



Any trip to Greece would not be complete without a visit to the 2,500-year-old Parthenon atop Acropolis Hill in the nation's capital. Throughout the centuries since, many American structures are based on the architectural design, including the Lincoln Memorial and Supreme Court Buildings in Washington DC, Tennessee State Capital Building and Girard College in Philadelphia.

**Temple of Olympian Zeus:** Although much is in ruins, the huge structure was the largest of all Greek temples. Work began five centuries before the Christian era, and wasn't completed for another five centuries.

**The National Gardens of Athens:** The beautiful area was once the private property of Greek royalty. Today it's a beautiful public park with well-kept lawns, hiking and biking paths, kids' playground, fish pond, and zoo. It's near the Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Greek Soldier and the Panathenaic Stadium. **Philopappou Hill and Hill of the Pnyx:** Climb to the top of this historic area to get a breathtaking 360-degree look over the city. These were gathering places where Aristides, Demosthenes, Pericles and Themistocles spoke to the citizens 16 centuries ago.

**Panathenaic Stadium:** This is where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. The impressive marble stadium is on the grounds where an ancient Roman colosseum once featured chariot races and gladiators. Today the stadium features sports, music and other public events.