

# Holidays to Greece in May

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**T**hink iconic skylines with whitewashed domed houses set against bright blue sky and sea. Greece has an island to suit all tastes, whether you're looking for buzzing nightlife, or a calm and quiet escape.

Holidays to Greece in May fall in the middle of the country's quieter spring season, so you'll be avoiding those summer peaks, when beaches can be heaving with tourists, and higher prices (and temperatures) can set in. This makes it ideal for sightseeing, day trips and sunbathing on less-crowded beaches.

## WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

May is one of the best times of the year to take a holiday in Greece. Chances of rain are low, and temperatures at the start of the month on many islands are a balmy 18-20°C, slowly climbing up to around 22-23°C by the start of June. On the mainland, around Athens, daily temperatures can be between 21-24°C, giving you warm, spring weather to either hit the beach, shops or take a historical day trip.

## THINGS TO DO

May in Greece is much quieter (known as the shoulder-season), and this gives visitors ample opportunity to explore the island and avoid the crowds that begin to descend in June. If you're into watersports, the many islands on offer should have warm enough

temperatures for snorkeling, surfing and swimming, as well as al- fresco dining in the evening (a light jacket may be needed, though). History buffs can get their fix on the island of Crete at the archaeological site of the Palace of Knossos, or why not take a trip to The Acropolis in Athens – considered the most important ancient site in the Western world?

May is also the month for two important national holidays in Greece. The Day of the Holy Spirit frequently takes place in May, and is a feast that takes place 40-50 days after Easter. It celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit presented to the Apostles and asked them to teach Christianity to the world. This is a holiday for students, and sees many Greeks spending time with their families. The 1st May is also known as Greece's 'Labour Day', and is an urban holiday that sees Greek people traditionally going to the countryside for picnics. This feast is called Protomagia (meaning first day of May).

The warm temperatures make holidays to Greece in May quiet and calm, yet still full of warm sunshine. If you're looking for a laid-back escape without the crowds and sizzling temperatures, it's time to get booking!

