



Warwickshire College– Group Presentation

The background of the slide is a collage of three images: a sea turtle swimming in clear blue water on the left, a sunset over a calm sea in the center, and several sea turtle hatchlings on a sandy beach on the right. A large, semi-transparent dark blue circle is centered over the sunset image, containing the project title.

Greece Marine Conservation Project

A blue circular logo with a stylized white outline of the European continent. The word 'EUROPE' is written in white capital letters across the middle of the circle.

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ABOUT GREECE MARINE CONSERVATION

Project overview and
location



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Greece Marine Conservation Project

- A unique academic conservation experience based in Greece on the island of Kefalonia
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation as a volunteer with the sea turtle project
- Working alongside marine conservationists
- 8 day experience
- Project activities include:
 - Pioneering turtle conservation research
 - Data collection
 - Nest inventories, protection, hatchling rescues, relocations
 - Turtle health checks
 - Posidonia Meadows lecture followed by snorkelling to view the meadows
 - Mountain trip and national park survey



All activities are seasonal and subject to availability

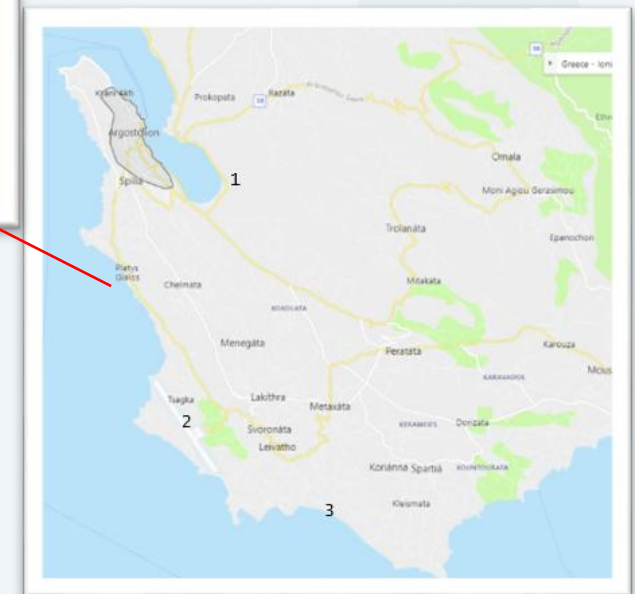
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Location



- 1 – Argostoli Harbour– 30 minutes from the conservation base
- 2 – Kefalonia Airport
- 3 – Conservation Base at Minies



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About Wildlife Sense

- Wildlife Sense is a research and conservation project focused on the study and protection of Kefalonia's threatened loggerhead sea turtles.
- Their research teams monitor the nesting beaches of Kefalonia daily throughout the reproduction period.
- During hatching season, their research teams record and monitor the event.
- Special research is focused on light pollution and other harmful factors.
- Perform studies of the coastal Eco System and how it is influenced by human activities.





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Learning Objectives of the Project

- Gain knowledge, skill and competences from scientific training given
- Interpret sea turtle tracks in sand and be able to ID what activity occurred (nest/fake crawl/abandoned eggs)
- Demonstrate the scientific methodology used in the field
- Understand the general legal framework within the EU and international agreements surrounding conservation
- Build teamwork and leadership skills
- Perform health examinations and application of tags on sea turtles
- Conduct a coastal research project with the emphasis on erosion (beach profiling) and light pollution
- Improve planning and organisational skills



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Programme Details

- Light Pollution Surveys
- Beach Profiling
- Nest Finding and Protecting
- Hatchling Rescue
- Nest Inventories
- Harbour Behaviour Study
- Perform Health Checks and apply tags to sea turtles
- Coastal research project covering erosion and light pollution
- Sand sifting and beach cleaning
- Lecture on the Posidonia Meadows followed by an afternoon snorkelling to observe the meadows



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Protection of Nest Sites

- Surveys of all nesting beaches
- Monitor Population health and behaviour
- Nest inventories (number of eggs, unhatched numbers)
- Nest relocation
- Hatchling watch

You must be able to walk along a beach for at least 5km

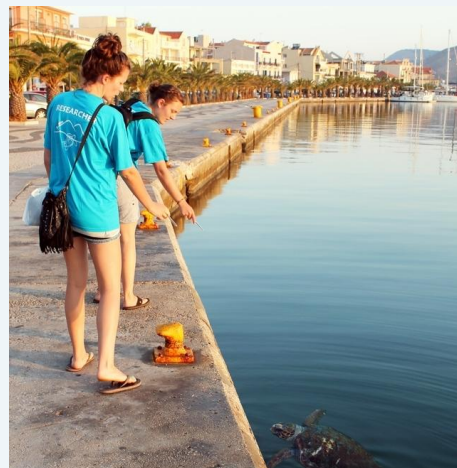


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Data Collection and Research

- Environmental studies to quantify light pollution and determine its source
- Coastal Eco System Research and human impact
- Essential to protect species in the present – increase chances of hatchling survival etc

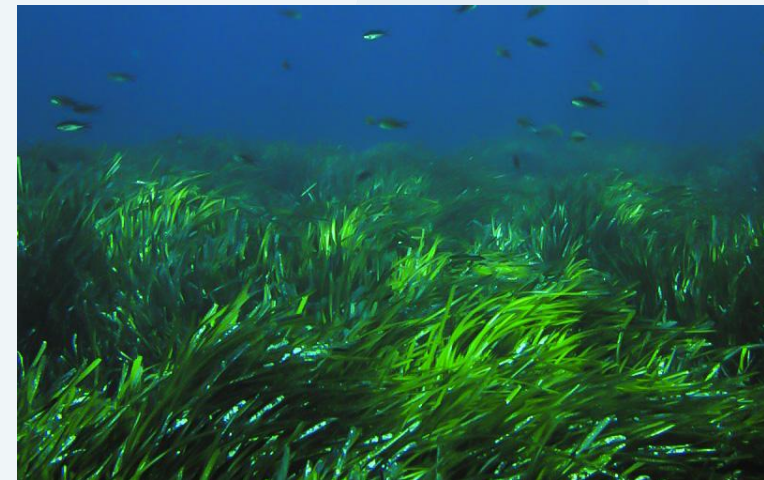


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Posidonia Meadows Study

- Students will spend a morning learning about this ecosystem and then spend the afternoon snorkelling observing them
- The seagrass *Posidonia oceanica* is an endemic marine plant unique to the Mediterranean Sea
- Helps to palliate global warming by acting as an important carbon sink
- Posidonia meadows are vulnerable and fragile habitats that are declining in the Mediterranean Sea
- Paddleboarding



All students must be able swim and familiar with snorkelling (even in a pool)



ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Greece



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Accommodation

Staying in a friendly, family run hotel located close to the sea turtle conservation centre. Rooms are shared 2-3 people per room with a shared bathroom.

The hotel has free internet access and a swimming pool for you to enjoy during any free time.

Meals will be provided by the hotel, breakfast and dinner will be taken in the restaurant and a packed lunch will be provided daily.





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What is Included?

- Flights from Manchester or London
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In-country support

NOT Included

- Personal Travel Insurance *
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from the project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visa's/travel documents

* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

THE NEXT STEPS



Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 24/06/2026 Arrive Kefalonia : 24/06/2026

Depart Kefalonia : 01/07/2026 | Arrive UK: 01/07/2026

Trip cost:

£1249.00 Based on a group of a minimum of 20 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 24th February 2025
- Deposit of £60.00 to be paid by 4th March 2025 to secure your place
- Deposit payment £300.00 by 20th June 2025
- 50% instalment payment of £467.50 to be paid by 15th January 2026
- Balance payment of £467.50 to be paid by 27th April 2026
- 10/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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