

1. Members stationed in Greece on accompanied orders must obtain an alien ID card for their sponsored dependents if those dependents will be staying for more than 90 days.
2. If a service member is in Greece on unaccompanied orders, their family members may visit for up to 90 days on a tourist visa (using their tourist passport) within a single calendar year. The visiting family members may apply for a one-time 90-day extension to that visa, which would bring their total time legally allowed in Greece up to 180 days during a rolling calendar year. (This can be done at the local city hall or police station, and as I understand it most requests for an extension are approved). If visiting family members exceed their allotted time in Greece (90 days or 180 days per rolling calendar year), they are subject to fines of up to 1,200 Euros, may be barred from entering any of the "Schengen" European countries for a period of time, and may gain "ordinary resident" legal status under Greek law, subjecting them to tax assessments and other obligations. Persons in violation of the tourist visa limits may be detained when attempting to depart the country until the matter is resolved. For more information on these points, I refer to the Foreign Clearance Guide and the following Embassy page: https://athens.usembassy.gov/residency_08.html.
3. Most of the billets here in Greece are unaccompanied because of the lack of support services available on station. For example, the medical facility is equipped to accommodate the medical needs of those personnel who are known to be stationed here, but not for every medical need that may arise for long-term dependent family members. Additionally, there are no DOD schools available, and members should be cautioned about making sure that they are in compliance with all educational requirements for their children in their state of residence.
4. Finally, members who have their family with them in Greece when they are not under accompanied orders need to be careful to observe the applicable BAH/OHA requirements. If family members are visiting for more than 90 days and the family continues to collect BAH, they face the possibility of punitive action, to include criminal charges, for BAH fraud. The JFTR (Chapter 10, Part E, Section 5-10408) applies.
5. For any questions concerning this policy, the current NSASB JAG is LT Nicholas Cade, who can be reached at nicholas.cade@eu.navy.mil.

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