



OBJECT ID	2004.9.10
OBJECT NAME	Fez
MATERIAL	Polyester; Velvet
ACCESS POINTS	<p>blue</p> <p>fez</p> <p>gold</p> <p>handmade</p> <p>Personal Artifact</p> <p>Polyester</p> <p>red</p> <p>Tassel</p> <p>Velvet</p>

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Fez with a red velvet exterior with gold and black trimming and a long, gold tassel originating from the hat's center. Interior of the hat is lined with pale blue polyester. Fez part of the Greek Evones Costume.

ORIGIN

The fez is a felt hat of two types: either in the shape of a truncated cone made of red felt, or a short cylinder made of kilim fabric, both usually with a tassel attached to the top. The tarboosh is of ancient Greek origin and the modern fez, which is similar, owes much of its development and popularity to the Ottoman era.

Evzone is the name of several historical elite light infantry and mountain units of the Greek Army. Today, it refers to the members of the Presidential Guard, an elite ceremonial unit that guards the Greek Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Mansion, and the gate of Evzones camp in Athens.

The unit is famous around the world for its unique traditional uniform, which has evolved from the clothes worn by the klephts, who fought the Ottoman occupation of Greece. The most visible item of this uniform is the fustanella, a kilt-like garment. Their proven valour and peculiar dress turned them into a popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

CITATION

Fez, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/24/24.
