



Naval Support Activity Souda Bay does not have on-base housing for accompanied personnel. Most off-base housing options are smaller than a typical house in the U.S., and may not have an on-site storage area. Because of this, you'll want to carefully consider what you bring to Greece in your household goods (HHG) shipment.

Non-Temporary Storage (NTS)

Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to any overseas duty station may entitle you to Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) at government expense for the duration of the overseas tour – check your orders to verify. Although full Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) allowance is authorized for accompanied military and civilian personnel, NTS should be used to the maximum extent possible.

Consider putting excess and/or large furniture in NTS due to space limitations in housing on the local economy. Consider storing items of great sentimental value or high value that are not needed during an overseas tour. Large 110-volt appliances, such as washing machines and refrigerators, are not compatible with European 220-volt current and should be put in NTS.

Loaner Furniture and Appliances

NSA Souda Bay's [Loaner Furnishings Program](#) is available at no cost and open to all military and DoD civilian personnel on PCS orders. The 90-day Temporary Furniture Loan Program is designed to get you started in your new house or apartment while you are waiting for your HHG to arrive. There is also a Full Tour Appliance Package. Unaccompanied military personnel who opt to rent an unfurnished apartment may also use the Full Tour Furniture package.

What Should I Bring?

NOTE By direction of the NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, members assigned to NSA Souda Bay are not authorized to bring firearms of any kind into Greece.

The following suggestions pertain to individual types of household appliances and furnishings. Contact your sponsor if you have any questions about a particular item not mentioned here.

Beds and Mattresses: If you have them, bring them. Beds and mattresses are not available at the Navy Exchange, except by special order. Beds and mattresses are available in local shops, but they are different sizes than American beds.

Rugs: Floors in Greece are mostly hard tile, wood and/or marble, so consider bringing carpets or area rugs. You can find a wide variety of rugs in local shops here in Crete, as well.

Desks, Dressers and Storage: Most bedrooms have built-in closets with shelving, so you may not want to bring your tall or long dressers. Small tables, desks, and storage chests are recommended.

Small Electrical Appliances: Generally speaking, small electrical appliances such as coffee makers may be dual voltage or can be used with a transformer. Items compatible with European 220-volt current are available at the Navy Exchange and in local shops.

Kitchen and Household Items: Bring items such as dishes, glassware, and utensils, as well as sheets and towels.

Electrical Clocks: These are not practical because they will not keep accurate time due to the 50 cycle current. The hands travel five-sixths of an hour every 60 minutes. Wind-up or battery powered clocks are your best bet.

Televisions: U.S. televisions can be used with a transformer; however, they will not be able to receive Greek television signals. Greek television is transmitted in SECAM/PAL and the American TVs are only set up for NTSC. Greek television transmits EURONEWS, the BBC and CNN International, as well as American movies and many stateside sitcoms in English with Greek subtitles. Dual-voltage televisions are available for purchase through the Military Exchange System or can be purchased locally from other military or civilian members leaving the area.

Uniforms: A complete seabag is required (to include ribbons and medals) for all military personnel. The Navy Exchange Uniform Shop can order uniform items and accessories if they are not in stock at the Souda store. More than likely, you'll have an opportunity to wear all of your uniforms during the course of the year. The change to summer and winter uniforms normally takes place in May and November.

Civilian Clothes: In planning your civilian clothes, keep in mind that the climate varies from hot (90 to 100+ degrees Fahrenheit) in the summer, to cold and rainy in the winter (40 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit). Most DoD civilians wear business casual attire to work. Military members and civilian employees may want to bring more formal attire for special occasions. The Navy Exchange has a small selection of clothes, and online shopping is an option, as is shopping on the local economy.

***NOTE* Wireless Devices:** Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) wireless devices such as cordless phones, wireless routers, walkie talkies, drones, etc., sold in the U.S. are generally not approved for use within European Union (EU) countries. U.S. COTS wireless devices have potential to cause frequency interference within the host nation. Devices causing interference can be confiscated indefinitely by local authorities without reimbursement. It is strongly encouraged not to ship U.S. COTS wireless devices into the EU unless items are specifically stamped with European Conformity Seal of Approval. Be aware even with approval, item(s) may not be authorized for use on base, as every country has variations in their frequency apportionments.