

## Last full day in Greece (definitely on the "need to come back" list)



This is the "Treasury" building in Delphi. Greece's financial troubles may be related to this building no longer having a top, not to mention missing a couple of sides. We're hardly here and it's time to head on to another country tomorrow! Today we hired a driver to take us to Delphi, a site several hours away, known for being the center of Greek mythology. Interesting to think of something tangible as being mythological. Cities and buildings and people were definitely here; it's not as if it's made-up stories.

Once again I should have recorded the days' wanderings on Strava. There's a lot of hiking, a lot of steps, at Delphi. I'm sure many don't bother going all the way to the top, but you'd miss the "Stadium" which is seriously impressive. And seriously way up there in the clouds.

Too bad this area is routinely visited by nasty earthquakes every five or so centuries, or we might see something a lot more substantial laid out in front of us. At first you're thinking, 2000 years ago, what could you expect? But keep in mind that Nîmes, France has a [roman building from 7 AD](#) that has been in continuous use ever since. They did in fact build to last.



This is where you're looking up and imagining what once was...After going through the "top" of Delphi, we visited the bottom, where the Temple of Athena remains lie. From there you can stand back and take it all in, looking up the hill and filling in the blanks, watching the City on a Hill reveal itself in your mind. It's quite a startling moment when it hits.

Doing things the "right" way, I think you'd head to Delphi, see the sights and spend the night there, and then move on to another remote location before heading back to Athens. I think. Or maybe I'm just a bit reactive because we're doing so many things, going to so many places, in so few days, it seems like there's an awful large amount of "travel time" that could be put to better use. Like sleeping in tomorrow morning instead of getting up at 5:50am to catch an early flight to Rome!



