

Cities of Greece: A tourist Guide

Activity 1

Look at the following text. What is it about? Where can you read it? What do you notice? (Visit the website to have a better look)



Athens is the **historical capital of Europe**, with a long **history**, dating from the first settlement in the **Neolithic age**. In the 5th Century BC (the "Golden Age of Pericles") – the culmination of Athens' long, fascinating history – the city's values and civilization acquired a universal significance. Over the years, a multitude of conquerors occupied Athens, and erected unique, **splendid monuments** – a rare historical palimpsest. In 1834, it became the capital of the modern **Greek state** and in two centuries since it has become an attractive **modern metropolis** with unrivalled charm.

A large part of the town's **historic centre** has been converted into a 3-kilometre **pedestrian zone** (the largest in Europe), leading to the major **archaeological sites** ("archaeological park"), reconstructing – to a large degree – the ancient landscape.

Around Acropolis

The tour starts at the temple of **Olympian Zeus** (6th c. B.C.), one of the largest in antiquity and close by **Hadrian's Arch** (131 A.D.), which forms the symbolic entrance to the city. From there, walking along **Dionysou Areopaghitou Street** (on the south side of the Acropolis) you pass the **ancient Theatre of Dionysos** (5th c. B.C.) where most of the works by Sophocles, Euripides, Aeschylus and Aristophanes were performed. Continuing, you will reach the **ruins of the Asklepieion** (5th c. B.C.) and the **Stoa of Eumenes** (2th c. B.C.) and from there the **Odeion of Herodes Atticus**, which was built in 161 A.D. and is nowadays the venue of the performances of the **Athens Festival**.

(taken from http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/athens)



Activity 2

Your friends from e-twinning are visiting Greece with their parents in a few weeks. Work in groups to look for information about your city or some other Greek city to make a short tourist guide. You can go to http://www.visitgreece.gr/el/main_cities or any other website in Greek. Write about:

- its location
- weather
- historical sights
- places of entertainment
- the old and the new city

Present your findings in a **word processing document**. Include **pictures**, **hyperlinks** for extra information or **videos**.



Activity 3

Present your work to the whole class. Discuss your findings. Which of these cities would your friends choose to visit? Why?