

From the Grand Canyon and the Great Pyramid to the smallest country in the world, our writers explore the most magnificent sights the planet has to offer

# Wonders of the world

## Tag Wonders

Princess Diana's funeral was a rare event in modern entertainment, with millions of people watching her death and her funeral on television. The funeral was held in the Westminster Abbey in London, where she was buried with Prince Charles in a ceremony of state.

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The world is a beautiful place, a world of wonder and awe. The world is a world of hope and possibility, a world of joy and happiness. The world is a world of love and compassion, a world of peace and harmony.

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## Athens – The Acropolis

Eager to explore Athens' famous sights, but a little dubious about our comfort in this notoriously congested city, my fiancé and I arrived at the King George Palace hotel, courtesy of the most hilarious taxi driver – a Greek version of Del Boy with a classier set of wheels. In between regaling us with tales of being the only cabbie to be invited to the British embassy by the Queen, he explained that while Athens still battles with a reputation of choking in smog and traffic fumes, there have been huge changes thanks to the 2004 Olympics.

So no sooner had we marvelled at the Acropolis from our hotel balcony, than we were off for a closer look. A pleasant walk took us through recently pedestrianised streets and via the sparkling new metro system. While many talk of a gruelling ascent to the famous fortress, with a good pair of trainers the 10-minute hike is hardly tiring.

We gazed in awe, as our tour guide pointed out that the summit's Parthenon temple, constructed in the 5th century BC, has no straight lines. Ancient architects used visual trickery when designing the grand Doric columns to guard Athena's gold

statue, and the temple is currently being painstakingly restored to correct the damage of past repairs. We shifted awkwardly from foot to foot as the guide told us how desperate everyone was for Britain to return the Elgin marbles, which used to adorn the frieze.

To savour the magic of the Acropolis illuminated at night, we dined on the veranda of the King George's sumptuous Tudor Hall restaurant. The food was indeed fit for a king, with lobster soup, rice in vine leaves and swordfish. Not surprisingly, the great and the good have all stayed here: Grace Kelly was at the King George when she learned of her first pregnancy, and Christina Aguilera is a fan of the rooftop penthouse suite.

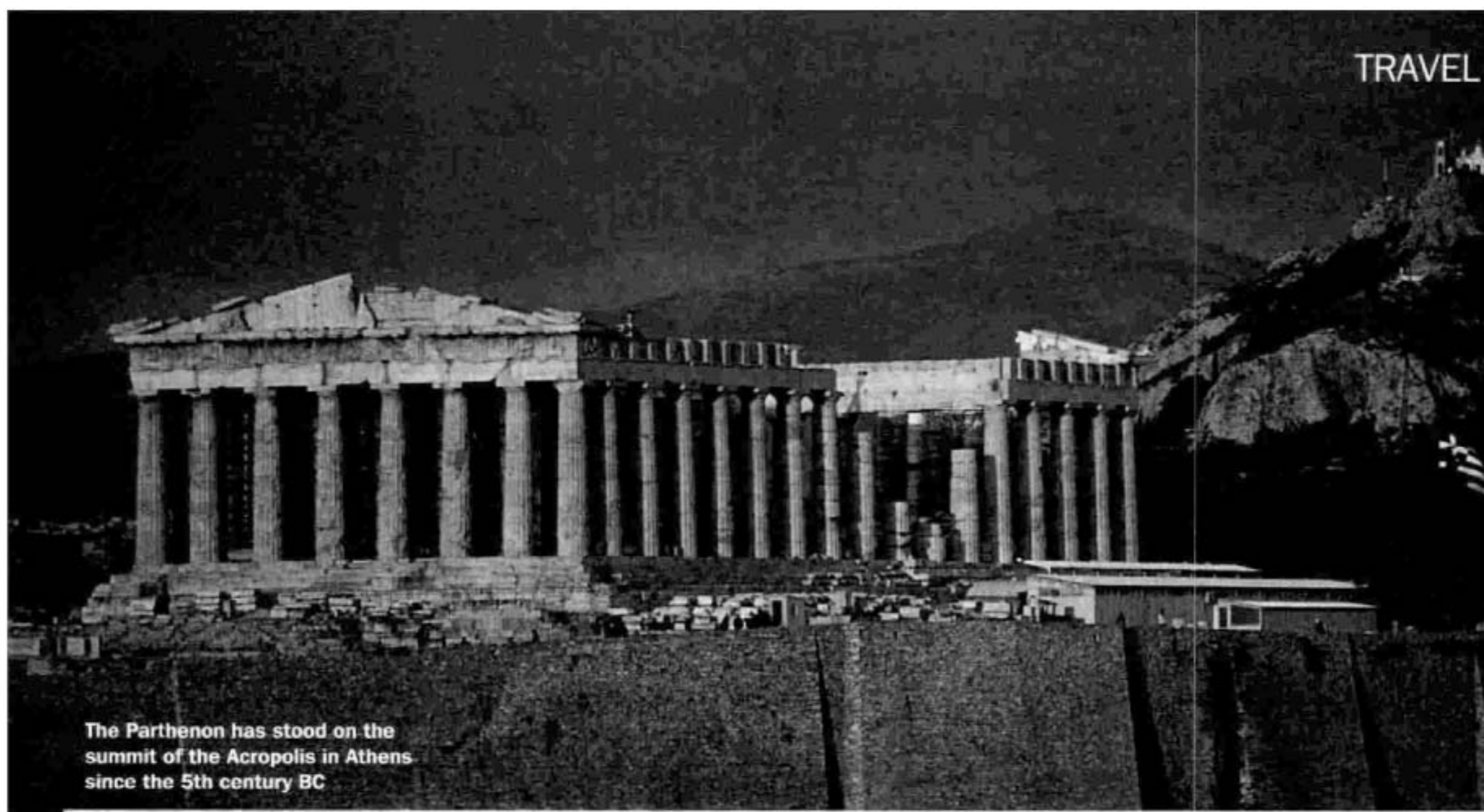
Later that evening we made our way to Mount Lycabettus, the highest point in Athens, where cable cars operate up the steep incline until 3am. There was a little time to kill before the next ride and we waited at the hip Tetpanezio café in Kolonaki, a hillside warren of whitewashed modern boutiques and coffee houses. We entered, hoping for a stiff drink to steady our nerves for the ascent, but the owner insisted we try his prized delicacy of sea urchin eggs, ferried daily from the coast.

Not wishing to refuse his hospitality we washed the sharp mixture down with ouzo and climbed into the cable car in our glad rags, my non-fish eating fiancé a little green.

Perched at the top of the hill is the tiny church of Saint George where we sat, stomachs full and legs weary, smug in the knowledge that we'd stumbled upon Europe's hottest new short break destination.

### Denise Dunk

*Denise stayed at the Grecotel Cape Sounio (00 30 210 72 80 417, [www.grecotel.com](http://www.grecotel.com)), which offers bed and breakfast from £303 per night. Double rooms at the King George Palace, Athens (00 30 210 32 22 210, [www.classicalhotels.com](http://www.classicalhotels.com)) cost from £150 per night. easyJet ([www.easyJet.com](http://www.easyJet.com)) flies to Athens from London Gatwick from £49.09 return (including taxes).*



The Parthenon has stood on the summit of the Acropolis in Athens since the 5th century BC

“To savour the magic of the Acropolis at night, we dined on the veranda of the King George hotel, where Grace Kelly stayed”

“Standing next to a 4,000-year-old sarcophagus, I sang a few notes and listened, stunned, as a full choir of harmonizing voices echoed back at me”