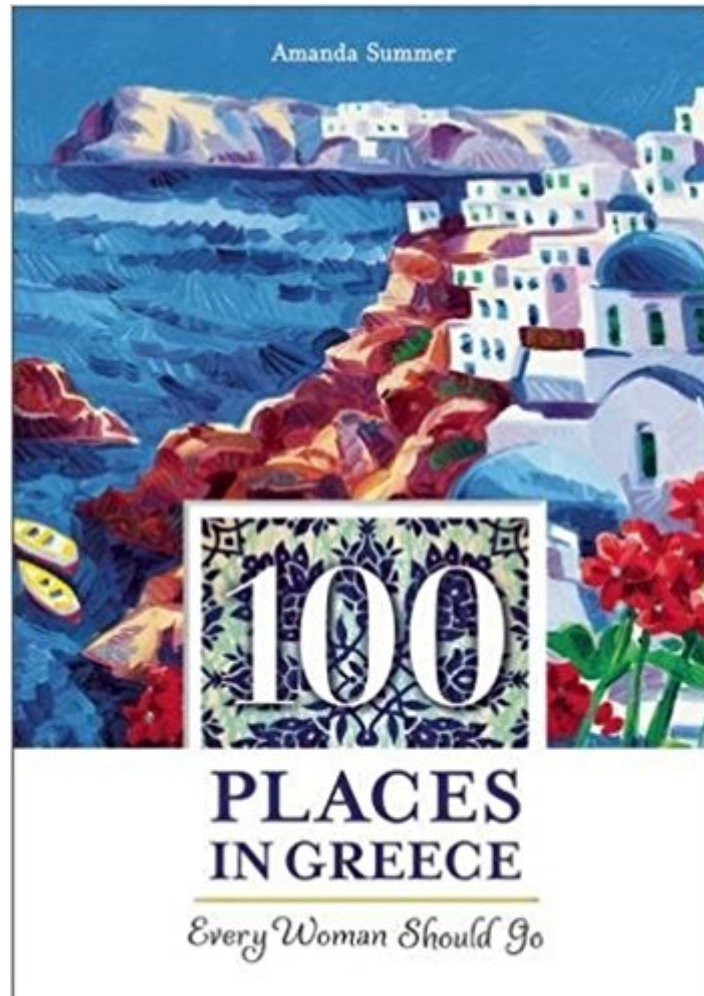




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Synopsis

100 Places in Greece Every Woman Should Go, a series of 100 essays overflowing with charm, wit, and wisdom, is an indispensable tool to plan your next trip to a country where the voices of the goddesses still whisper in the winds. Uncover the unexpected charms of Athens, float down the real River Styx, and learn of miraculous healing involving snakes, saintly relics, and women's underwear. Learn how Corinth's ancient temple prostitution gives new meaning to the term 'sex and the city' and discover an ancient mystery cult on Lesbos. Sail to Leros, birthplace of Artemis and an island known as a destination for the insane, and make a stop on Skopelos to see that fantastic cliff top church where Meryl Streep belted out Abba tunes. With style, intelligence, and personal anecdotes, archaeologist and award-winning travel writer Amanda Summer is your personal guide to the best of Greece. Crisp, humorous storytelling introduces the temples, shrines, grottoes, and churches of this magnificent country, intricately woven with stories of the women; from goddesses to artistic legends like Melina Mercouri and Maria Callas. Sexy, scholarly and spiritual, 100 Places in Greece Every Woman Should Go is a must for every traveler.

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Customer Reviews

'OH MY GODS! Amanda Summer lights up the country with magic, history, power, and mystery. Do not go to Greece without this book...though you will definitely be there as you read. She lures you in with sparkling waters, caves, temples, sculptures, foods...and her lively prose and passion will bring you into lives and loves, healings, and an underworld that feels as real as the

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—Rita Golden Gelman, Author of *Tales of a Female Nomad: Living at Large in the World*; This book makes a perfect traveling companion for any woman discovering Greece, whether she's exploring its ancient ruins or modern life. Pull it out of your bag, open up to your location, and get ready for a fresh perspective, interesting insight, or useful information; everything you'd want from a buddy joining you on your odyssey.

—Eleni Gage, author of *North of Ithaka, The Ladies of Managua and Other Waters*; *100 Places in Greece Every Woman Should Go* is a captivating account of thousands of years of female experience in one of the most enchanting places of the world. Amanda Summer, an archaeologist with an intricate and profound knowledge of Greece, masterfully combines the hard facts of history with the romance and mystery of Greek culture. Her lively, powerful, and intimate writing brings to life not only the ruins, the landscape, and the culture of Greece, but also the connection between the past and the present. In her pages, the formidable heroines of Greece come alive amidst the olive trees, the bright sun, the turquoise waters, and the ancient architecture. The author manages to capture and convey the passion, liveliness, and joie de vivre that define Greek culture and inspire our lives today. This book is a necessary companion to anyone interested in exploring Greece and the history of women in western civilization.

—Professor Michael Cosmopoulos, author of *Bronze Age Eleusis and the Origins of the Eleusinian Mysteries*

Amanda Summer is an archaeologist and award-winning writer whose work has appeared in "The New York Times, Islands, Archaeology, Odyssey" and "The Best Travel Writing." For the past 30 years she has returned to the Greek island of Ithaka, where she searched for the palace of Odysseus starting in 1984 with a team from Washington University in St. Louis. Currently she is on staff with the Iklaina Archaeological Project in Pylos, Greece. Even though she has traced the odyssey of history's most famous male adventurer, she has a passion for stories about women who have found transformation through travel.

I'm not a woman... but it's not required to benefit from this wonderful and unique look at a country we can all call home in a sense. Ms. Summer has literally dug deep into it's soil, culture and history to extract stories that paint fascinating pictures of this ancient place. Whether you travel often to Greece... or have only been once, you will find new ways to see her. And if you have never been... this book will put Greece on your bucket list. Opa!!!

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The title says it all..... she writes beautifully -- makes you want to go to Greece immediately - She is brilliant. It is hard to put down one you have started..... if you have been to Greece you will see what I mean

This has become my new best travel guide to my favorite place to journey with the female perspective in mind. All those goddesses that came before and the strong Greek women who live today, are honored in Amanda Summer's well researched and thoroughly entertaining view of her beloved home away from home...Ellada!

Good book for women!

Oh, how I love this book! When I grew up in after-war-Germany, with a great longing for far-away places, I lost myself in the book "Die schönsten Sagen des klassischen Altertums" - which made me feel at home with all the names and places of Ancient Greece, with Gods and Goddesses and Treason and Homecoming of Heroes, all those STORIES, but I never made it to one of those Islands in the Aegean Sea. Then I came across Amanda's fantastic blog "Travels with Persephone" and now her equally amazing book "100 Places in Greece Every Woman Should Go". It feels like having my own personal tour guide, one full of knowledge and also a heap of daring courage! Just open the book at "Place Nr.10: Mad for Leros", and read the first paragraph! She stands on the deck of a ferryboat at 3 a.m. and knows this: Leros has primarily been a destination for the insane... You get what I mean? Read on!Angela Schmidt, Germany

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