Facility towards that purpose...We are allocating 37% of our total resources under the plan. The plan itself is €32 billion. So we're talking about a total that exceeds €12 billion towards the green transformation... We have very bold ambitions when it comes to decarbonization. We're quickly moving away from coal and of course we have ample wind and solar capacities in Greece, as you know very well, and we're launching flagship programs around making our buildings more energy efficient (....) I understand there are hundreds of companies that are technological leaders, important financial investors, and it is exactly this interdisciplinary approach which I find fascinating in areas such as shipping, for example, where I aspire Greece to be a leader in charting the path towards decarbonizing shipping. I'm sure we can learn a lot from this amazing network of companies that you have put together. So I think this is just a first opportunity for the participants to talk a little bit more about what they're doing in their respective fields, but also for us to be able to coordinate interaction between the network at its global level and what we can do in Greece...

The main expression of SMI is the Terra Carta initiative. Athens was the first city that adopted the Terra Carta,

in March 2021, signed by Mayor Kostas Bakoyannis. The teleconference, which was organized upon initiative of the Municipality of Athens, was attended by the Mayor of Athens Kostas Bakoyannis, the CEO of Athens International Airport and President of SMI Greek Council Yiannis Paraschis, the Chairman of Aegean Airlines Eftichios Vassilakis, the CEO of Diana Shipping Inc Semiramis Paliou, the CEO of Ellactor Group Efthymios Bouloutas, the CEO of Energean Mathios Rigas, the President and CEO of Vodafone Greece Haris Broumidis, the member of the Board of Directors of Viohalco Group Michael Stassinopoulos, Filippos and Andonis Lemos representing Avra Foundation and the Vice Chairman of Bank of America Paul Donofrio.



Greeks around the world celebrate Easter



Greek Deputy Minister of diaspora Greeks Andreas Katsaniotis celebrated with Greeks across the world, honouring everyone who helped throughout the pandemic, leading to a new beginning this Easter while also recognising

the sacrifices that were made by Greeks abroad who weren't able to visit their homeland during the biggest celebration in Christianity. The Vice Minister stated his well wishes for Greek nationals in Ukraine during this difficult period, as well as the locals who underwent this celebration of Christian faith under such harsh circumstances. Lastly drawing comparisons between importance of upholding international law now and the values fought for in the Greek revolution for which the 200th annual celebrations took place last year sending a message of support and hope to Greeks around the world.

The 2022 Greek Christian Orthodox Easter was celebrated on the 17th of April. For the first time in two years celebrations could take place without the many restrictions of the worldwide pandemic that had previously plagued Greeks of the United Kingdom as well as the rest of the world allowing them to fully participate and endure the biggest Greek holiday. For many, Easter was about finally spending Easter along with their family while others chose to take advantage of the good weather and enjoy nature visiting one of the many beautiful locations in Greece known for their iconic celebrations during the biggest Greek holiday with traveling being possible this year.

While all of the locations mentioned are worth a visit in anyone's recommended trip to Greece, visiting them in Easter is a whole different experience. Traditions that have lasted decades and centuries still take place annually and allow for a visual interpretation of the meaning of Greek Orthodox faith to Greeks across Greece observed by anyone who is lucky enough to be present. Some of the most iconic ones one might stumble upon during research into Greek Easter tradition are Chios, Leonidio and Corfu.

Chios is the fifth largest Greek island and mainly known through its export of Masticha, its history

and tradition are well worth a look with its Easter celebrations being one of the key aspects of the islands identity. After midnight as soon as Christ has risen for the past hundred years on Easter Sunday some citizens of Vrontados take to the streets with firecrackers aiming them at the "opposing" churches bell towers while others attend the service taking place in the same churches being "fired at". This results in an immense light show over the town, lighting up the night sky in celebration and making for some great pictures.

Second on the list is Leonidio. Leonidio is another city with a celebration that would make anyone's Easter memorable. Once again, this tradition aims to light up the sky at midnight with the rising of Christ, not with fireworks but with self-made hot air balloons. These balloons, estimated to be more than a hundred most years stay in the night sky for about 40 minutes with crowds swarming to either watch or participate the tradition.

Last but not least, perhaps the most famous tradition of all during Easter is Corfu's iconic "Botides" tradition. Easter Sunday in Corfu takes a different approach to the two aforementioned locations with celebrations taking place during broad daylight and focusing more on audio means rather than visual utilising Botides. Botides are a variety of large clay vases which are filled with water and laurel which locals break by dropping them off their balconies during the celebration. This "choice" is not made at random with the tradition of breaking Botides starting due to the belief it drove away evil spirits due to the loud noise made when it smashed into the ground and into pieces.

From simple nationwide traditional to more extravagant local identities Easter this year was celebrated with a lot of intensity due to the restrictions of the last two years. Greeks across the world whether travelling or not found different ways to celebrate Easter and Greek Orthodox faith during this great honouring of religion coming together physically as well as through their common celebration with fellow Greeks.



Ready for Vacations? Greece is there for you!

(Says British media)



April is a month when many people start to plan their summer holidays. So what's better than having suggestions for where to go, what to do, where to stay, what to eat, what to visit. And of course, what's the best place on earth to organize your summer vacations? Greece it is!! And for those who are in a hurry to go to Greece, there is always Easter and early summer!

- [Guardian](#) suggested some hidden destinations in Greece away from the beaten track: Astypalea, Alonissos, Kythnos, Ioannina, Gialova, Athos. Unique places away from the crowd, less known by tourists, but not to be forgotten!
- [Telegraph](#), under the title «Greek Odyssey» for an adventurous train travel, suggests also a trip to Greece for an island hopping experience.
- [Financial Times](#) propose Cretan recipes for a delicious travel to original Greek gastronomy.
- [Financial Times](#) suggest Kardamyli as a destination of historical and cultural interest, ideal for quiet vacations, for rest and meditation.
- For [The Independent](#) Greece is one of the ideal places to visit in April during Greek Orthodox Easter.
- [Telegraph](#) choses Zakynthos (Zante) to be the most family-friendly island, for unforgettable vacations.
- [Telegraph](#) opts for Paxos, Crete and Peloponnese for a "life detox" holiday, a wellness retreat from frenetic everyday life, holidays for mental and physical wellbeing, ideal places 'fly and flop' holidays.

- [Telegraph](#) pays attention on Aegina, which is only an hour's ferry ride from the Greek capital, is a classic weekend destination for Athenians, and now it's time for tourists to throw their attention on this island too.
- [The Spectator](#) loves Hydra, arguing that it's a journey less than two hours from Athens by ferry, it's a car-free island, with donkeys and boats as the main transport mean. Hydra is a Greek paradise on earth.
- [The Telegraph](#) writes about the 10 most popular islands in Greece – and the quiet ones you should visit instead, sharing secrets of favourite alternatives to the most popular spots.

All articles are accompanied by rich, colourful photographic material. The good news, were welcomed with enthusiasm by British public.

Life in Greece returns to normal. As of May 1st, display of vaccination or recovery certificate is not necessary, while the use of face masks remains mandatory for indoor areas until May 31st. Also, as of May 1 until August 30 all restrictions regarding the number of customers in venues is lifted and they can operate at 100 % capacity.



The Athens and Epidaurus Festival is back in town!

The Athens and Epidaurus Festival (AEF), with its inspirational program, is ready to welcome again all Greek and foreign theatre, music and dance artists from all over the world, offering to the audience a unique experience. The AEF is the biggest cultural festival in Greece and one not to be missed.

Two years after the coronavirus pandemic affected all cultural events in the world, the Athens and Epidaurus Festival is ready to welcome again acclaimed Greek and foreign theatre, dance and music artists offering to the audience a dynamic and inspirational programme. The AEF is the biggest cultural festival in Greece and one of the longest-running in Europe, a big summer celebration of performing arts attracting every year a wide audience from around the globe.

Since its birth in 1955, the Athens and Epidaurus Festival (the most prestigious cultural event in Greece), has offered a wide range of contemporary artistic production staged in ancient theaters and other venues presenting remarkable co-productions and aiming at global exchanges.

Online booking for Athens Epidaurus Festival 2022 performances is now available

Theatre, dance, music, talks and concerts, performances, world premieres and international co-productions comprise a lively festival summer with a programme that includes 70 productions featuring more than 2,000 Greek and international artists. A big summer celebration of Theatre, Music, and Dance that hosts exceptional Greek and world-renowned artists at the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, presents a powerful international programme at Peiraios 260, and welcomes much-anticipated world premieres and major Greek productions in Epidaurus. This summer, the Athens Epidaurus Festival enriches audiences' overall experience with a series of pre- and post-show events, along with outdoor Jazz Parties at Peiraios 260.

Become an Athens Epidaurus Festival friend with the FESTIVAL FRIEND card!

The Athens Epidaurus Festival embraces its loyal



audience even more warmly this year by launching the new FESTIVAL FRIEND membership service. Get your FESTIVAL FRIEND card now and enjoy great deals and ticket discounts for several Athens Epidaurus Festival 2022 events. Secure a wonderful Festival experience for your loved ones by offering them the FESTIVAL FRIEND card as a gift card.

Athens Epidaurus Festival 2022: Presentation of the artistic programme and the new visual identity

The artistic programme and visual identity of the Athens Epidaurus Festival 2022 were unveiled by the Artistic Director Katerina Evangelatos in a press conference held at Peiraios 260. The new visual identity is co-created by the G Design Studio and the internationally acclaimed artist Jannis Varelas.



- As of Sunday 01.05.2022, all travellers arriving in Greece are no longer required to display a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or evidence of a negative test result from SARS-CoV-2 infection
- TRAVEL DOCUMENT VALIDITY: In accordance with the Community Code on Visas short term visitors to Greece (and to the Schengen area in general) must be in possession of a valid travel document. The Travel document's validity shall extend at least three months after the intended date of departure from Greece (or the Schengen area in general), and it shall have been issued within the previous 10 years.



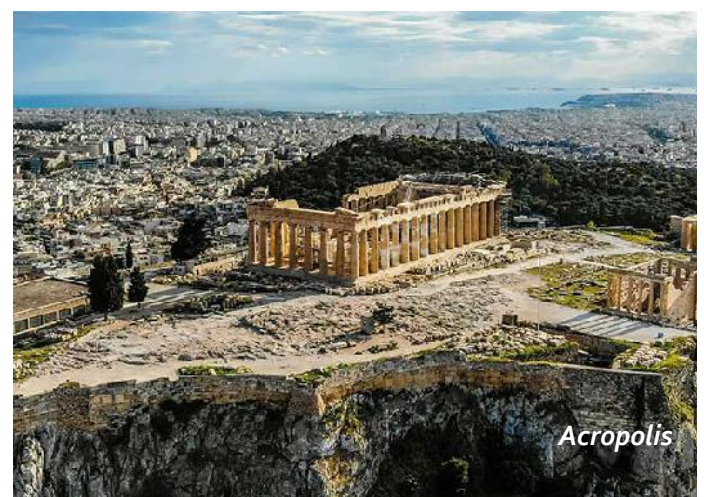
World Heritage Day : Greek World heritage Sites

The International Day for Monuments and Sites, known as World Heritage Day, is celebrated on 18 April. This day is all about increasing awareness of the importance of the cultural heritage itself, as well as of its diversity and maintenance through the ages. All ancient monuments, buildings, sites are a great asset for every nation in particular, and for humanity as a whole. It is, therefore, our obligation to promote and at the same time protect our cultural heritage so that all generations relish the cultural treasures for the years to come. So this day is the collective effort of all communities, all around the world.

UNESCO designated World Heritage Sites of outstanding universal value to cultural or natural heritage. As of 2021, in Greece there are 18 properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, 16 of which are cultural sites and two (Meteora and Mount Athos) are mixed, listed for both their natural and cultural value. The first Greek site added to the list was the Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae, Peloponnese in 1986. The next two sites were the Archeological site of Delphi and the Acropolis of Athens, in the following year. Five sites were added in 1988, two in 1989 and 1990 each, one in 1992, one in 1996, two in 1999, and one in 2007. The most recent site added was the Archeological Site of Philippi, in 2016.

Greece is one of those countries, paying special attention to its monuments, which represent Greek identity and constitute a Greek symbol worldwide. Being monuments of amazing richness and diversity, Greek World Heritage Sites, should not be missed!

[The 18 UNESCO Sites and Monuments in Greece - Greece Is \(greece-is.com\)](http://greece-is.com)



Live: An Evening of Ancient Greek Music

When: 06/05/2022, 7:30 pm

Where: Science Museum, IMAX: The Ronson Theatre, level 0

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/live-an-evening-of-ancient-greek-music/>**Empowering women's voices in Opera**

When: 06/05/2022, 7:00 pm

Where: The Hellenic Centre

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/empowering-womens-voices-in-opera/>**Music in Greek Cinema**

When: 07/05/2022, 7:15 pm

Where: The Hellenic Centre

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/music-in-greek-cinema/>**Τι θυμάσαι από το Θάνατό σου; - What do you Recall from your Death**

When: 07/05/2022, 5:30 pm

Where: The Hellenic Centre

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/what-do-you-recall-from-your-death/>**Stolen antiquities: Investigating known unknowns in the international market**

When: 09/05/2022, 6:00 pm

Where: Online

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/stolen-antiquities-investigating-known-unknowns-in-the-international-market/>**Greek Dialogues Online - Greek Weird Wave: a Movement or a Moment?**

When: 10/05/2022, 6:30 pm

Where: Zoom

<https://www.ccgscsah.cam.ac.uk/events/greek-dialogues-online-greek-weird-wave-movement-or-moment>**The Future of European Security after the War in Ukraine**

When: 17/05/2022, 5:00 pm

Where: Investcorp Auditorium, St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6JF

<https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/events/future-european-security-after-war-ukraine>**The EU as a State-builder in International Affairs: The Case of Kosovo**

When: 18/05/2022, 5:00 pm

Where: ESC Seminar Room and Zoom

<https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/events/eu-state-builder-international-affairs-case-kosovo>**Cyanotypes of Major and Minor Hellenic Archaeological Sites**

When: 25/05/2022-30/06/2022

Where: The Hellenic Centre

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/cyanotypes-of-major-and-minor-hellenic-archaeological-sites/>**Refugee Crises in Greece, 1922-2022: Ancient Histories in Modern Contexts**

When: 27/05/2022, 7:30 pm

Where: The Hellenic Centre

<https://helleniccentre.org/event/refugee-crises-in-greece-1922-2022-ancient-histories-in-modern-contexts/>**Embassy of Greece in London**

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