



Key Facts about Modern Greece

- There are 169 inhabited islands
- There are also about 2000 islets
- Greece is divided into 52 regions called nomoi
- The blue of the Greek flag represents the sea and sky
- The cross represents the Greek Orthodox Church
- The white lines represent the struggle for independence
- The unit of currency is the drachma
- The language is Greek which is written using its own alphabet
- About eight million people visit Greece each year and tourism is one of the biggest sources of income
- Four-fifths of Greece is covered in mountains
- The highest mountain in Mount Olympus at 2917 metres
- All the main rivers are in the north and none of them are navigable