



global learning for positive change

"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



Greece – Turtle 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

"The turtle project was a paradise of a place with close encounters with many wonderful animals and plants. The rest and work schedule was well planned."

Head of Geography, The Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle



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, and refugee support. This trip is the perfect European destination for anyone interested in **biology, geography, conservation, politics, ancient Greece and architecture**.

Learn about:

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

Support: Social and 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 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: You will be staying in a hotel while in Athens and in the Peloponnese.

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.

Days 1: Home – Athens

Your exciting adventure begins, as you fly to the capital of Greece, Athens. On arrival, you will be met by your guide, who will be a **specialist in ecology**, and make your way to your hotel in Glyfada – the cosmopolitan Riviera of Athens.

Spend the evening down by the marina, and enjoy a traditional meal (local specialities often include tzatziki, moussaka and a favourite fast food, the mouth-watering Souvlaki) while listening to live Greek music, before heading back to your hotel for a good sleep!



Day 2: Athens - Sea turtle rescue centre



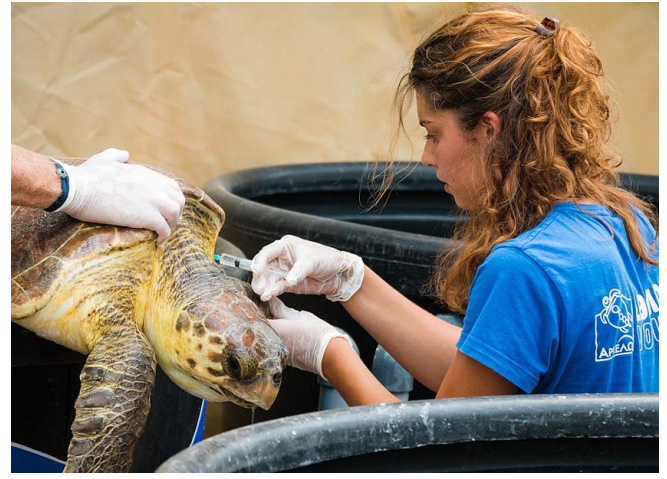
You'll start your second day with a short stroll down to the beach, where you will visit the **Archelon Sea Turtle Rescue Centre**, a rehab facility for sea turtles, and get the opportunity to see their conservation work first-hand. The Rescue Centre's main functions are to receive, treat and rehabilitate injured and sick sea turtles, then release them back to the wild - all while raising public awareness of their work and the threats these incredible animals face.

Nature lovers and keen biologists will be in their element while learning the intricacies of turtle ecology and behaviour, in preparation for your **turtle conservation project** later in your trip.

Days 3 – 6: Turtle Conservation Protection Project – Peloponnese Peninsula

Today you will travel to beautiful Neapolis in the **Peloponnese Peninsula**. Travelling along the E65 from Athens you will cross the Corinth Canal. Built in 1881, the canal was dug through the isthmus at sea level and has no locks. From there you will head into the mountains of the Peloponnese before dropping down to the stunning Neapolis bay, on the Elafonisos Strait.

Today you will meet the passionate volunteers who run the NGO Tulipa Gulimi which promotes conservation of flora, fauna, and Greek culture in the Southern Peloponnese. The group will learn about sea turtle biology, conservation, threat to turtles and take part in discussions around sustainable tourism which link to several of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



You will start with an introduction to the project and learn why their conservation efforts are critical for the protection of the IUCN Red List 'vulnerable' Loggerhead turtle, as well as getting the opportunity to ask loads of questions to the experts. The group will see first-hand what is being done to protect Loggerhead turtles by NGOs such as Tulipa Gulimi. Each day you will undertake guided beach patrols, looking out for new turtle nests and monitoring existing nests.

Tulipa Gulimi monitor the coastal habitats and raise public awareness of the turtles and the importance of protecting the nesting beaches. There are several nesting beaches in the region meaning a large area for the NGO to monitor. You will provide them with vital support as they work to increase the chances of survival for Loggerhead turtles returning to Greece each summer. Be prepared for early starts (6am) or early evening patrols. Packed breakfasts will be provided.

Depending on the time of year (Mid-May to August is nesting season and the end of July to October is hatching season), you will get stuck into some of the following activities:

- looking for adult turtle tracks, locating nests, enclose and mark them
- locate baby turtle tracks and nests, relocate any threatened nests
- marking of hatching nests and dealing with any hatchlings that are still on the beach
- shading nests to protect the hatchlings from disorientation
- collection of reeds to construct the protection of the nest, and making wooden constructions such as boxes for injured turtles
- beach cleans



During the hottest part of the day (midday to 3pm) we have scheduled a variety of activities. You will visit Tulipa Gulimi's recently opened Wildlife Rescue First Aid and Environmental Information Centre just outside Neapolis. Here, you can learn about the extraordinary conservation efforts of this NGO throughout the Peloponnese.

Another afternoon will include exploring the extraordinary Kastania Cave, containing some of the best examples of rare stalactites and stalagmites in Europe, estimated to be around 3 million years old!

Lastly, on an evening when the stars are most visible under a clear sky, Yiannis and local astronomers will lead a session combining Greek mythology and astrology. There will be some downtime during the hottest parts of the day before and after lunch. Your Global Action Leader and local guide will arrange activities such as team building games and quizzes. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy the blue flag beach just across the road from your hotel. You will also have some free time to relax on the stunning beaches, and cool off with a paddle.

During the project, you can enjoy interactive talks from experts on the local wildlife, and the fascinating underwater city of Pavlopetri, which is 5,000 years old, making it the oldest submerged city known in the world. Pavlopetri is unique in having an almost complete town plan, including streets, buildings, and tombs.

Day 7: Athens – NGO Shedia and the Parthenon

Then it will be time to return to Athens for the final part of your trip. Your private coach will pick you up, and take you to your central Athens hotel.

Explore the oldest part of this fascinating city. Known as the **‘neighbourhood of the Gods’**, Plaka is in the shadow of the world-famous Acropolis. With its cobbled streets and market stalls, Plaka is the perfect place to get to know your surroundings, learn about the history of Athens and practice the odd few Greek words (it is handy that you can use the same word, “yassou”, for hello and goodbye!).

You’ll meet with the NGO Shedia, home to the country’s street paper. Shedia is an inspiring non-profit organisation providing work and building confidence for people who are homeless, living in poverty, unable to find employment or otherwise vulnerable and underprivileged. You will see how it supports, reduces poverty, and empowers people through its social projects.



After enjoying a delicious lunch with the NGO, you’ll take part in an ‘Invisible Athens tour’ which introduces some of the most important social and solidarity institutions of the Greek capital, as well as exploring state social and grassroots movements fighting against poverty and social exclusion.

You will also have a guided tour of the ancient citadel of the Acropolis, one of many UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the country. Containing the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historic significance, the most famous being the Parthenon, the Acropolis is arguably the most striking and complete ancient Greek monumental complete complex that still exists.

Day 8: Athens – Home

Today you say goodbye and travel back to Athens airport for your flight home. You can reflect on your unique adventure in a Global Learning Review: from helping in sea turtle conservation, exploring mesmerising ancient ruins, to learning about the environmental and social organisations working towards a sustainable future in modern Greece.

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

Organisations we support in Greece

Through the trip's activities, Global Action are delighted to be supporting the following organisations. Each has been established to provide local income-earning opportunities while promoting conservation and sustainable use of resources.



SHEDIA is an Urban non-profit organisation established in early 2010 to provide support to the most vulnerable members of society who are experiencing homelessness and social exclusion, giving them tools to support themselves and improve their personal, social and economic well-being.

Check Out: shedia.gr



ARCHELON, the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece aims to protect sea turtles and their habitats. A number of activities with regard to sea turtle conservation have been tested and developed through the years. At the same time, our activities are bringing us close to small and big environmental and societal issues.

Check Out: archelon.gr



TULIPA GOULIMI named after a local tulip this association of volunteers aims to protect wildlife of all kinds in the southernmost area of the Peloponnese. They focus on the Loggerhead Sea turtle nesting zones each summer in collaboration with Archelon. Daily patrols protect hundreds of nesting sites.

Check Out: ngotoulipa-goulimyι.eu

"The trip exceeded my expectations... I did not anticipate the far-reaching positive effect it would have on my daughter. Thank you."

Parent, Kingswood 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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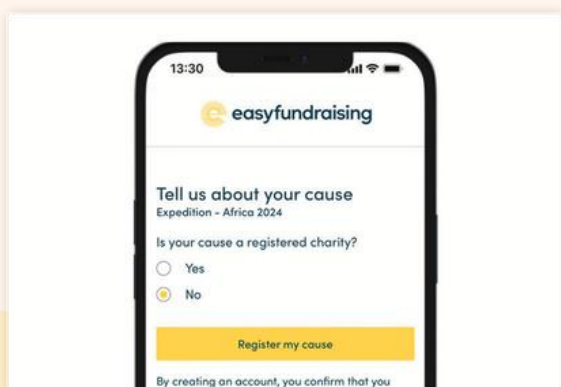
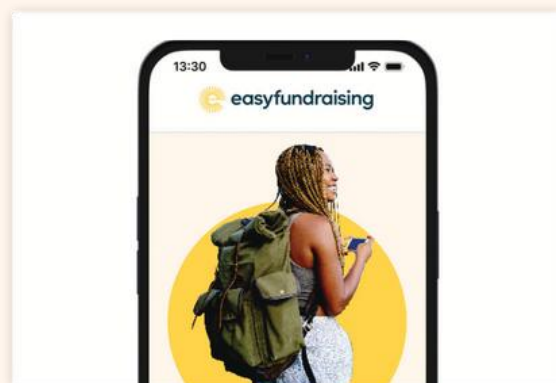
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Others

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

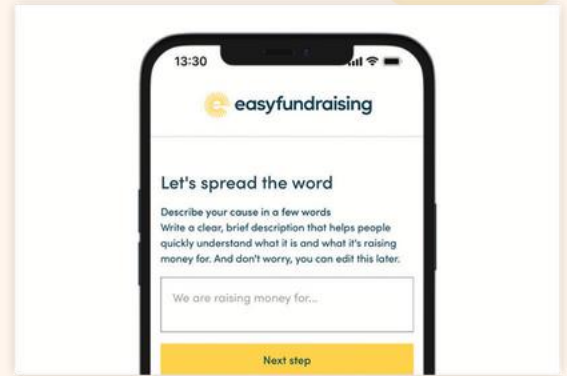


Step 2

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.



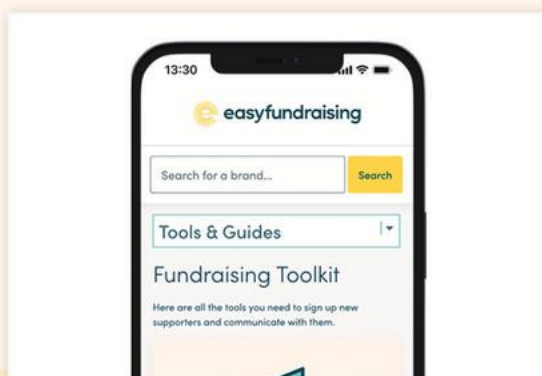
Step 5

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: www.global-action.co.uk

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.



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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