

Global LEAD: Greece

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The Greece experience is a compelling tale of two awe-inspiring worlds. One embodies the antiquities, social challenges and vibrant energy of Athens, and the other soaking up the Greek island culture and picturesque beauty of Crete and Santorini. The trip begins in Athens with a whirlwind tour of the history books and continues to the often overlooked inner-city squares where we partner with community centers serving displaced refugee families.

Waking up in Crete after an overnight ferry, you are suddenly transported to an island paradise, surrounded by incomparable views of the Mediterranean Sea. Though we continue to push your comfort zones through activities such as hikes of gorges and volcanoes, bike rides and tours of hot springs, we also understand those who want to embrace a more relaxing lifestyle. In the Greek Isles, good food, gorgeous Santorini sunsets and volcanic black beaches are a mere stone's throw away.

The leadership and service learning courses offered, for six hours of upper-level elective credit, will emphasize the culture and natural surroundings of Greece. Both courses use and experiential learning philosophy to augment classroom instruction with the rich cultural surroundings as a backdrop. You actively participate in field trips and activities outside the classroom including cultural scavenger hunts through the Plaka (ancient market) and presentations in the Theatre of Dionysus. Additionally, Global LEAD's personal development curriculum is designed to engage you wherever you are in life, expose you to new ideas and life-changing experiences and equip you with tools to make a difference in your community and the world.

Highlights

Global LEAD

- **Experience** the most breathtaking places in Greece - Athens, Glyfada, Corinth, Crete and Santorini
- **Learn** about yourself, the world and amazing Greek culture
- **Explore** ancient ruins – the Acropolis, Theater of Dionysus and the Temple of Olympian Zeus
- **Serve** and support the Somali, Afghan and Persian refugee communities through quality of life programs
- **Bungee** into the crystal waters of the Corinth Canal and tour Ancient Corinth, where the prophet Paul once taught
- **Discover** the antiquities and secrets of the Plaka while competing with your friends on a scavenger hunt
- **Relax** on the world's most beautiful red, black and white sand beaches
- **Savor** an amazing Greek culinary experience from gyros and Greek salads to ouzo and moussaka
- **Dive** from rocky cliffs into refreshing blue waters below
- **Sail** through the idyllic Aegean Sea as you travel between the picturesque islands, volcanoes and hot springs
- **Hike** 16 kilometers through the 2nd longest gorge in Europe before cooling off in the azure sea
- **Mountain bike** around the enchanting island of Crete to the mythical birthplace of Zeus

- **Enjoy** the peacefulness of the world's most beautiful sunset from the blue domed churches of Santorini
- **Reenact** the movies as you travel to famous locations from Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants and Mama Mia

What's Included

Pre-Departure:

- Pre-departure orientation
- Financial aid and scholarship advisory
- Pre-departure mailings
- Personal assistance as needed
- Transient student registration facilitation
- Group flight coordination (optional)
- Parental communication

General Greece:

- Housing
- Daily breakfast
- Weekly group dinners
- All program related activities and service projects
- Global LEAD Certificate
- International health insurance
- Transfers to/ from airport abroad
- Emergency Assistance

Specific Activities in Greece

- City tour and orientation
- Cultural welcome dinner
- Acropolis guided tour
- 3 island day tour
- Ancient Corinth tour
- Cultural Scavenger Hunt
- Heraklion tour
- Samaria Gorge hike
- Crete bike tour
- Olympics and group BBQ
- Santorini beach tour and donkey ride
- Santorini volcano tour



- Veneitan Fortress tour
- Ideon Cave tour (Zeus' birthplace)
- Hot springs tour
- Cultural vineyard tour

After you return home:

- Course credit transfer facilitation
- Resume assistance
- Networking group
- LEAD Lifestyle events

Not included:

- Airfare
- UGA tuition
- All personal expenses

Curriculum

You are required to enroll in two courses offered exclusively for Global LEAD experiences through the University of Georgia, for a total of six hours of upper-level elective course credit.

Leadership and the Arts and Sciences: FCID 3800

3 Credit Hours (upper-level elective)

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Service Learning and the Arts and Sciences: FCID 3900S

3 Credit Hours (upper-level elective)

Life Change and Personal Development

Global LEAD is unique in our additional attention to the personal development of our students. Our personal development curriculum is designed to engage you wherever you are in life, expose you to new ideas and life-changing experiences and equip you with the tools to make a difference in your community and the world.

Housing

The accommodations in Greece provide a nice overview of the varied locations where you will stay during your time in this beautiful country. To begin our journey, you stay in a hotel in the safe, seaside community of Glyfada. The hotel has all the comforts of home, while providing a perfect base to serve the refugee community and explore the cosmopolitan capital, Athens, only 15 kilometers away. Next you travel to the largest island in the Mediterranean, Crete, where you stay in white-washed villas surrounding a pool overlooking the crashing waves and vibrant nightlife

below. The immediate area of Koutouloufari is a quaint, traditional hilltop village giving you an opportunity to experience authentic Greek life. Each villa is equipped with a kitchen, patio/balcony and air conditioning.

Finally, during your time in Santorini, you stay in two different areas of the island allowing you to enjoy the black sand beaches of the southeast and the energy and shopping of the capital, Fira. The first accommodation is a recently renovated hotel with all the traditional amenities, located 50 meters from Kamari Beach and a thriving avenue of shops. You finish your Greek experience in a traditionally furnished hotel just a short walk from the city center and the volcano's edge, where you can truly enjoy the blue domed architecture and romantic caldera of Santorini.

Flights

As an optional service to students, Global LEAD arranges group flights for each experience. We encourage you to take advantage of these flights as it will streamline your transportation and provide a safe, community-driven experience as you make the long journey abroad. We are finalizing the details for the 2012 group flights soon; however, past deposit dates are below:

- February 15: Nonrefundable deposit (\$500) due
- March 1: Balance due

Service

Those who have never traveled to Greece often wonder about the service opportunities available in a sophisticated country renowned for its history, culture and relaxing beaches. Though Greece is in fact a perfect vacation destination for all of those reasons, Global LEAD experiences purposefully challenge you by exposing you to powerful service opportunities that others may overlook.

During our service week, Global LEAD students will venture into the inner-city streets of Athens to explore one of the most pivotal current world challenges – immigration and refugees. Forced to leave their native countries due to war, famine or political hardship, these families are lost and without a home. Working hand-in-hand with local non-governmental organizations, you participate in several projects ranging from quality of life empowerment programs to beatification projects such as painting a community center.

Each year we encounter stories that resonate with the group, leaving a lasting impression on the lives of our students. During Greece 2010, students were touched by the story of Abdul, who had fled Sudan and travelled thousands of miles to reach the shores of Greece and find that he was not welcome. His gripping story of sorrow and fear for his family in Sudan forced each student to wonder how they would fair in the same situation. Through powerful experiences such as this, you realize there is nothing too small to give these people – a smile to a young Somali child or a warm embrace with an Afghan mother are gentle reminders that hope for a better life remains possible.