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Greece is the world's best place to retire – 4th December 2025

Level 0

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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".

Level 2

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".

Level 3

More and more people are choosing to spend their retirement overseas. The magazine International Living looked at the countries people most wanted to retire to. The researchers said Greece is the best place for 2026. The magazine has released its Annual Global Retirement Index. This looked at the things that were important for older people who wanted to live in another country in their golden years. These included climate, the cost of living, healthcare, and housing. It is the first time Greece has been the number-one choice for retirees. Spain and Portugal were usually the most popular choices. Panama, Costa Rica, and Thailand were also in the top-ten list for 2026.

Jennifer Stevens, executive editor of International Living, said Greece had what many people were looking for. She said the country was "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". She added that it offered "a lifestyle that feels rich in every sense". The Greek Reporter website found many expats choose Greece because of its beauty. It reported that retirees can benefit from thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline, endless sunshine, diverse countryside, picturesque islands, and dramatic mountains. One retiree, Leena Horner, 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".