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Level 2 – 4th December 2025

Greece is the world's best place to retire

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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More people are choosing to spend their retirement overseas. An international lifestyle magazine looked at the most popular places to retire to. It said Greece is the best place for 2026. The magazine released its annual retirement report. This looked at things that were important for older people who wanted to spend their golden years overseas. These included the climate, the cost of living, and housing. It is the first time for Greece to be the number-one choice. Spain and Portugal were usually the most popular choices. Panama and Costa Rica were in the top-ten list for 2026.

An editor at the magazine said Greece had what people were looking for. She said it was "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". She added that it offered a lovely lifestyle "in every sense". A Greek website found that retirees choose Greece because of its beauty. It reported that Greece has thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline, endless sunshine, great countryside and mountains, and picturesque islands. One retiree left the USA four years ago to live in Greece. She loves the Greek attitude of taking life slowly and the "daily connection with nature".

Sources: <https://greekreporter.com/2025/12/01/greece-named-world-number-one-retirement-destination/>
<https://www.newsweek.com/greece-worlds-top-retirement-destination-how-americans-can-move-there-11124134>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/12/01/travel/worlds-best-retirement-destinations-2026>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. spend their retirement | a. of living |
| 2. the most popular places to | b. ten list for 2026 |
| 3. The magazine released its annual | c. older people |
| 4. things that were important for | d. retire to |
| 5. their golden | e. number-one choice |
| 6. the cost | f. overseas |
| 7. the first time for Greece to be the | g. retirement report |
| 8. in the top- | h. years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. An editor | a. USA four years ago |
| 2. Greece had what people were | b. nature |
| 3. it offered a | c. coastline |
| 4. thousands of kilometres of spectacular | d. slowly |
| 5. endless | e. at the magazine |
| 6. One retiree left the | f. lovely lifestyle |
| 7. the Greek attitude of taking life | g. looking for |
| 8. the daily connection with | h. sunshine |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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More people are (1) _____ their retirement overseas. An international lifestyle magazine looked at the most popular (2) _____ to. It said Greece is the best place for 2026. The magazine released its annual retirement report. This looked at things that were (3) _____ people who wanted to spend their golden years overseas. These included the climate, the (4) _____, and housing. It is the first time for Greece to be the (5) _____. Spain and Portugal were usually the (6) _____. Panama and Costa Rica were in the top-ten list for 2026.

(7) _____ the magazine said Greece had what people were looking for. She said it was "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". She added that it (8) _____ lifestyle "in every sense". A Greek website found that retirees choose Greece because (9) _____. It reported that Greece has thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline, (10) _____ countryside and mountains, and picturesque islands. (11) _____ the USA four years ago to live in Greece. She loves the Greek attitude of (12) _____ and the "daily connection with nature".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RETIREMENT SURVEY

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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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