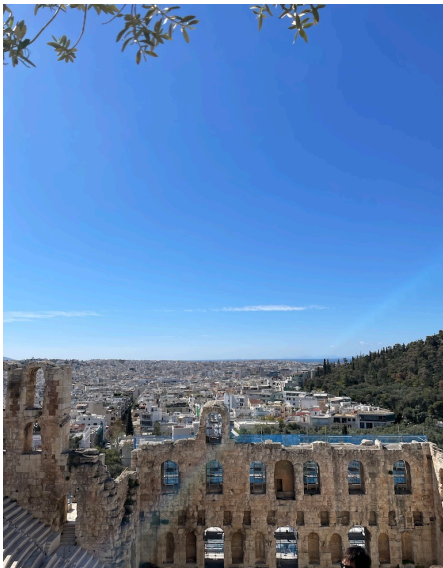


Testimonies

„Many people conflate the Parthenon and the Acropolis, but actually, the Acropolis is the entire hill, and the Parthenon is one of several ancient buildings you can find on it.”

„Traveling to Athens, Greece was an incredible experience. Here are some fun facts I learned about Acropolis and the Parthenon:

- ✓ *it's over 2,460 years old!*
- ✓ *Acropolis is the area the parthenon sits on.*
- ✓ *The parthenon has been a temple, a church, and a mosque throughout it's lifetime.*
- ✓ *The parthenon was blown up.*
- ✓ *The rock on acropolis is slippery!”*



The term “Acropolis” comes from the Greek words “akron” (which means the “highest point or extremity” and “polis” (which means “city”). So, Acropolis can be taken to mean “High City”, “City on the Extremity”, or “City on the Air”. Greece has many other acropoleis, but the term most often refers to the Acropolis of Athens



Acropolis, Athens

The Acropolis of Athens and its monuments are universal symbols of the classical spirit and civilization and form the greatest architectural and artistic complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity to the world.

The Acropolis of Athens was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1975.



Outstanding Universal Value

❖ The most important monuments were built: the Parthenon, built by Ictinus, the Erechtheon, the Propylaea, the monumental entrance to the Acropolis, designed by Mnesicles and the small temple Athena Nike.

❖ The Acropolis' monuments, having survived for almost twenty-five centuries through wars, explosions, bombardments, fires, earthquakes, sackings, interventions and alterations, have adapted to different uses and the civilizations, myths and religions that flourished in Greece through time.



Universal symbol



Integrity

The Acropolis of Athens contains within its boundaries all the key attributes that convey the property's Outstanding Universal Value, as an ensemble of unique splendor in excellent condition.

Authenticity

The authenticity of the Acropolis hill, crowned with the masterpieces of Greek Classical art and architecture, is well preserved. In order to maintain the authenticity and structural integrity of the monuments, an integrated intervention begun in 1975 and continues today.

Ten Interesting Facts You Didn't Know About Acropolis



1. Many artifacts from the Acropolis are in a British museum
2. The Parthenon once became a church and a mosque
3. The Parthenon was completed in 438 BC
4. The Erechtheon was completed in 406 BC
5. The Propylaea has been left unfinished
6. The Temple of Athena Nike was built in 420 BC
7. It has been badly damaged in the past
8. It has several important buildings
9. It was involved in the Panathenaic Games
10. Its name means "City on the Air"