

Prohibited or Restricted Items to Export from Greece

Cultural and Historical Artifacts

- Ancient artifacts (e.g., pottery, coins, statues, tools)
- Byzantine icons or religious relics
- Antiquities without a permit from the Greek Ministry of Culture
- Fossils and geologically significant stones

Works of Art and Cultural Value

- Paintings, sculptures, or other artworks older than 50 years (especially by Greek artists) may require export permits
- Counterfeit goods or replicas of antiquities without declaring them
- Manuscripts, rare books, or historical documents

Natural and Environmental Items

- Protected plant species (e.g., rare wildflowers, orchids)
- Endangered animal products (e.g., sea shells, corals, ivory) under CITES regulations

Drugs and Medication

- Prescription drugs without documentation
- Narcotics or psychotropic substances (even in small quantities)

Weapons and Hazardous Materials

- Firearms and ammunition (including antique weapons)
- Explosives, fireworks, and flares
- Military equipment or related materials

Currency and Valuables

- Cash amounts over €10,000 (or equivalent in other currencies) must be declared at customs
- Valuable items like gold, silver, or jewelry may be subject to restrictions if undeclared or improperly documented

Tips

When in doubt, check with the Greek customs office or your embassy/consulate. Taking prohibited items out of Greece can result in confiscation, fines, or legal action.