



This map shows the Greek mainland and islands.

This stretch of the Greek coastline, looking out onto the Aegean Sea, looks much the same as it did when the first Greeks settled here.

THE CYCLADES

Archaeologists have identified a thriving culture on the Cyclades islands from about 2600-2000BC. Craftsmen there produced fine carvings and there was active trade between the islands. But the Cyclades were too small for the way of life there to develop further.

A marble figure from the Cyclades, dating back to about 2500BC

