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Level 1 – 4th December 2025

Greece is the world's best place to retire

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many people want to retire overseas. An international lifestyle magazine looked at the most popular places. Greece was the best place they found for 2026. The magazine looked at things that were important for older people who wanted to retire overseas. These included the climate, the cost of living, and housing. It is the first time for Greece to be the number-one choice. Panama and Costa Rica are also in the top-ten list for 2026.

Greece has what people are looking for. It is "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". A Greek website found that people choose Greece because of its beauty. Greece has a spectacular coastline, lots of sunshine, great countryside and mountains, and paradise islands. An American woman who moved to Greece four years ago loves the Greek way of taking life slowly. She also loves the "daily connection with nature".

Sources: <https://greekreporter.com/2025/12/01/greece-named-world-number-one-retirement-destination/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Many people want to retire | a. one choice |
| 2. looked at the most popular | b. of living |
| 3. things that were important for | c. the climate |
| 4. These included | d. overseas |
| 5. the cost | e. places |
| 6. It is the first | f. list for 2026 |
| 7. be the number- | g. time for Greece |
| 8. in the top-ten | h. older people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Greece has what people | a. of its beauty |
| 2. It is beautiful, welcoming, | b. life slowly |
| 3. people choose Greece because | c. coastline |
| 4. Greece has a spectacular | d. with nature |
| 5. lots | e. are looking for |
| 6. An American woman who | f. of sunshine |
| 7. the Greek way of taking | g. moved to Greece |
| 8. the daily connection | h. and affordable |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people want (1) _____. An international lifestyle magazine looked at the (2) _____. Greece was the best place they found for 2026. The magazine (3) _____ that were important for (4) _____ wanted to retire overseas. These included the climate, the cost of living, and housing. It is the (5) _____ Greece to be the number-one choice. Panama and Costa Rica are also in the (6) _____ for 2026.

Greece has what people (7) _____. It is "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". A Greek website found that people choose Greece because (8) _____. Greece has a spectacular coastline, (9) _____, great countryside and mountains, (10) _____. An American woman who moved to Greece four years ago loves the Greek way of (11) _____. She also loves the (12) _____ nature".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RETIREMENT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about retirement in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **retirement** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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