

Active Greece

There is much more to a holiday in Greece than sun, sand and sea. Below we highlight just a few of the activities you can enjoy and where to find them.



Walking

Greece is famed for its wonderful walking opportunities, especially in early and late season.

Crete - May, Oct from £1250 pp

We offer walking holidays in a very unspoiled region of western Crete. The price is based on 2 sharing (single supplement applies) and includes flights, transfers, BB accommodation and materials. Please see page 179 for details.

Kythnos - all season (April to October) from £895 per person

Discover this most traditional and unspoiled small Cycladic island on foot. We call this Walking Plus, as most dinners are included in a local taverna, as well as the opportunity to partake in any village festivals that may be taking place. See page 196 for details.

South Peloponnese - May & October £470 per person (supplementary to regular holiday price)

These walking weeks take place in Chrani in the heart of the Messinian region towards the foot of the Peloponnese. The price is in addition to the regular package holiday price, which is from £700 per person staying at the Ilaira Apartments (£650 pp if you book by 31/1). See page 123 for details.

Locally guided walks

Guided walks available locally in Ithaca, southern Pelion, Skopelos and Olymbiada (Halkidiki).

Soft walking from your resort base

Our local representatives have been collecting walking information for many years, and have routes and directions to hand for our guests who want to walk from their resort base.

Walking information

Our holidays to Amorgos and Kythnos include a walking guidebook and we can send a free walking leaflet on request to clients staying in Western Pelion, Mani (Stoupa and Kardamili), Parga and Olymbiada (Halkidiki). In addition to all the above areas mentioned good independent walking opportunities are available almost everywhere, as mentioned in our resort descriptions.



Painting Holidays

Greece is known for its wonderful conditions for artists, from the quality of her light to the wide variety of subject matter, and such vibrant colours! So we are pleased to offer painting weeks in Western Crete.

The holidays are suitable for painters of all abilities, especially novices who will receive excellent one-on-one guidance and tuition. Our artist leader will guide you to the best painting spots.

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Combined Walking & Painting Holidays

Crete - May, Jun, Sep, Oct from £1250 pp

We also offer combined walking and painting weeks. These would suit those who prefer shorter walks or painting sessions – or perhaps couples with different interests. See page 179 for details.





On and in the sea

Water sports, sailing dinghies and sea kayaks

In Tolon all our guests are offered use of kayaks, windsurfing or dinghy sailing - and water ski (with or without tuition) can be pre-booked. Often a great option for families (water sports are generally fine from 7 years and up), especially in Tolon. Sea kayaking expeditions are available in Skopelos (Elios) and Ithaca, which also has snorkelling trips.

Scuba diving

Available last summer in Agistri, Alonissos (Patitiri), Crete (Chania, Paleochora, Panormos), Corfu (Aharavi), Kefalonia (Fiscardo and Ag Efimia), Ithaca, Lefkas (Nidri, Nikiana), Lemnos, Naxos (Ayia Anna), Parga, Paxos, Pelion (Afissos), Peloponnese (Pylos/Gialova, Finikounda, Kardamili, Tolon), Samos (Kerveli, Pythagorion), Sivota, Skiathos and Zakynthos. This is not a complete list so please enquire for other areas.

Motor boat hire

Can be pre-booked in many areas - see page 269 - and no prior experience is required. In Tolon all our guests are entitled to 2 hours free per party (or 5 hours water sports) - see resort pages. Could be more practical (and definitely more fun!) than hiring a car. Motor boats are available for local hire in many other areas - please enquire.

Sailing

The yachting capital of Greece is Nidri on Lefkas and Activity Holidays Greece offer a range of sailing options from here, including learn to sail, skippered charter, flotilla and bareboat. As we do not have the required sailing expertise we do not book sailing elements, preferring you to speak directly to and book your sailing with Activity Holidays. However for those who would like a week ashore and a week afloat we are happy to book all non-sailing arrangements - e.g. 1 week's accommodation with 2 week flights and transfers - and leave the sailing part for you to book with Activity. We will then co-ordinate with Activity regarding transfers etc. Please see www.activityholidaysgreece.com for sailing details.

Active kids?

Greece is great for families - warm safe waters, children welcomed in restaurants, and even a lot of old stones to clamber over thus ticking the guilt-relieving 'educational' box! However the choice of islands and resorts can be bewildering.

We'd urge you to look at our resort of Tolon in the north Peloponnese. With free water sports (dinghy sailing and windsurfing) for ages 7 and up - or motorboat hire for those with littler ones - free sea kayaks, free bicycles, a very safe sandy Blue Flag beach with shallow seas, and waterfront tavernas where you can sit with a drink and watch the kids splashing around in the shallows just below - what could be more perfect! And have we mentioned the wealth of history in the area? Tolon is without doubt the best placed resort in Greece for a little historical exploring.

Plus boat trips to Spetses and Hydra, an hourly bus to atmospheric Nafplion and its castles, pedalo to the island in the bay...we could go on. See page 135.

Greek cooking & dancing

1 week holidays where you learn Greek cooking or dancing are available in the South Peloponnese - see page 123. Individual cooking lessons are available on Lemnos (Varos Village Hotel), Samos (Kerveli Village Hotel), Olympiada (Halkidiki) and Western Crete (Almirida Beach Hotel).

Bicycles

Offered free of charge to guests staying in Tolon and at our hotels in Olympiada. Bikes may be rented locally in many other areas, including Lefkas, Lemnos, Parga, Zakynthos and the south Peloponnese (Stoupa, Kardamili, Chrani and Gialova).

