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**Voting is a fundamental right of any citizen that enables them to choose the leaders of tomorrow. In many countries, the minimum age for voting is 18 years. Voting not only enables the citizens to vote for political parties, but it also helps them to realize the importance of citizenship. Many people do not vote thinking one vote will not make a change, but as a matter of fact, it does. A nation's political foundations are built using elections.**

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## Benefits of Voting:

**Voting is a basic process that keeps a nation's governmental system works. It enables the citizens to choose their own government. It also allows the people to choose their representatives in the government. The purpose of every government is to develop and implement various policies for the benefit of its citizens. It also enables the person with the right to question the government about issues and clarifications. Voting is the way to express the opinion of a citizen in a democratic nation. Voting is crucial to activating the democratic process. On the day of the election, voters won't just have the capacity to choose their representatives in government for the following term, and they can also decide on measures like security issues that concede the government authority to borrow funds for development projects and different advancements. Also, in some cases, voters cast their voting sheets on social issues.**



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## Right to vote:

**Right to vote energizes social awareness since it empowers political cooperation. The citizens can follow the progress of the political representatives and the legislature. This consistent process enables the general population to settle on educated choices about whom to vote in favor of in the following term. Also, the legislature can't generally act arbitrarily when the entire nation is observing. Every adult is given the right to vote, irrespective of sex, class, occupation and so forth. This is representative of uniformity and congruity. It is a fundamental right in which all citizens get an opportunity to choose who represents them. Every party that is competing in any elections announces and establishes various benefits and social reforms for their people. Some of these political parties might be deceiving with their initial reforms, but can have the intention of corruption. It's the responsibility and skills of citizen that decides which government is elected. It is the right, benefit and obligation to vote as a citizen of your nation and an individual from your society. Individuals may figure their vote does not make a difference, but rather votes can shape remote monetary and social arrangements.**



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## Life without EU

European Union is like a cozy and comfortable home where you feel safe, feel free to express yourself, act according to your wishes without being judged and stand up for your beliefs and values. European Union might be an illusion of a perfect life picture for non-EU citizens, where your opinion is considered, rights are equal and salaries are enormous, where everything seems spotless and people look happy as if on the magazine cover. But is it really so?!

Frankly speaking, life without EU is possible and even has some advantages, such as less restrictions and regulations, though it's always hard to develop and succeed on your own and the possibility to be the part of a bigger community makes you stronger, you feel solidarity and support, countries are more united moving towards their common objectives and you always have a shoulder to lean on. Our power is not in competition but cooperation. And that's what we are striving for and are eager to achieve.

As the representative of a non-EU country I would like to share my own experience on Life without EU. It foresees certain imperfections such as:





1) As an NGO we can't apply our own projects to the National Agency because it simply doesn't exist in our country. We spend plenty of time looking for partners who will decide if our project is worth or not, we become very dependent in terms of organizing and managing our ideas. We have to motivate and convince that our idea is valuable and beneficial to them.

2) Our citizens have less opportunities to take part in International programmes and in some cases have to pay bigger fees. The competition is high and rarely fewer opportunities can participate.

3) We have very few projects that allow the disabled people to travel, become active citizens and be more integrated in our society.

4) Customs officers discriminate you because you are from a non-EU country which right away makes you suspicious and the wish to demand more turns on. You have to stand in the Non-EU line with small kids for quite a long time, since you don't have an EU passport. Your waiting hall is surprisingly downstairs with less facilities and good spaces to spend time in. It feels awful.

5) I must be real lucky to access some countries without visa, when Turkish people, for example, can't and have to go through a long process of documents and visa issues.

6) We pay a lot of taxes if we want to buy some goods abroad. And because of the absence of free movement our prices are higher and the choice is smaller.

7) More expensive flights and higher roaming charges.

8) EU is the main locomotive of climate change confrontation while in non-EU countries this question can be easily omitted and not taken into consideration.

9) As Ukrainians are still not in the EU they are easier influenced by such huge values of power that is promoted by Russia, for instance. With this in mind, we can say EU is the geopolitical balance of power.

The list could continue, with thousand of drawbacks and flaws. We are bringing up our children nowadays with European values and hopes for better future. We stand up for our rights and our beliefs. We act to change our countries for better and become the member of the EU to exchange our resources, experiences, to share and receive, and to become stronger towards a common bright future.



## WHY GREECE IS THE BEST COUNTRY TO LIVE

If the only thing you know about Greece is that ancient Greek people invent the Republic, you have a lot of things to learn about my country. The topic of this article to recommend you my country as better I can. In the next paragraphs , I am going to try to convince you that Greece is the best country of the world.

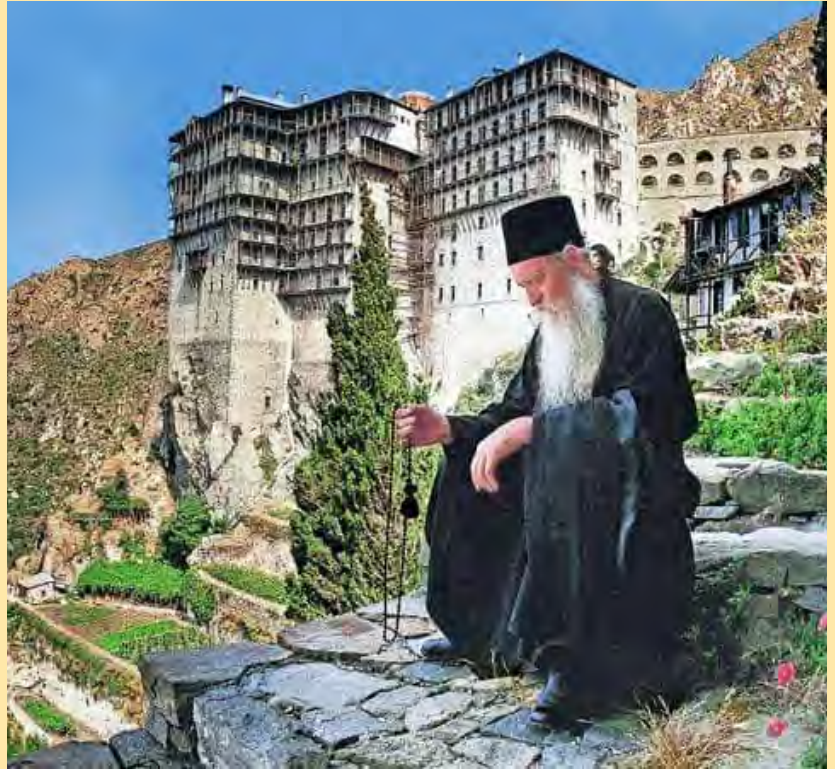


First of all, something special and very well-known is the Greek food. In my country there are many tasty foods that worth to tastes. Some of these are the souvlaki, tzatziki, mousakas and many more. However, the most interesting thing is that all these foods have more than one way to be cooked, so if you are on a Greek island you may taste one recipe of mousakas and when you go to another Greek place, the recipe may be different.

Secondly, Greece has very beautiful turns, villages and places which are very attractive. This is one of the reasons why Greece is so famous all around the world. Greek islands have very beautiful beaches. Everyone can find whatever type of beach he or she prefers.



Another very important thing that has to be pointed, is that almost all people in Greece are friendly with tourists. So the combination of friendly people and a very big history and mythology , makes Greece one of the best destinations for everyone.



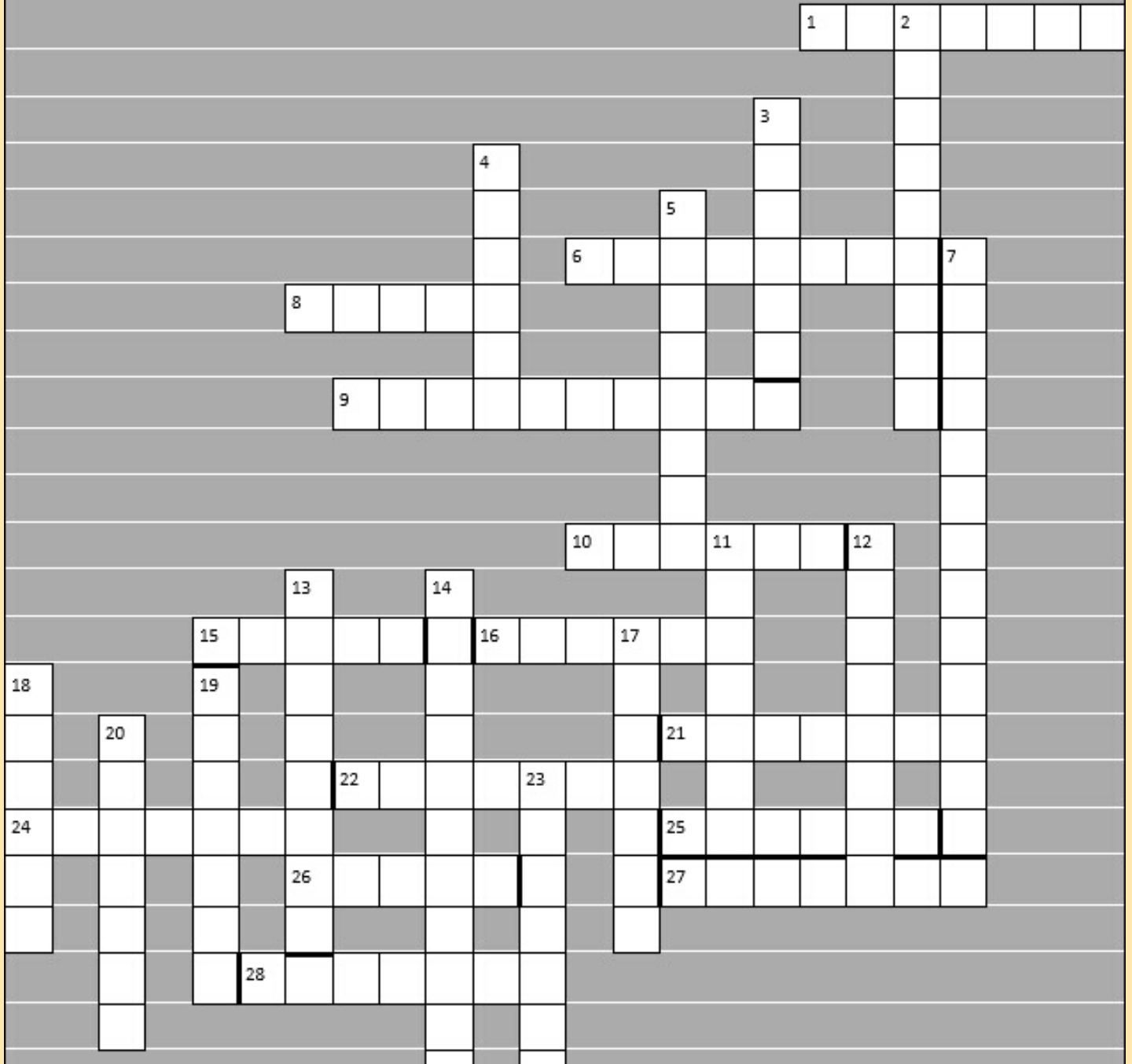
Someone who comes in Greece has a great amount of historical places and buildings from ancient years which were from Before Christ (BC) until more recently years . For instance, in Greece there is a unique holy place named the Holy Mountain at which can go only men visitors. Also Greece was the country which invented the Olympic games which are of great importance worldwide.

Least but not last , generally Greece is a very cheap country in comparison with other countries. So Greece is the destination for all wallets ( means that someone can come to Greece independently of his or her economic situation) . Additionally, here in Greece someone can finds whatever type of tourism he or she prefers, such as the historical tourism, religious tourism, tourism for sports, social tourism and more.

Reaching at the end of this article, I want to point that, even though it is almost impossible for someone to capture all these reasons why Greece is the best country in one article, I tried to make a good description of some basic things. However, I don't worry about it as I am sure that my country is the best country because I was born and grew up in Greece!!!!!!!!!!!!

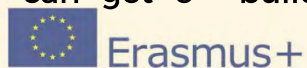






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**1.** Country with the best waffles. **6.** Country with mountain Triglav. **8.** Always have problem with Catalonia. **9.** Small country where French and German are official languages. **10.** Can create with Ukraine Baltic-Black Sea Union. **15.** Small country that consist from six islands. **16.** Island near Greece. **21.** In your head, in your head, Zombie, zombie, zombie-ie-ie. **22.** Best beer and Becherovka from this country. **24.** Greenland is a one of the regions of that country. **25.** Country previously named as Courland. **26.** Country who have 2 other countries in her territory. **27.** Country that consist of 16 states. **28.** You can get e-residence of this country.



## Vertical

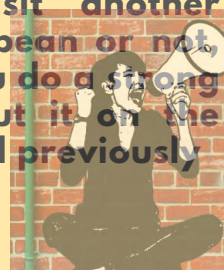
**2.** Small country that was a one of founders of Rzeczpospolita (pol.) **3.** Country that has Macedonia as a region. **4.** Largest country in EU by territory. **5.** Country with telephone code +351. **7.** First country want to exit from EU. **11.** Country that had anschluss in 1938. **12.** Balkan country that become a NATO member in 2004. **13.** Vienna, Budapest and capital of this country located so close! **14.** Country with the most famous red light district. **17.** Dracula originally from this country. **18.** One of the last monarchies in Europe. **19.** Small country that stole almost sea beach from Bosnia. **20.** Country who build Mannerheim Line.



## Things to know when traveling to another country

BY FILIPA

The European Union provided us freedom of mobility which means you can travel to every European country without having to go through any borders. That permits us to travel a lot more and easily. So what do you think you should know when you're going to visit another country? If you don't know the answer just keep reading, I'll help you! Firstly, you should inform yourself about the country's culture, its gastronomy, language, traditions, currency, etc. You should actually try to learn some key phrases like "hello", "how are you", "thank you" in the native language. I can tell you the locals appreciate it a lot and they will actually even treat you nicer. Another thing you need to know to avoid awkward situations are the national greetings. Secondly, you should inform yourself about the political and economical situation so you don't be inconvenient or offensive during your trip. Another thing to consider is the health system too. Don't forget that you're going to be in another country, with another culture and habits so you need to keep an open mind and respect it's people. Anytime you decide to visit another country, European or not, make sure you do a strong research about it on the topics referred previously.



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In recent years the issue of inequalities has always assumed bigger importance. When we think of inequality we think above all about how income or wealth is distributed among individuals or families. Therefore everyone believes that inequality is only an economic problem. However, this vision risks putting the complexity of the phenomenon into the background. There are in fact various forms of inequality: social, economic and political. Inequalities are divided into three levels: treatment, opportunity and condition. Inequality of treatment manifests itself in the absence of equal conditions of access to justice, in the lack of rights for immigrants; the inequality of opportunity is found in the closure of professional orders, in the difficulty of accessing the labor market, the inequality of condition is evident in the different treatments that the State reserves for citizens who should be equal. Social inequalities include inequality in access to education and vocational training: an important factor in determining economic inequality is the variability in the opportunity of access to education for individuals. High educational levels, especially in the presence of high demand for skilled workers, lead to high wages for those who reach them. Those who cannot afford an education, or those who choose not to pursue higher levels, normally receive lower compensation; Generational inequality rights. characterized by: low wages, low level of job security, high unemployment rates and low rates of employment and lack of social skills.



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