**Greece**

Greece is the birthplace of one of the world's oldest and most glorious civilizations. Come explore this country's incredible mix of history, culture and dazzling landscapes!

**Official Name:** Hellenic Republic

**Size:** 50,949 square miles (131,957 square kilometers); slightly smaller than Alabama

**Population:** 10,760,136 as of July 2011

**Capital:** Athens

**Climate:** Temperate; hot, dry summers; mild, wet winters

**Official Language:** Greek

**Literacy:** 96%

**Currency:** The Euro

**Agriculture:** Wheat, corn, barley, sugar beets, olives, tomatoes, wine, tobacco, potatoes, beef, dairy

**Industries:** tourism, food and tobacco processing, textiles, chemicals, metal products, mining, petroleum

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Dolphins were once a common sight in the seas around Greece. The animals are featured in ancient art and on ancient coins and jewelry.

There are more than 2,000 Greek islands. Fewer than 200 are inhabited.

Greeks consume six gallons of olive oil per person each year.