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# Living & working in **GREECE**

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# Greece: Main Facts and Figures

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## Location

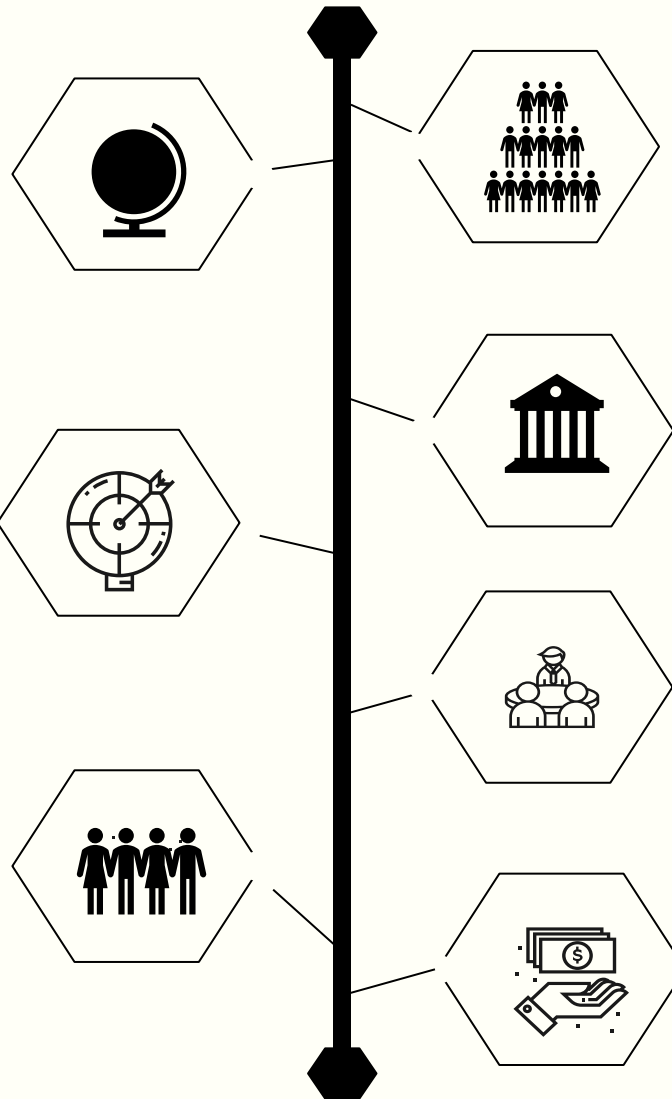
South – Eastern  
Europe

## Area

131.957 km<sup>2</sup>

## Population

10.482.487 (2021)



## Political system

Unitary Parliamentary  
Republic

## Capital

Athens

## Official language

Greek

## Currency

Euro



# Tourism sector in Greece

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The tourism sector in Greece, involving hospitality and catering, as well as entertainment, is **one of the country's most important sectors**, as it is estimated to create at least 220.000 seasonal jobs in the next decade.

While the **sea and sun** tourism are the driving forces in the sector, **other types of tourism** activities, like agritourism, religious tourism, tourism of archaeological interest and underwater antiquities have grown rapidly.

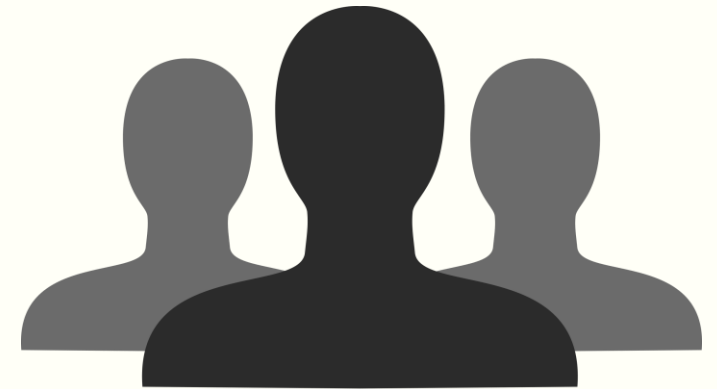
Thus, there is mostly **seasonal demand** for workers, especially from April to October.



# Most wanted occupations

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- Receptionists, responsible for catering, concierge, buffet person, bellhop
- Cooks and helpers, barmen, chefs, scullions
- Helpers in all kind of hotel functions, such as cleaning personnel, room and linen cleaners, maids, etc.
- Waiters and waiter assistants
- Tourist guides, responsible for outdoor activities, animators for outdoor activities and for creative activities for children, fitness gymnasts, lifeguards
- Gardeners, workers in building maintenance
- Personal curators such as beauticians, masseurs, etc.
- DJs



# Most wanted skills

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- Welcoming
- Friendly and kind
- Willing and helpful
- Flexible in working hours (rolling work schedule is often needed)
- Excellent communication skills
- Able to work in multicultural environment
- Able to work under pressure or under stress in fast rates



# How to apply: main agents

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Employment offices manage the national registry of unemployment and provide counselling, mentoring or other Employment services (<http://www.dypa.gov.gr>)



The formal European network of public employment services through which mobility is encouraged (<http://eures.europa.eu/>)



Private employment agencies certified by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security may provide similar quality services.



# Working conditions: Wages

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Legal minimum gross  
salaries since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023:

for the **Employee status** the minimum salary is 780,00 € (gross)

for the **Worker status** the minimum salary is 34,84 € (gross) per day

- *The salary depends on the working hours, shifts, overtime, as well as employment on Sundays and public holidays.*
- *In tourism sector apply collective agreements, while the negotiation between the employer and the potential employee is also important.*

# Living costs: accommodation

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## Rented accommodation

2 bedroom Flats	400-500€ per month
Houses	500-700€ per month
Small Rooms	300€ per month



The prices depend on the region, age, condition, equipment, proximity to public transport or other places of interest a.s.o.



# Living costs: prices

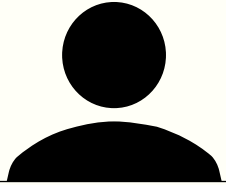
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Cigarettes	4,00 €
Loaf of bread	1,20 -1,50 €
Unleaded petrol	2,00 €
Cup of Coffee	3,00-3,50 €
Domestic beer 0,5lt	4,00 €
Glass of wine	6,00 €
Chocolate bar	2,00 €
Milk 1lt	1,20 €
Water (0.33 lt/bottle)	0,50 €
Pizza	8,00 €
Cinema ticket	8,00 €
90min trip bus/metro ticket	1,20 € (Athens)
Meal in a inexpensive restaurant	10,00 -12,00 €

# Finding & applying for a job: main tips

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A standard type Europass CV with a photograph included is quite efficient for the **tourism, entertainment, hospitality or catering** sectors.

## The CV must:

be short and to the point.

It should not in any case be longer than 2 pages

be written in English or the language demanded by the job offer.

mention any previous work experiences

# Before moving to Greece: checklist

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## Get your documents ready



A valid **passport** is mandatory for living and working in Greece.

Visa is not required for EU citizens.

International Driving license is also not required for countries listed in the Vienna Convention.

## Issue a European Health Insurance Card



The European Health Insurance Card is a free card that gives you access to medically necessary, **state-provided healthcare** during a temporary stay in any of the 27 EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the UK, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country.

# Thank you!

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