

# A VERY BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE GREEK BEHAVIOR

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- When you visit Greece you will notice the loudness of our voice. Don't panic! We like to shout at each other everywhere and we make our presence noticeable. That may irritate some people who are more into silent environments, but in the end that's how we are.
- Body language is another important aspect of greek communication. As Mediterranean Sea influences us, we express ourselves really intensely to the point that some could get a wrong message. If someone touches you or hugs only for saying good morning, don't get it wrong. Just hug him or her too.
- Food is our way of living. We are famous for our cuisine and also the amount of food that we eat and serve. The high percentage of obesity can prove this right. So, for sure you are going to eat when you come visit us and also you should accept every single bite.
- Going out is something like a national sport. You have to contribute to that by starting your night after midnight and continuing until the sun rises. Of course, the other day, like many Greeks, you will experience a certain deficiency in hearing and speaking.
- Although we consider ourselves tidy and clean, something that also our houses can prove (at least the majority of them), our cities and neighborhoods are dirty with masses of rubbish out of the bins making you hold your breath.
- If you want to walk around in our capital, be prepared to face angry and stressful drivers and also quite risky pedestrians. One great advice, don't trust the traffic lights! It's a matter of survival.
- We really love our country and expect the same from everyone else. We will thank you and maybe buy you a drink if you flatter us enough, but we will certainly create a stereotype about you and your country if you don't acknowledge our superiority.
- The stereotype of greek people being lazy is totally pointless. We just like finishing our work in order to go as soon as possible for a cold coffee. So when you plan to go out with us, make sure you have nothing to do for the next 3 hours.
- We really like a lot to analyze thoughts and ideas. We can philosophize endlessly without never practicing. So if you have always wanted to become part of western philosophy, just start a conversation with us.
- As of greek families 30 something maybe is a good age to have your own financial independence . Until then you can study in 3 different faculties and gain as many useless degrees as you want .
- Just come to Greece and fall in love with us!!  
Maybe nothing of the above is true.....

