

The **Monasteries** Of **Meteora, Greece**, Are Marvels Of Engineering. Perched Atop Sandstone Cliffs, With Monastic Cells Hidden In Crevices Throughout, These Greek **Orthodox Sanctuaries** Reflect The Contemplative Solitude Sought By The Monks Who Built Them Between The **14th** And **17th** Centuries. The Most Intimate, Roussanou Monastery, Is Now Home To **16 Nuns** And Holds Relics Of **Saint Barbara**, Popular In Medieval Times.

For **Centuries** The Only Way To Reach **Roussanou** And The Other **Meteora Monasteries** In Central Greece Was By Climbing Retractable Ladders Or Being Lifted Up In A Net Basket. Restricted Access Kept The Faithful In And The Faithless Out. Today **New Tunnels** And **Steep Roads** And **Staircases** Open **The Churches** To Anyone Willing To Make A Cliffside Journey. **Guided Tours** Are Recommended To Better Understand The Sites' Rich Histories.

What You'll See Inside, **Sixteenth-Century** **Byzantine Frescoes** Fill **Roussanou's Chapel**, From The Walls To The Domed Ceiling, With Illustrations Of Planets, Peacocks, And Seraphim. Ostrich Eggs Are Displayed As Symbols Of Kingship, Resurrection, And Safekeeping. While Outside, One Can Look Down When Crossing The Small Bridge Into Roussanou To See The Monastery's **Private Garden**, Says Greek Travel Expert **George Kourelis**. Look Up To See Eagles, Falcons, And Rare Vultures.

Around **Roussanou** Are **16** Ancient **Hermetic Caves** (Pack Your Climbing Boots) And Five Other Functioning **Cliff-Top Monasteries** (Of The Original **24**). The Great **Meteoron Monastery** Houses The **Skulls** Of Monks Who Lived There, Along With **Vibrant Paintings** And The Church's **14th-Century Bread Oven**. Most Of The Churches Were Damaged By Waves Of Pillaging And War In The **20th** Century, But They Have Since Been Restored.

Question 1-5

Choose **YES** If The Statement Agrees With The Information Given In The Text,

Choose **NO** If The Statement Contradicts The Information, Or Choose **NOT GIVEN**

If There Is No Information On This.

1. The **Meteora Monasteries, Greece,** Are **Technological Wonders.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not Given

2. **Today** Even Those Without Faith Can Visit **The Roussanou.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not Given

3. **Roussanou's Chapel** Has An Abstemious Display Of Art
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not Given

4. **Eagles, Falcons And Vultures** Are Raised In The Monastery.
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not Given

5. Nearly All The **Meteoron Churches** Were Pillaged In The 20th Century.
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not Given