

# Online Information

## The Curse of the Ancient Acropolis

# Fascinating Facts

## Greece

1. The country of Greece includes more than 1,000 islands in the Aegean Sea and Ionian Sea.
2. Athens is the name of the capital city of Greece.
3. The Olympics were invented by the ancient Greeks as a way to honor the god Zeus.
4. The Acropolis was built on the top of a hill so that the people living in ancient Athens could better defend themselves.
5. The Parthenon was originally built as a temple for Athena, goddess of war and the patron goddess of the city of Athens.
6. When it first began, Greece was not a full country but a union of city-states. Athens and Sparta were two of these city-states.
7. Much of the Parthenon was destroyed during a battle between the Turks and Venetians in 1688.
8. The Elgin Marbles, originally part of the Parthenon, are now in a museum in London, England after the Turks sold them to the British.
9. Arokreas is a 40-day Greek celebration leading up to Easter.
10. The oldest continuously occupied part of Athens is Plaka. It is an old, historic neighborhood with many museums, shops, and restaurants.

