



WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE GROUP PRESENTATION



Greece Marine Conservation Project



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ABOUT US:



GAP Africa Projects

- We are a specialised travel company that offers academic trips and volunteering opportunities for groups and individual travellers, in a number of locations worldwide
- We pride ourselves on curating experiences which are personalised to your needs and requirements
- Our first project travelled in 2012
- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 50 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.





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
- Seven night 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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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
- 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
- Build teamwork and leadership 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 5km along a beach

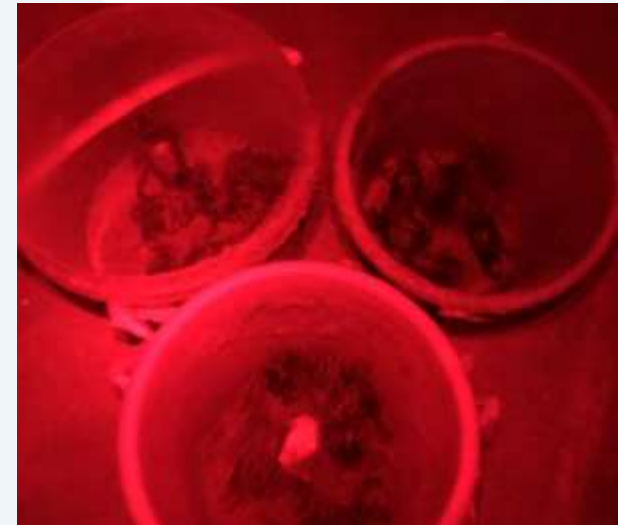


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Data Collection and Research

- 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)

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Sample Itinerary

- Travel from the UK to Kefalonia, settle into accommodation, and get an introduction to the expedition.
- Orientation followed by an introduction to sea turtle biology. Harbour training and paddleboarding practice prepare us for fieldwork. In the afternoon, we paddle among Posidonia seagrass meadows, vital marine habitats. The evening includes another sea turtle biology presentation.
- A full-day trip to explore Kefalonia's mountainous terrain and national park, conducting biodiversity surveys. In the evening, we learn about seagrass ecology and fish identification, key elements of marine conservation.
- Morning nesting beach surveys to monitor turtle activity, followed by dune monitoring and a beach cleanup to protect coastal ecosystems. The afternoon provides another opportunity to paddle among Posidonia, studying its role in marine life.
- A drone survey of the harbour to assess marine life and environmental conditions. More time is spent paddleboarding, followed by an evening session on the importance of sand dunes and a coastal cleanup.
- A second round of nesting beach surveys, dune monitoring, and beach cleanup efforts. In the afternoon, we explore the use of drone technology in conservation efforts, learning how it enhances research and monitoring.
- A final morning paddling with Posidonia, followed by another drone survey in the harbour. The evening concludes with a presentation on climate change and its impact on marine ecosystems.
- Wrap up the expedition and prepare for the return flight to the UK.



ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Greece



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Accommodation

Astra Village Hotel is a friendly family run hotel located close to the sea turtle conservation centre.

Rooms are shared 2-4 people per room with a shared bathroom.

There is free internet access and the hotel has a rooftop pool for you to enjoy during any free time.

Food at the Project

The restaurant will provide breakfast, dinner and a packed lunch each day.

Dietary Requirements

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.





BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime



WHAT'S INCLUDED



What is Included?

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



NOT Included

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

* 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:

£1695.00 Based on a group of a minimum of 21 (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 £667.50 to be paid by 4th March 2026
- Balance payment of £667.50 to be paid by 29th April 2026
- 10/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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Confirmation Documents

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.

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Your Booking

Travel Advice

Names and spellings

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