

**HISTORY**

# EMPIRE BUILDERS: THE ANCIENT GREEKS

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**The ancient Greek civilisation has arguably affected the Western World more than any other in history.**

Its contribution to science, philosophy, architecture, politics and drama is felt every day by the modern world. On our historic journey we explore Greek mythology, the rivalry of Athens and Sparta, the Persian wars, and the accomplishments of Alexander the Great. And we examine the great archaeological excavations that unearthed these sites and the controversy that surrounds the removal of famous icons from the ancient world.



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## **1. Minoans, Mycenae and the Persian Wars**

In this episode of Empire Builders, we explore the great historic sites of the Minoan civilisation on Crete, Mycenae in the Peloponnese and the emerging Greek city states such as Corinth. We also travel to Greek settlements established in the Mediterranean, at places such as Phaestum in southern Italy and Selinunte in Sicily.

## **2. Classical Greece and beyond**

In this episode of Empire Builders, we explore the great sites of Athens, Delphi, Olympia, and Epidaurus which together form some of the greatest sites in antiquity. Every element of Greek society worshiped their Gods, and Delphi, two hours north of Athens, was a site of pilgrimage for centuries