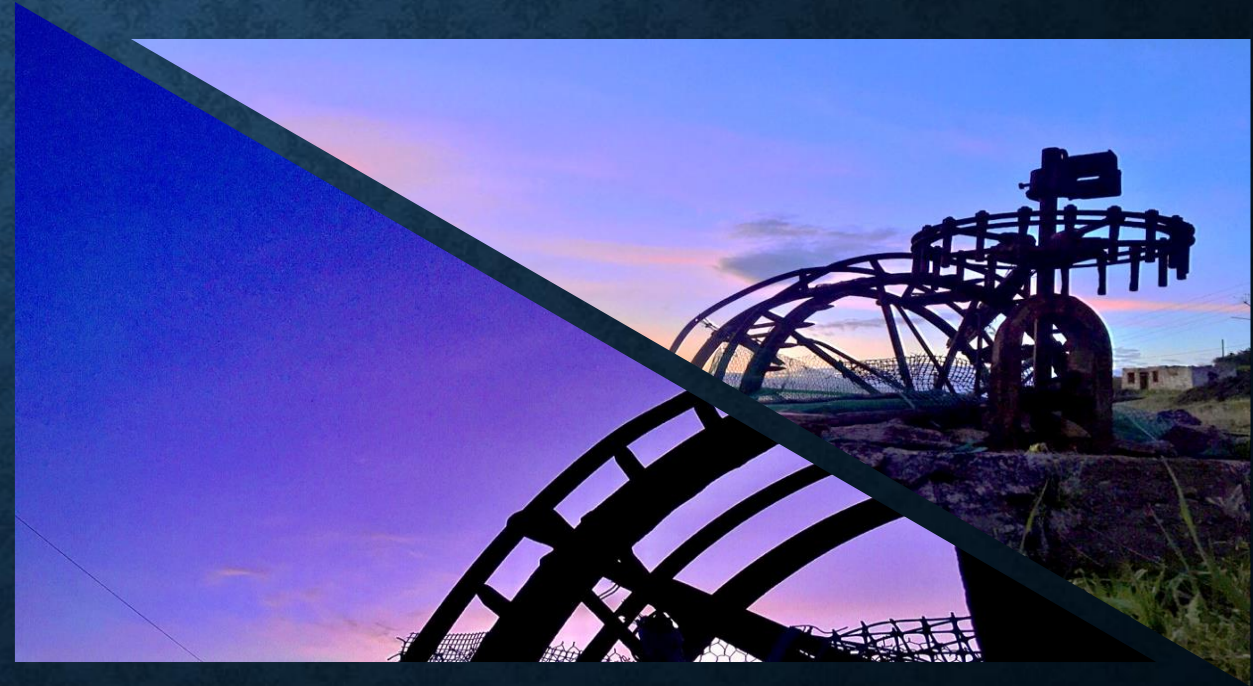




# HABITS AND CUSTOMS OF GREECE





# INTRODUCTION

Greece is a place rich in culture and many unique traditions, with elements coming from ancient habits and beliefs.

Greek culture and the way of life are heavily affected by the country's landscape, the abundance of water everywhere, mainly the sea.

Of course all customs and traditions have been absorbed and integrated to religious beliefs.

# *THEOPHANY (EPIPHANY)*



Epiphany, January 6, celebrates the baptism of Christ. In Greece it carries a lot of significance as a holiday.



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A popular celebration of Epiphany, is tossing a cross in the sea from a boat. As the cross hits the surface of the sea, many dive off the pier so as to retrieve it.







**SOME LOCAL VIDEO FOOTAGE**

# *CHRISTMAS SHIP*



Traditionally, Greeks decorated a ship at Christmas, depicting their connection to the sea. This tradition was overshadowed by the Christmas tree, at around 1950.



# *THE SILENT WATER*

On July 24, as part of a fortune telling ritual, with ancient Greek roots, young unmarried women would carry water silently to the village from the nearby spring or well. The ritual had the purpose of revealing the identity of their future partner. This tradition is part of the celebrations of Kledonas.



# ***KLEDONAS-SYROS***



In Syros on June 24, people gather around a bonfire where they take turns jumping over it. In the fire they burn the wreathes that are made on May.



# *PERPEROUNA*

In rural regions towards the end of summer and having undergone extended periods of drought, a young well presented, less wealthy woman would be dressed in leaves and plants and would go around the village singing songs along with the company of many other women. This was thought to please the god and bring rain.





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