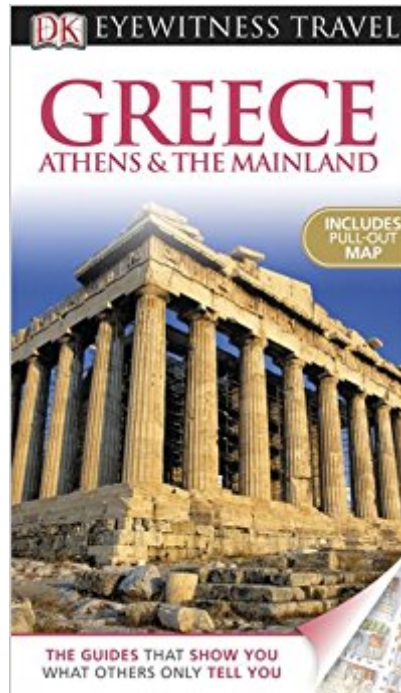




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Synopsis

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Packed with photographs, illustrations, and maps
- Cutaways and floor plans of all the major sights
- 3-D aerial views of the city's most interesting districts
- Huge selection of hotels, restaurants, stores, and entertainment venues
- Specially devised walking tours, special events info
- Now includes a new durable, oversized pull-out map with useful transportation information, a distance chart, a street and sight index, and practical information for getting around the city.

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Customer Reviews

Let's face it, there are not many things to do in downtown Athens aside from the usual "must see" stuff (like Parthenon, Agora, some great museums, etc.). The city is huge, overcrowded, and has

become somewhat dirty. Outside of Athens, there are so many other ruins and beautiful places to see (like Nafplio). The book is pretty decent with information outside of Athens. However, in my opinion, this book spends WAY too much space on Athens itself. If you spend more than a few days in Athens, I feel that you are really missing a LOT of what Greece has to offer. The fold out map is great for Athens itself, but other maps within the pages are not detailed enough for traveling the rest of the mainland. Pictures in Eyewitness Travel are wonderful... as usual. You may want to pair this book with other travel guides if you want to get outside the big city.

I purchased this book in preparation for my 2 weeks trip in Greece and unlike most tourists who head to the islands I travelled extensively in the Peloponnese region as far south as Mani and also went north to Meteora. I found it to be very comprehensive with a lot of pictures that helped you plan. It also was a good reference when I actually got to Greece. Also this was not the only guide book that I used in Greece, I also purchased the Lonely Planet book and the other maps for me to drive extensively in Greece. I would say that this was the most pictorial book to relate to places and points of interest.

Love the DK series; I have three now for the different places I've been lucky enough to travel. The amount of information crammed into these books, from history, architecture, culture, maps, things to do, etc. is incredible. Anywhere I'm going around the world I want to have one of these books for the area to guide me around.

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The colorful photos and diagrams found in the DK travel books are a big plus for some and a major detraction for others. Personally I think this is a great book to use while making preliminary travel plans because it's very difficult to decide where to go if you can't see pictures of it first. Then once you narrow down your choices you'll want a more comprehensive travel guide, such as the Lonely Planet guides, which contain better maps, travel information, hotels, etc, but which have very few photos. I'm holding off on giving this book 5 stars because it lacks that kind of detail. However, I still pull it off my shelf frequently when I want to look up someplace on the Greek mainland I have not visited before.

We just returned home from our trip to Athens, and I was very pleased with this book. The set up of

the book was easy to follow and the information was very current and generally comprehensive. You do seem to sacrifice some detail for more pictures. That being said, the book is very easy to read and I enjoyed the images. This is not the book to get if you want a read long history of every site, but there is good general information. The maps within the book, and the city map included in the back were a huge help. We were able to navigate the city with ease.

Great in depth guide to wherever you travel

Love DK, have used for travel for years. Would not travel without it!!

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