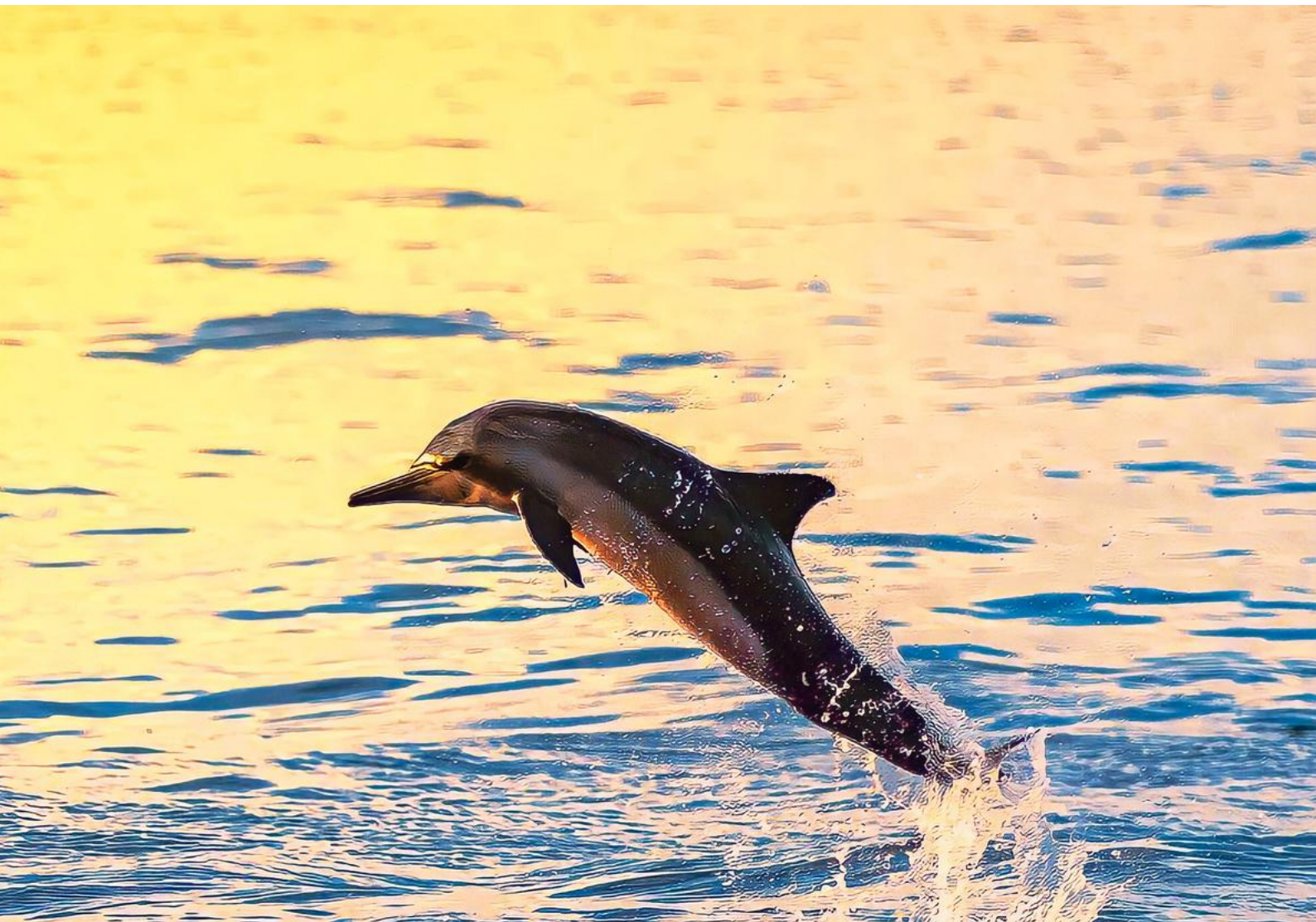




global learning for positive change



Greece – Dolphin Conservation

Summer 2027



Your Global Action Programme

At Global Action, we believe in engaging young people in Global Learning about poverty reduction, environmental issues and social justice. This develops Global Citizens, able to effect positive global change for the future.

Global Action programmes engage students with global issues, carefully designed around the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Your trip will explore how these goals are being achieved on an international scale, and what still needs to be done.

Support Raising Funds



- ✓ Raising funds support
- ✓ Ideas and resources on webpage

Trip Preparation



- ✓ Destination Handbook
- ✓ Discount codes for kit
- ✓ Fitness advice

Global Learning



- ✓ Global Learning Workshop
- ✓ Resources and further reading on webpage

Trip Preparation



- ✓ Meet your Global Action Leader and kit preparation evening
- ✓ Leaders' Safety Management Workshop
- ✓ Training Day (if applicable)

Overseas Trip



- ✓ Exposure to local and global development
- ✓ Visits to international agencies
- ✓ Participation in practical projects

Alumni Community



- ✓ Empowered and engaged global citizens
- ✓ ASDAN Universities Award

“Global Action really did provide us with a world class experience which will be remembered by our pupils for the rest of their lives!”

Head of Biology, St Felix School



Why Greece?

Steeped in ancient history and surrounded by the beauty of turquoise Mediterranean waters, Greece has the largest coastline in Europe. This Global Action trip will take your students beyond a beach holiday destination for an inspirational Global Learning experience.

Ancient Greeks like Homer, Aristotle and Archimedes made important contributions to **politics, philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, and medicine**. Commonly known as the cradle of Western civilization, Greek myths and culture influenced the Roman Empire, and continue to influence modern culture today - think the Olympic games, Mamma Mia, The Hunger Games, Hercules, and Troy.

We've designed a special **cross-curricular** itinerary with local experts to see how Greece is working towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals through conservation. This trip is the perfect European destination for anyone interested in **biology, geography, conservation, ancient Greece and architecture**.

Learn about:

- Conservation, Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Endangered Species
- Sustainable Development; Geology, Eco Tourism
- Ancient History, Art and Architecture

Support: Conservation Projects and Sustainable Tourism initiatives across the country

Useful facts

Geography: Greece is in the Mediterranean, in southern Europe. Greece has the longest coastline and is the southernmost country in Europe. The mainland has rugged mountains, forests, and lakes, but the country is well known for its spectacular beaches and islands.

Climate: June to August in Greece is hot, with average temperatures of 22° – 35°C; in October temperatures decrease to an average 17° – 23°C.

Languages: Greek is the national language of Greece however English is widely understood.

Culture: Greek people are very proud of their rich, vibrant culture and speak of their heritage with great passion. They are united by their traditions, religion, language, music, food, and wine. About 90% of the population is Greek orthodox.

Physical rating: This is a moderate trip; due to the work at the project and the heat in the summer, you will need the ability to walk with a daysack (3-4 hours).

Accommodation: Hotels



Sample itinerary

Build Up Day

The day before departure, all team members will meet at the school. Your Global Action Leader will check your kit and run through health and safety briefings.

Day 1: Home – Preveza

Fly to **Preveza**, your base for the week. On arrival, transfer to your **eco-certified hotel** in the town centre, just a short walk from the waterfront. Settle in before heading out to explore Preveza's charming streets, lined with neoclassical architecture and bustling cafés.

In the evening, enjoy a **traditional Greek dinner**, sampling local delicacies such as **tzatziki**, **souvlaki**, and **fresh seafood**, while soaking in the relaxed atmosphere of this coastal town.



Day 2-3: Amvrakikos Gulf – marine biology research vessel

Head out into the **Amvrakikos Gulf**, an ecologically significant marine habitat, alongside a **Marine Biology professor from the University of Thessaly**. Board a research vessel and set off in search of **bottlenose dolphins**, observing their natural behaviour, tracking their movements, and assisting in **photo-identification** to contribute to conservation research.

Using a **hydrophone**, listen to the sounds dolphins use to communicate underwater, gaining insight into their social structures and interactions. The next day, take part in a **DNA sampling project**, an advanced technique used to monitor marine mammal populations without direct observation.



Lunch is served **on board**, just as marine researchers experience in the field. After returning to shore, learn about **traditional fishing techniques** and the sustainable harvesting of **Greek caviar**. Evenings are filled with culture—dine in **local tavernas**, listen to **live Greek music**, and even try your hand at **traditional Greek dancing**.

Day 4: Amvrakikos Wetlands

Venture into the **Amvrakikos Wetlands**, one of Greece's most important ecosystems, home to rare and migratory bird species. Led by an **ornithologist**, observe **Dalmatian pelicans**, **flamingos**, and **other wildlife**, learning about their habitat and conservation challenges.



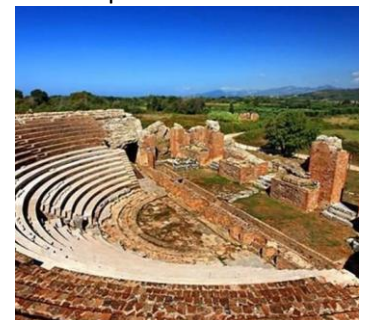
Later, visit a **local environmental education centre** for an engaging discussion on biodiversity and marine conservation. The day concludes with a **beach clean-up at Monolithi Beach**, Europe's longest beach, where you'll take part in a hands-on environmental project to help protect the coastal ecosystem.



Back in Preveza, embark on a **guided walking tour**, discovering the town's Venetian history and landmarks such as the **Castle of Pantokratoras**. A fun **scavenger hunt** will reveal hidden stories about the town's past.

Day 5-6: Exploring History

Travel back in time with a **guided tour of Nikopolis**, an ancient city founded by **Emperor Octavian** after his victory at the Battle of Actium. Explore the **Roman theatre, baths, and city ruins**, then visit the **Archaeological Museum of Nikopolis**, home to fascinating artifacts from ancient Greece and Rome.



Afterwards, take part in a **Greek cooking class**, where you'll learn to prepare authentic dishes using fresh, local ingredients. Enjoy your homemade meal while discussing the rich culinary traditions of Greece.



The adventure continues with a visit to the **Nekromanteion of Acheron**, an ancient temple believed to be a **gateway to the underworld**. This mystical site was once used for necromantic rituals dedicated to Hades and Persephone.

From here, travel to **Glyki village** for a traditional lunch before setting off on a cooling **river trek through Acheron Canyon**. Walk through clear, turquoise waters, passing towering cliffs and hidden caves as you follow the legendary **path of the souls to the underworld**.

Day 7: Exploring the Ionian Islands

Board a private cruise from **Lefkada**, setting sail across the **Ionian Sea**. Stop at **Porto Katsiki** and **Egremni Beach**, two of the most breathtaking beaches in Greece, where you can swim in crystal-clear turquoise waters.

Continue to **Fiskardo**, a Venetian-style village on Kefalonia, known for its picturesque harbour and traditional architecture. From there, sail to **Ithaca**, **legendary home of Odysseus**, where you'll explore the landscapes that inspired **Homer's epic tales**.



After a day of island-hopping, return to the mainland for a final relaxing evening enjoying Greek hospitality.

Day 8: Head Home

On your final morning, enjoy a **leisurely breakfast**. Reflect on your unique adventure in a Global Learning Review, before transferring to **Preveza International Airport** for your flight home. Leave this beautiful country, with lasting memories of your **marine research, conservation efforts, and cultural discoveries**, along with a **deeper understanding of environmental sustainability and Greek heritage**.

You will arrive back home with memories to last a lifetime, and the ASDAN Universities Award!

"The project was amazing because it helped us connect with nature and get away from technology. They were very careful about what they did to help the environment."

Student, Langley School

Raising funds towards your trip

You're about to embark on a life-changing trip abroad and support communities in need. Fundraising will give you a fantastic sense of achievement. Apart from raising cash for your trip, this will give you **increased self-confidence, and develop your life-skills in: budgeting, creativity, independence and entrepreneurship** – great for university and your careers.

At Global Action we care about your success. We provide:

- ✓ 1-2 fundraising workshops for you and your team
- ✓ Regular online fundraising webinars with our partners at easyfundraising
- ✓ A 17 page fundraising guide packed with ideas, plans and resources to get you started

Did you know?

Most students raise £600 - £1000 towards their trip - and many even earn their whole trip cost!



Here's our five step plan to getting started:

1. Set a target! Are you aiming to raise the whole amount yourself, or part of this cost?
2. Break down your target into milestones – base this around monthly or termly targets, or think about when you can dedicate the most time to it – especially over summer holidays
3. Make a mind map of your network, and the different ways in which they might be able to help you - and how you might be able to help them!
4. Put together the plan to reach your target – use the Global Action Fundraising Planner from your fundraising pack.
5. Pick your first event and get planning! Once you have your first contribution, reaching your target will feel much more achievable.

Your fundraising will probably be split between **individual fundraising and team fundraising** – we've included some ideas below to get you thinking...

Individual

- 🌐 Part-time work/Summer job
- 🌐 Sponsored event
- 🌐 Selling art and crafts
- 🌐 Selling unwanted items
- 🌐 Odd jobs in the community
- 🌐 Donations from local businesses and rotary clubs

Team Fundraising

- 🌐 School event – film night, disco, battle of the bands
- 🌐 Parents evening refreshments
- 🌐 Christmas stall
- 🌐 Raffle or auction of promises
- 🌐 Quiz night

And, see overleaf for a great way to get **free** money!

” Doing your own fundraising gives you a sense of achievement and means that whilst you are out on the trip you engage more in the activities as you paid for them yourself. ”

James, Saffron Walden High School, Zanzibar



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6 easy steps to getting started with easyfundraising

Fundraising for your trip just got easier. Sign up to easyfundraising and start earning free cashback on all online purchases. easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 well-known online brands, so whenever anyone you know shops online, you receive free cashback you can use towards your trip target. The selection of brands to shop with is endless...

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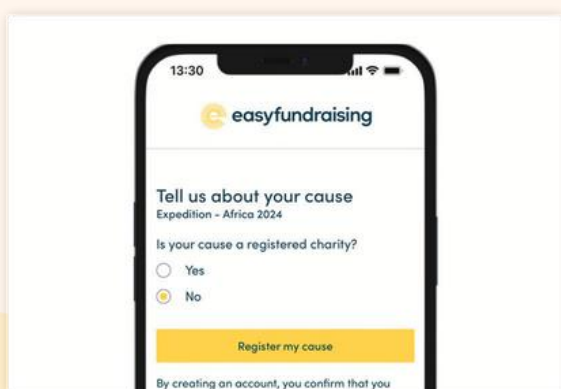
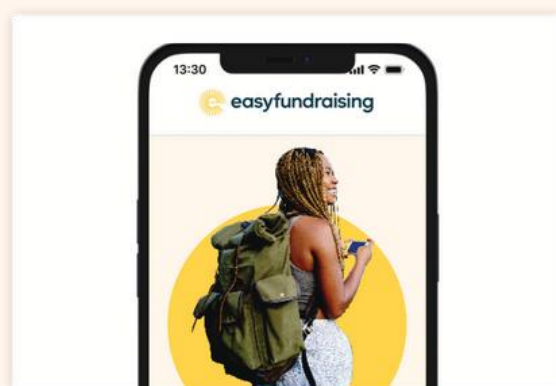
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Step 1

Scan the QR code or use the link to get started. Tell us your name and where you are going to travel.



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/global-action

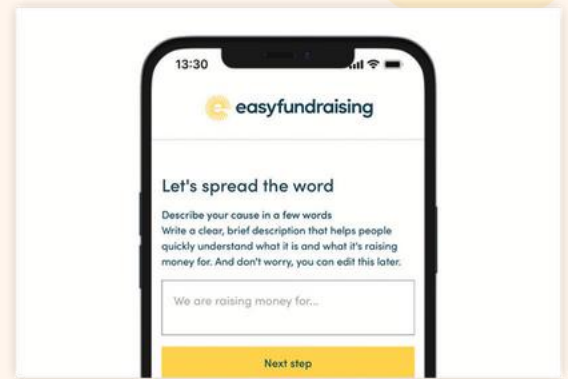


Step 2

Fill in your details and click 'Register my cause'.

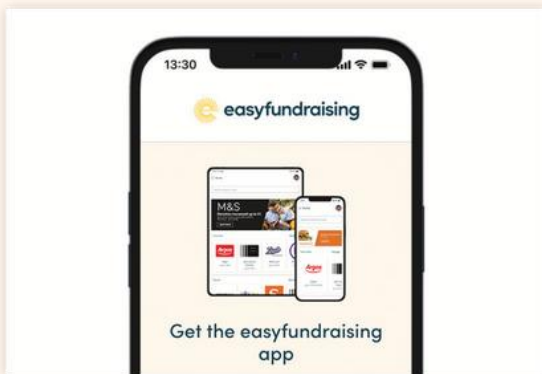
Step 3

We'd love to know more about you and what you're up to; tell us a bit about your expedition.



Step 4

Downloading the easyfundraising app is the easiest way to earn free cashback, do this now while you remember.



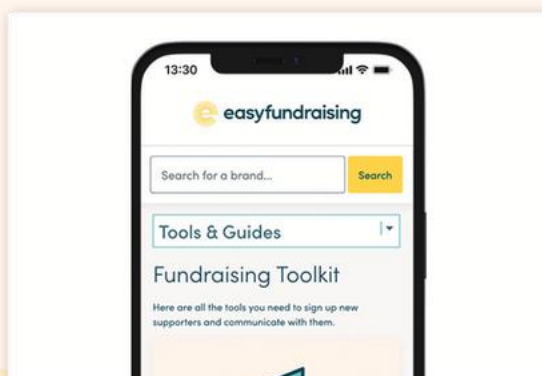
Step 5

Book a free call with one of the fundraising experts for the best advice on how to get family and friends registered and earning cashback toward your target.



Step 6

Visit 'Account' then 'Promote my Cause' for ready-made social media text, images, and WhatsApp messaging you can download and share to encourage family and friends to support you.



Why book with Global Action?

The Specialists

Travel with the UK's leading provider of Global Learning programmes. Global Action is managed by international development professionals, who have over 15 years' experience in organising school trips worldwide. You'll get full support, start to finish, from our experienced operations team, who have travelled to all our trip destinations. You will benefit from their first-hand knowledge and their wealth of experience from organising inspirational trips.

High Educational Value

Our Global Action programmes are designed to strengthen students' **employability skills** in leadership, teamwork, and communication. All students completing a Global Action trip qualify for the widely recognised **ASDAN Universities Award**. The ASDAN Universities Award is highlighted by UCAS for applicants to mention in the personal statement of their UCAS form. Students have found that the Universities Award has made a significant difference to their UCAS Application.

Safety First

On a Global Action trip, the health and safety of all our participants is our top priority. We have a full and comprehensive **Safety Management System**, including detailed risk assessments for each activity, and extensive itinerary planning with our trained in-country partners. We provide each team with highly qualified and experienced UK Global Action Leaders, supported by school staff, 24-hour safety backup, communication equipment and comprehensive First Aid Kits. Read more at: <https://global-action.co.uk/for-parents-students/safety/>

Financial Protection

Once you have booked you will enjoy financial security, as Global Action is a **fully-bonded UK tour operator** with the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL) Number 10624. So your trip is in safe hands, and monies paid to us are fully protected.



How to apply for this trip

1. Complete online application: see school letter for the link to your portal page
2. Send deposit to Global Action (or the school) – see your portal page



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