



OBJECT ID	2004.9.10
OBJECT NAME	Fez
MATERIAL	Polyester; Velvet
RELATED ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rug, 2004.9.1</li> <li>Blanket, 2004.9.2</li> <li>Blanket, 2004.9.3</li> <li>Rug, 2004.9.4</li> <li>Rug, 2004.9.5</li> <li>Blanket, 2004.9.6</li> <li>Blanket, 2004.9.7</li> <li>Flask, Pocket, 2004.9.8.A</li> <li>Flask, Pocket, 2004.9.8.B</li> <li>Shoe, Tsarouxia, 2004.9.9.A</li> <li>Shoe, Tsarouxia, 2004.9.9.B</li> <li>Statue, 2004.9.11</li> <li>Komboloi, 2004.9.12.1</li> <li>Komboloi, 2004.9.12.2</li> <li>Doll, 2004.9.13.A</li> <li>Doll, 2004.9.13.B</li> <li>Cane, 2004.9.14</li> </ul>

## ACCESS POINTS

blue  
fez  
gold  
handmade  
Personal Artifact  
Polyester  
red  
Tassel  
Velvet

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A fez with a red velvet exterior, gold and black trimming circumferencing the rim of the fez, and a long golden tassel originating from the hat's center. The interior of the hat is lined with a pale blue polyester. Fezes are a part of the Greek Evzones 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, 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 valor 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 01/11/26.