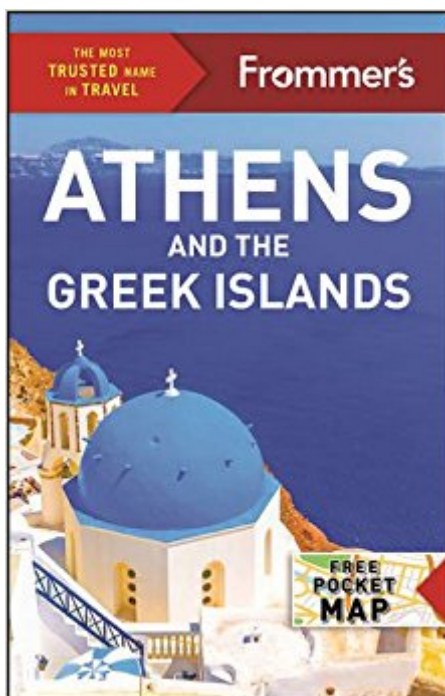


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# Frommer's Athens And The Greek Islands (Complete Guide)



## Synopsis

The recent economic crisis in Greece has, paradoxically enough, created better conditions for tourism. The Greeks are painfully aware that tourism is their best-functioning remaining industry. They value the visitor as never before, treat them with a warmth and courtesy that exceeds what you'll find in other parts of Europe. And more people are therefore coming here in unprecedented numbers. To bring the current message of Greek tourism to a reading public, we've called upon the research and writing talents of one of America's foremost travel journalists. Stephen Brewer has been writing travel guides for almost three decades. As an editor and writer, he has focused not just on the Frommer guides but on European coverage for such magazines as Esquire, Connoisseur and Geo. In Frommer's Athens and the Greek Islands, he brings tremendous insight into how to best approach and understand both the famed and lesser-known (but still fascinating) historic sights of Athens and the adjoining Peloponnese, as well as the recreational resorts and life of the enchanting Greek islands. The book contains: -Helpful maps, including a handy pull-out map-A 16-page photo guide-Exact pricing so there's never any ugly surprises-Opinionated reviews of historic sights and other attractions, hotels, restaurants,

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## Customer Reviews

Stephen Brewer has been writing travel guides for three decades. As an editor and writer, he has focused on European coverage for such magazines as Esquire, Connoisseur and Geo, and he was a producer of a popular radio travel show for many years. He has written several previous guides for

Frommer's, Insight, and other companies, as well as authoring Beautiful Small Coastal Towns for Rizzoli. Stephen divides his time between Manhattan and Italy.

This guidebook recommends taking your holiday on Greek time, but it's a challenge. With over a thousand islands in the Aegean, how do you choose, and how do you avoid doing too much? This excellent guidebook can help. It describes almost all the major island destinations, as well the formidable attractions of Athens. Sample itineraries are offered, but you can craft your own from the detailed descriptions on this book of ancient ruins, haunting archeological sites, Venetian towers, Byzantine churches, islands that harbored pirates, museums chock full of great art treasures, sacred places where capricious gods and goddesses hung out, sacred churches with miraculous icons.... You can choose your beaches, according to whether you like your sand golden, silky black or volcanic red, isolated or fashionable. The eateries are enticingly described. Whether you want traditional Mediterranean cuisine or sushi, you'll find guidance here. I love the sound of the medieval bakery in Mykonos with pastries coming out of a centuries-old wood oven. As for lodgings, there are wonderful choices aplenty, from a fifteenth-century Ottoman mansion, to an isolated Greek monastery, to beachfront hotels with sweeping sea views. Tempting shops are copiously listed, along with warnings about "Greek handicrafts" made in Asia, and snafus that can arise with credit cards and ATMs. There's also lots of info about tipping, local etiquette, climate, how to dress etc. All in all, I'd consider this a 5-star guidebook.

As we are returning to Greece in Sept 2017 I decided to get a new version of the Frommer guide to Greece. While the previous edition was 694 pages long, this new version is less than half that, at 314 pages. For whatever reason, I guess they decided not to cover ALL of Greece this time. If you're only interested in Athens and the Islands (and some locations in the Peloponnese), then it is OK, but I would recommend Fodor's for a more complete book on Greece supplemented by the Rick Steves city guide book to Athens--no one explains museums and archeological sites better than Rick Steves. There also seems to be less hotel and restaurant recommendations in this new Frommer version.

Decent for the price but doesn't have Corfu or other Greek Islands near Turkey. Mainly focused on Cyclades, Crete and Athens. See photo for TOC.

Great Book

Do not think about going to Athens and the Islands without picking up a copy of this book. The information provided in terms of routes between the islands in the sample itineraries is worth getting the book alone. Great recommendations in terms of things to do, places to stay and where to eat.

This book was easy to use and was helpful while touring the island. Since I can't remember everything the tour guide tells us, this is a great backup.

Provided some excellent recommendations for my upcoming trip to Greece. I like that it goes into lots of History, and also provides some warnings for specific cities. I will now purchase one of these guides for all of my international travels.

Loaded with information on Athens and the Islands. Will be using section with useful words & phrases, and included map of Athens.

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