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ABOUT ATHENS

A world-famous past and exciting present. Enclosed by glittering beaches and forested mountains, Athens has inspired visitors for centuries. Culture has always been the city's hallmark: with a rare mix of archaeological sites, contemporary and classical museums, cutting-edge galleries, open-air cinemas and now a dazzling new opera house and national library designed by Renzo Piano, Athens is Europe's eternal cultural capital. Add street markets and designer boutiques, creative start-ups, a world-class cocktail culture, fantastic and affordable food, and you have a city for all seasons and all kinds of traveller.

Athens is a vibrant, welcoming city. You can stroll along the paths that circles Europe's largest Archaeological Park for a close-up view of some of the world's most significant ancient treasures –first and foremost, the Acropolis. Or catch the tram to the coast that stretches 120 km for a walk or swim along the Athens Riviera, lined with secret coves and lively beaches. With 300 sun-drenched days a year, Athenians spend a lot of time by the sea.

The city's appeal as a tourist destination is flourishing, thanks to new infrastructure and cultural attractions, an expanding transport network, and more green spaces.

Welcome to Athens!

For more information about the city's attractions, neighbourhoods and what's on, visit: www.thisisathens.org

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

FROM THE AIRPORT

Athens International Airport is located about 20 km (12 miles) from the city centre.

By metro

Metro line 3 (Agia Marina -> Doukissis Plakentias -> Athens International Airport), connects Athens airport to the city centre. Trains run every 30 minutes, seven days a week from 06.30 - 23.30. The trip from/to the Airport to Syntagma station (Athens centre) takes approx. 40 minutes. Check the metro timetable to the airport [here](#) .

For tickets and cards check [here](#).

24-hour express buses

Express buses connect Athens (city centre and greater area) and Piraeus (port) with Athens International Airport. Service is provided on a non-stop basis, seven days a week including holidays (24/7). All buses disembark at the departures level and depart from the arrivals level. There are four routes:

- 1. X93: Kifissos KTEL (long-distance buses) station - airport**
Direct connection to the intercity bus (KTEL) terminals KIFISOS and LIOSION.
Link to suburban rail station at: KIFISIOS
- 2. X95: Syntagma - airport**
Direct connection to Syntagma square. Link to metro line 2 station at: SYNTAGMA. Link to metro line 3 at: NOMISMATOKOPEIO, ETHNIKI AMYNA, SYNTAGMA
Link to tramway routes at: SYNTAGMA
- 3. X96: Piraeus - airport**
Direct connection to Piraeus central passenger port terminals. Link to metro line 1 stations at: N. FALIRO (ISAP N. FALIRO) and PEIRAIAS. Link to suburban rail station at: PEIRAIAS. Link to tramway routes at: PLATEIA GLYFADAS, EDEM and FLISVOS
- 4. X97: Eliniko metro station - airport**
Direct connection to ELINIKO metro station. Link to metro line 2 stations at: AG. DIMITRIOS and DAFNI

For [ticket information](#)

By suburban railway

The suburban railway (Proastiakos) departs every 15-25 minutes from Athens airport railway station to Plakentias station, where you can change trains and

continue to the city centre (metro line 3 to Egaleo) using the same ticket. For timetables or to book tickets, please check [here](#).

By taxi

Taxis are available at the designated taxi rank located at exit 3 at the arrivals level. A taxi from the airport to the city centre costs a flat rate of €35 from 05.00 - 00.00, and €50 from 00.00 - 05.00.

Note: The charge is determined by the time of arrival at the destination and includes all applicable surcharges and extras.

GETTING AROUND

The Athens metro is the fastest, most affordable, and easiest way to navigate the city. Look out for the artfully displayed antiquities unearthed during construction as you enter and exit the stations.

For metro maps, timetables and information about fares please see: <http://www.stasy.gr/>

PRIVATE TRANSFERS

- **Welcome Pick Ups**

English-speaking taxi drivers with impeccable customer service

Tel: +30 211 198008 / www.welcomepickups.com

- **Taxiplon**

Taxi services

Tel: +30 210 2719555 / business@taxiplon.gr / www.taxiplon.gr

- **Amphitrion**

Coaches, minivans, taxis & limos

Tel: +30 211 10 90000 / info@amphitrionprisma.gr

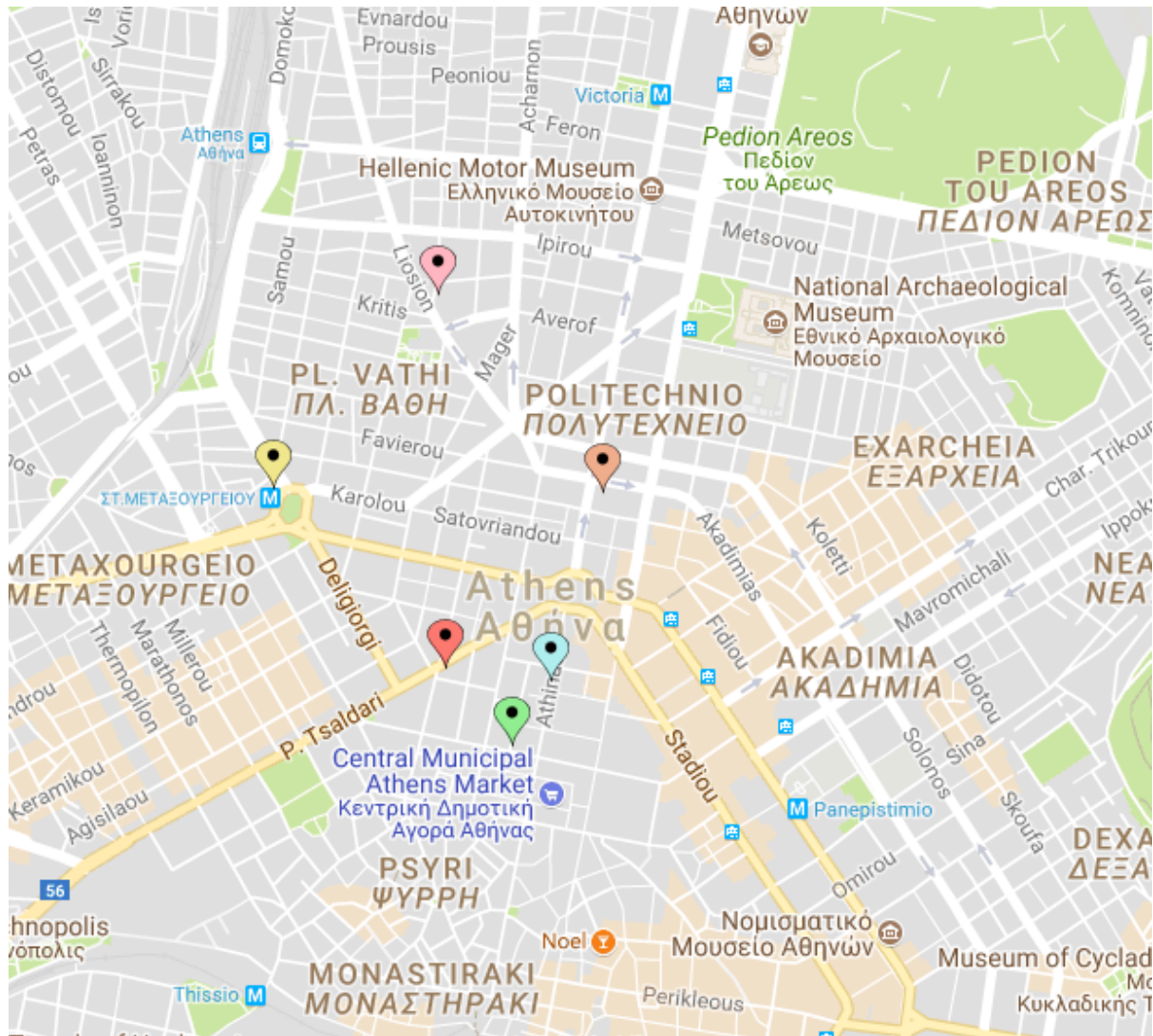
- **Limo Tours**

A family-run limo service

Tel: +30 210 9220 333 / www.limotours.gr

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

The city of Athens has already been in contact with a number of hotels near the city hall, which will offer a limited number of rooms at preferential rates if you refer to the 'city of Athens' while making the reservation. Please note there is high demand during this period so we advise you to make a reservation as soon as possible.



Fresh Hotel, <http://freshhotel.gr/>

26 Sofokleous Str., 10552 Athens, Greece | Tel. +30 210 5248511 | info@freshhotel.gr

An urban resort with an unconventional atmosphere and totally personalised service, offering a true sense of hospitality. A stylish hotel with minimal lines and vibrant colors that creates an authentic cool environment and delivers an unforgettable feeling of calmness.



Greotel Pallas Athena, <http://www.greotelpallasathena.com>

65, Athinas & Lycourgou Str., 10551 Athens, Greece | Tel. +30 210 3250900 | reservations.pa@greotel.com

Greotel Pallas Athena is a place where luxury and feeling at home interweave to create a new hospitality experience: an art boutique hotel for luxurious downtown living. Immerse yourself in the elegant and relaxing atmosphere Pallas Athena offers; let yourself be carried away by the beauty of the works on exhibit and Athens' downtown luxurious living.



The Stanley Hotel, <http://www.hotelstanley.gr>

1, Odysseos Street, Athens, Greece | Tel. +30 211 9900 900 | groupsales@hotelstanley.gr

Conveniently located 600m from Athens city center and just steps from Metaxourgeio metro station, The Stanley is located outside the traffic restriction ring of Athens, with very easy access to national roads. Athens International Airport is 35 km away and the Piraeus port is 15km away.



Novotel Athenes, <http://www.novotelathens.gr/>

4-6 Michail Voda str., 104 39 Athens, Greece | Tel. +30 210 8200 701 | h0866@accor.com

Novotel Athenes, a 4-star hotel ideally located in the centre of Athens close to the Archaeological Museum, Omonoia Square and LARISIS central. It's unique approach to hospitality, based on simplicity and elegance, earns it visitors all over the world.



Chic hotel, <https://www.chichotel.gr/en>

25 Pireos str., 10552 Athens, Greece | Tel. +30 210 5222822 | res@chichotel.gr

Offering accommodation in a 4-story building, Chic Hotel has been hosting guests since 2009 and features Roman architecture. This excellent hotel comprises elegant rooms with contemporary décor, a refrigerator and mini bar, private safe, laptop and work desk. The rooms feature hardwood flooring and pine furnishing. It is just 30 minutes' drive from Eleftherios Venizelos airport and 5 minutes' walk to Omonia train station.



Parnon hotel, <http://www.parnon-hotel.gr/en-gb>

20 Tritis Septemvriou & 21 Chalkokondili Str., 10432 Athens, Greece | Tel. +30 21 0523 0013 | info@parnon-hotel.gr

Parnon is a 3-star hotel in the Athens city centre where cordial hospitality and top quality services are offered to guests every day, to guarantee them the best stay. Hotel Parnon offers competitive prices and an unbeatable location, just a 1-minute walk from Omonia central station.

You can also book your own hotel using the following sites:

<http://www.booking.com>

<http://www.trivago.com>

<http://www.hotelsathens.org/all-hotels/>

Emergency Numbers

Police	1033
Emergency	100
Tourist police	171
Airport police	(+30) 210 3536919
Fire	199
Ambulance	166
European emergency number	112
Poison control	(+30) 210 7793777-8
Hospitals, pharmacies	14944
SOS doctors	1016
Road Side Assistance - ELPA	10400
Athens traffic police	(+30) 210 5284000