

ATHENS GUIDE



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Essential Information

The capital of Greece boasts a history of over 3,400 years. That makes it not only one of the oldest cities in the world, but also the cradle of Western culture. If this doesn't impress you, try visiting the majestic Parthenon, whose beauty hasn't faded in the thousands of years that have passed. Explore the rest of Acropolis and The New Acropolis Museum to see where it all started.

The 2004 'homecoming' Olympics have changed the face of the city, and in a good way. The city's streets are now pedestrian-friendly, the traffic jams are gone and the public parks have improved greatly. This new Athens give you plenty of opportunities to explore, be it the thousands of years worth of historic monuments or the vibrant pubs and clubs that become the heart of the city once the sun goes down.

Time Zone

EET (UTC+2), observes DST.

Contacts

Tourist Contacts

- Historic centre infopoint: +30 210 3217116
- Athens International Airport infopoint: +30 210 3530390

Currency: Euro, 1 € = 100 cents

You can exchange your currency at banks or exchange offices which are abundant in the city and at the airport. Bring your passport when exchanging money. You can also simply withdraw money from the ATMs if you want to save yourself the trouble. ATMs are everywhere in Athens, so you'll have no problem finding them; however, the airport ATMs might be empty on Monday mornings as they will not have been replenished for three days.

Most establishments also accept credit or debit cards; however, it is best to always carry at least a small amount of cash around, since not all places accept them. Traveler's checks are accepted by most shops.

Tax Refunds

There is a VAT refund available for tourists from outside of the EU. The VAT is 23% (but can be as low as 4.5%) and you need to spend a minimum of €120 in one shop on one day. Make sure you get a VAT refund form from the store at the time of your purchase. Fill out the form with your receipt attached and show the completed forms and the items you purchased at your final departure from the European Union. The customs authorities will stamp your documents. Make sure you don't pack your purchases in your checked luggage. Then claim the refund through the store's affiliate. These companies have their offices at the airport, so you can get your money back immediately.

Prices

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – €10-15

- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-course – €35-50
- Big Mac combo meal – €5.50
- Bottle of water at supermarket – €1 (1.5 litres)
- Domestic beer (0.5 liter, draught) – €4
- Gasoline (1 liter) – €1.70
- Hostels (average price/night) – €10-30
- 4* hotel (average price/night) – €50-80
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – €100

Tipping

Tipping is not obligatory in Greece. If you feel the service you received was outstanding, round up to the next euro or two. Leave the tips on the table or tell the waiter you don't want your change back. If you want to tip, make sure the staff receives your tip and you're not just paying extra to the owner / manager. Tipping is generally not expected by taxi drivers.

Electricity

The standard electricity supply in Greece is 220 volt – 50 Hz AC. The plugs have two round pins. Remember to bring an adapter or converter if you need it.

Languages

Greek is the official language. Keep in mind that it does not use the Latin alphabet; but many of the letters of the Greek alphabet are similar to those of Latin. Most Athenians also speak English and those in the travel industry may also speak German, Italian and French. Most of the notices, menus and other information are written in English, so you should have no problem understanding the basics. Learning at least the basic Greek phrases could prove to be very useful and certainly make the locals more friendly.

Mobile Phones

The whole country is covered by the GSM 900/1800/GPRS/HSPDA network. European mobile phones should work fine, visitors from the US and Asia might need to check compatibility. There are three operators in total running the network – Cosmote, Vodafone and WIND.

If you'd like to stay in touch while visiting Athens, you might consider renting a phone at the airport or getting yourself a local SIM card for much better rates. The international access code for Greece is +30, the area code for Athens is 210.

Internet

Athens is a well-connected city. Most hotels and hostels offer their own Wi-Fi connection for guests; always check if it's a paid service or not. Alternatively, you can visit an internet café (which are abundant) or just sit down at one of

the restaurants or cafés and take advantage of their free Wi-Fi.

In Syntagma Square, Kotzia Square and Theseion, you can connect to one of the public hotspots. Just search for the **athenswifi** network name. Learn more about it on the official website (www.athenswifi.gr)

Internet Resources

- Athens Tourist Board (www.breathtakingathens.com)
- Greece Tourist Board (www.visitgreece.gr)
- Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)
- A listing of current events at the official tourist website (www.breathtakingathens.com)

- **New Year's Day / Feast of St. Vassilis** – January 1
- **The Epiphany** – January 6
- **Clean Monday**
- **Independence Day** – March 25
- **Orthodox Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Monday**
- **Labor Day** – May 1
- **Assumption of Our Lady** – August 15
- **OHI Day** – October 28
- **Christmas** – December 25 & 26

Opening Hours

Keep in mind that the Greeks honor the siesta and the opening times of shops reflect this. On Mon, Wed and Sat, the shops are open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Tue, Thu and Fri, the shops are open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Department stores are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. nonstop. Souvenir shops and other establishments that cater to tourists are open longer, usually until 11 p.m.

Banks are open from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mon-Thu and to 2 p.m. on Fridays. Shops and banks close for the public holidays.

Museums and other sights are generally open from 8-9 a.m. to around 7 p.m. However, on some days, museums might stay open longer, close completely or have shorter opening times. Always check the museum's website, since the opening times are specific for each one. Museums in general also close on public holidays.

Public Transportation

Fortunately, the public transport system is integrated, meaning you pay one fare and then can transfer between different modes of transport. The basic ticket costs €1.40 and is valid for an hour and a half. The 24-hour ticket costs €4 and the 7-day ticket costs €14. All of these can be bought in metro stations and from street kiosks. There are also special prices for the respective modes of transport, but the integrated tickets are much cheaper and less of a hassle.

Metro (www.amel.gr) – very efficient and the best transport choice in Athens. There are three lines in total that cross the city and the metro runs from 5:30 a.m. to midnight. It can get crowded during rush hour, so try to move away from the door as soon as you can. The special airport line costs €8. Even if you do not plan to travel with it, take a look at some of the stations – several of them are decorated with artefacts that were found during the construction.

Buses and trolleybuses (www.oasa.gr) – mainly connects to the metro. Make sure to signal if you want to get on the bus. The airport express costs €5. There are also several lines (www.oasa.gr) that work 24 hours a day.

Tram (www.tramsa.gr) – runs from the city centre to the suburbs and to the coast. Operates from 5 a.m. to midnight and to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The waiting times may be a tad long, though.

Rail (www.trainose.gr) – three lines that run to the suburbs and along the coast. The prices depend on where you are going.

Taxis

The taxis are yellow, metered and a good way of getting around if you can avoid the traffic jams. In some areas, you may be asked to pay a specific price if you are going to one of the tourist destinations; inform yourself about these prices so that you don't get scammed. The flat rate is €1.16, and every kilometer costs €0.66 within the city and €1.16 outside the city and at night. You pay an additional €3.77 for a trip to the airport.

Taxi scams are not frequent, but always make sure the meter is on and that the cab is licensed. You can either hail a taxi or call one of the taxi companies which are listed on the Athens official tourist website (www.breathtakingathens.com) Taxis are abundant in Athens, so you shouldn't have a problem finding one.

- Ikaros Radio Taxi (www.athens-taxi.gr) – +30 210 5152800
- Athens Transfers (www.athenstransfers.com) – +30 210 53 16 698
- Spiros Taxi (www.athenstaxi.net) – +30 6944 285 686

Regional Transportation

The Athens Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is one of the main airports in the region. From here, you can get to and from Athens by metro, bus or taxi.

Athens is served by the KTEL fleet of buses (www.ktelattikis.gr) which mostly cover the regional transport and so make for an easy way how to get to other Greek cities.

Trainose (www.trainose.gr) the national railway service, connects Athens to other cities in Greece, but international lines are virtually non-existent.

Walkability

Athens offers a mixed experience when it comes to walkability. Plaka and Kolonaki are two of the most walkable neighborhoods, and most of the ancient buildings and their surrounding are best reached on foot. On the other hand, there are the ever-present motorcycles (often found in curious places) and the horrid traffic lights. Most of the unpleasant areas can be avoided by using the metro, though, so use it and you should be fine if you want to get around on foot.

While walking around, you might encounter stray dogs. These are harmless and in fact, locals often take care of and feed them.

As for accessibility – don't let the hills scare you off. It is perfectly possible to get around Athens in a wheelchair or for disabled people in general. Make sure to take a good map to see where you are heading. The public transport is completely accessible and there are several hotels downtown that also provide disabled access.

The nearby Piraeus port is a frequented hub or ferry transport and is an easy way of getting to the Greek Islands, Cyprus and the Middle East.

Driving

- Speed limits in cities – 50 km/h (31 mph)
- Outside the cities – 110 km/h (68 mph)
- Interstates – 120 km/h (74 mph)
- Blood alcohol limit – 0.05 BAC
- Passengers must always wear a seatbelt in the front seat.
- Children under 10 years can't sit in the front seat. Children under the age of – 4 must use child seats.
- Holding the cell phone while driving is illegal – use a hands-free or amounter and do not text.
- Give way to the right on an intersection.
- Drive on the right.

As you probably suspect, driving in Athens is an adventure of its own. The key rule is: be patient and drive defensively. Do not expect others to respect the traffic rules; they are regularly broken, except for running a red light. Don't be afraid to use the horn – everybody does it and it could potentially save you and your car. Avoid the rush hour traffic and always plan your route in advance. Driving is not recommended unless you are a very experienced driver; Greece has the highest accident rate in all of Europe. Parking can also be a serious challenge. Then again, having a vehicle means you can get out of Athens easily and explore beyond the city.

To drive a car in Greece, you need to be over 18 years old and have an international driving license. However, you can only rent a car only if you're over 21.

- Greek salads might seem boring, but there are so many varieties that you could eat them for a whole week and still not have tried them all.
- The sadziki sauce, made from cucumber, garlic and salt is a must.
- Greece is well-known for its seafood, often served fresh in the Pireas port near Athens – try the grilled octopus.
- Gyros and souvlaki, both with meat grilled on a skewer, are popular fast-food treats.
- Greek yoghurt served with honey is simply heavenly.
- Baklava, with its layers of pastry, honey and nuts, is a real treat.

Greece and Athens are rich in great drinks that will go well with your meal. Greek wine has a long tradition and is the winner of many awards. Greek beer, on the other hand, is a fairly recent product, but many breweries have popped up in the recent years. Ouzo and metaxa are perhaps the most iconic alcoholic drinks made in Greece. As far as non-alcoholic drinks go, you can try one of the many kinds of Greek coffee – the frappé came from this country.

Legal Age

You need to be at least 18 years old to purchase alcohol in Greece, but there is no official drinking age. There is no official closing time for bars and pubs – the Greeks start late and party late. Watch out for drinks that are too cheap – these could be a good deal, but also could be made from industrial alcohol.

Smoking is banned in public spaces, except for bars and clubs over 70 square metres where there can be a special space for smokers. On the Athens airport, there are special smoking booths for public use.

February

- Dionysia Wine Tasting Event (www.dionysia.gr)

May

- The Feast of the Flowers – a day of picnicking and flower-picking for the locals
- European Jazz Festival

June

- Athens and Epidaurus Festival (www.greekfestival.gr) (until August)
- European Music Day (www.europeanmusicday.gr) – a music festival

July

- Rockwave Festival (www.rockwavefestival.gr) – a music festival

October

- Ochi Day – parades take place

November

- Athens Marathon (www.athensmarathon.com)

Free Things To Do

- Athens' most stunning archaeological sites, like the Acropolis, are free on several days of the year – mostly on national holidays.
- Plaka is Athens' oldest district and free to walk around.
- The Greek Parliament's Sunday changing of the guards is worth the wait.
- Some of the museums are free – for example, the Popular Musical Instruments Museum.
- Visit the always-bustling Monastiraki Flea Market – you don't have to buy anything, but you probably won't be able to resist.
- Stop by at Mars Hill, the site where many famous figures in history held speeches. The views are grand, too.
- The Panathenaic Stadium was the host of the first modern Olympic games and the atmosphere here is truly grand.
- While in Greece, you shouldn't miss the terrific beaches.
- Sea-lovers should stop by at the Pireas port.

Shopping

In Greece, you won't have trouble choosing a souvenir. Foodies can bring home a bottle of olive oils or Greek spices. Ouzo, metaxa or one of the Greek wines also make for a terrific gift. Lovers of art can consider buying an authentic Byzantine icon – just watch out for fakes. The kombolía (worry beads) are often beautifully made. As far as crafts go, carpets and leather are Greek specialties.

- DO drive carefully if you decide to drive at all.
- DO learn at least the basic Greek phrases – it will help you in shops and restaurants.
- DO adapt yourself to the Greek pace of life.
- DO NOT stay out in the sun too long if you are visiting during the summer.
- DO NOT be afraid to try Greek food – it is delicious.
- DO NOT miss the historical sites in Athens – they are worth it.

Safety

Athens is one of the safest cities in the world. What you need to look out for, as in any touristy city, is pickpocketing. This applies especially if you're going to use the public transport. Keep your bag in the front of you, not on your back, and always keep your hands on your wallet and cell phone. Separate your travel documents and your money. If you notice a sudden crowd when you're getting on the bus or the metro, it could be a team of pickpockets – don't let yourself get distracted. Letting others touch your luggage on public transport is also not recommended.

You should also watch out for bar scams. A common scenario is that a friendly stranger will want to have a drink with you then your shared bill turns out to be outrageous. Also watch out for policemen with fake badges who want to see your money, claiming you have done something illegal (e.g. buying drugs). Contacting the official police and shouting for help is your best bet in such a situation.

As for areas to avoid, you should stay out of Omonoia Square, Vathis Square and Sofokleous Street – all are hangouts for the homeless, beggars and drug addicts. However, if you avoid the seedy areas, the rest of the city is com-

pletely safe, even at night. Residents of Athens have always been very vocal on political issues, and recently, demonstrations have been taking place frequently because of the national debt issue. Syntagma Square is the most popular place for protests, since the Parliament resides here. Avoiding demonstrations is best as tear gas can be used on protesters.

Finally, Athens is hot and there isn't much wind. Bring a good hat, a 30 or more SPF lotion and carry lots of water. If you can, try to avoid the sun during and around midday – go exploring in the afternoon or early in the morning.

The tap water in Athens is safe to drink.

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Parthenon / Parthenonas

Remains of an important temple dedicated to goddess Athena. Built entirely of Pentelic marble. Dominant of the city, a must see!

Dionysiou Areopagitou 31-39, Athens 11742, Greece

GPS: N37.97125, E23.72627

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Closed on 1 Jan, 25 Mar, Good Friday (until noon), 1 May, Easter Sunday, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

Tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 June, 18 Apr, 18 May, the last weekend of September.



Acropolis / Akropolis

A 'sacred rock', the most important landmark of the city and a majestic symbol of ancient Greek culture. A must-see.

Theorias 12-18, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97202, E23.72612

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Closed on 1 Jan, 25 Mar, Good Friday (until noon), 1 May, Easter Sunday, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

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Temple of Hephaestus / Hephaisteion – Theseion

The best preserved ancient Greek temple, part of the Agora. Enshrined to Hephaestus, god of craftsmanship and metalwork. A must-see.

Adrianou 9, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97558, E23.72152

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last admission at 2:30 p.m.)

Museum of Ancient Agora:

Mon: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tue – Sun: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission:

Ancient Museum and Museum of Ancient Agora:

Full ticket: €4

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €2

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep, every first Sunday from 1 Nov to 31 Mar, 28 Oct

C



Ancient Agora / Agora

An ancient public space consists of various monuments, and ruins that are worth exploring. Site with a powerful atmosphere.

Dexippou 5, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97525, E23.72608

Opening hours:

Daily from Apr 1: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last admission at 2:30 p.m.)

Admission:

Full ticket: €4

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €2

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

D



Temple of Olympian Zeus / Stiles Olympiou Dios (Olympeion)

Section walls – ruins of the Temple of Zeus. There's not much left, but still worth visiting.

Leoforos Vasilissis Olgas 2, Athens 10557, Greece

GPS: N37.96915, E23.73370

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on 25 Mar.

Admission:

Full ticket: €2

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €1

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep, every first Sunday from 1 Nov to 31 Mar, 28 Oct, 25 Mar, national holidays.

E



The New Acropolis Museum / Museo Akropoleos

An amazing archaeological museum displaying the findings of the Acropolis archaeological site. Worth visiting.

Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, Athens 11742, Greece

GPS: N37.96943, E23.72915

Phone:

+30 210 9000900

Opening hours:

Apr – Oct:

Tue – Sun: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Nov – Mar:

Tue – Thu: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri: 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Sat – Sun: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Last admission is half an hour before closing time.

Closed: 1 Jan, Easter Sunday, 1 May, 25 and 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €5

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €3

Children (under 18, from EU countries): free

F



Temple of Athena Nike / Athena Nike

Ionic temple built in the connection with the ambitions to defeat Sparta. Dedicated to Athena, goddess of victory and wisdom.

Theorias, Athina 10555

GPS: N37.97164, E23.72492

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Closed on 1 Jan, 25 Mar, Good Friday (until noon), 1 May, Easter Sunday, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep, every first Sunday from 1 Nov to 31 Mar.

G



Arch of Hadrian / Pili tou Adrianou

A monument erected in the honour of the Roman emperor Hadrian. Affected by the pollution, but still well-preserved.

Leoforos Vasilissis Amalias 38, Athens 10558, Greece

GPS: N37.97104, E23.73302

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on 25 Mar.

Admission:

Full ticket: €2

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €1

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

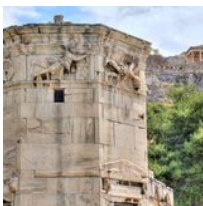
Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep, every first Sunday from 1 Nov to 31 Mar, 28 Oct

H



Tower of the Winds / Horologion

Octagonal marble clock tower located on the Agora. There are images of eight wind deities and sundials. Still well preserved.

Adrianou 33, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97546, E23.72377

Opening hours:

Summer:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last admission at 2:45 p.m.)

Check the website for winter opening hours.

Closed on 1 Jan, 25 Mar, Good Friday (until noon), 1 May, Easter Sunday, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €2

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €1

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

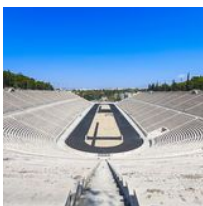
Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep, every first Sunday from 1 Nov to 31 Mar, 28 Oct, 25 Mar.



Panathenaic Stadium / Panathinaiko Stadio

Magnificent stadium that hosted the first modern Olympic games in 1869. It is unique as it is entirely made of white marble.

Leoforos Vasileos Konstantinou, Athens 11636, Greece

GPS: N37.96940, E23.74011

Opening hours:

Mar – Oct: daily: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Nov – Feb: daily: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission:

Adults: €3

Students, seniors: €1.50



Theater of Dionysos / Theatro Dionyssou

The largest and oldest amphitheatre in Athens build for festivals honouring Dionysios, god of wine and wealth.

Dionysiou Areopagitou 21-29, Athens 11742, Greece

GPS: N37.97030, E23.72767

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (last admission at 7:30 p.m.)

Admission:

Full ticket: €2

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €1

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May.





Stoa of Attalos / Attalus

Stoa – a covered walkway typical for ancient Greek architecture. This is the most impressive one, now houses the museum of Agora.

Vrysakiou 3-13, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97562, E23.72434

Phone:

+30 210 3210185

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last admission at 2:30 p.m.)

Admission:

Full ticket: €4

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €2

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep, every first Sunday from 1 Nov to 31 Mar, 28 Oct, 25 Mar.

L



Odeon of Herodes Atticus / Odeion

5,000-seat amphitheater built in 161 AD. Summer is the best time for visit, many performances take place here.

Dionysiou Areopagitou, Athens 10556, Greece

GPS: N37.97084, E23.72453

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (last admission at 7:30 p.m.)

Closed on 1 Jan, 6 Jan, Shrove Monday, 25 Mar, Good Friday (closed until noon), Holy Saturday, 1 May, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, Holy Spirit Day, 15 Aug, 28 Oct, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €2

Reduced ticket: €1

Children (up to 18): free

Special ticket package:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission on: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May.

M



Mars Hill / Areopagus

Marble hill named after the Greek God of War. Many visitors are attracted to this hill because St. Paul had his famous sermon here.

Apostolou Pavlou 1-7, Athens 11851, Greece

GPS: N37.97247, E23.72065

N



The Erechtheum / Erechtheion

Ancient richly decorated Ionic temple with an unusual design. Later was rather quirkily used as a church and a Turkish harem.

Theorias 12, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97299, E23.72652

Phone:

+30 210 3210219

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Closed on 1 Jan, 25 Mar, Good Friday (until noon), 1 May, Easter Sunday, 25 Dec, 26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

Tickets are valid for the whole site.

Free admission: 6 Mar, 5 Jun, 18 Apr, 18 May, The last weekend of Sep.



Metroon

Once an important building – a meeting chamber of boulé, a temple or an archive. Don't miss when you're in Agora.

Adrianou 60-64, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97525, E23.72673

Opening hours:

Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Closed on 1 Jan, 25 Mar, 1 May, Easter Sunday, 25-26 Dec.

Admission:

Full ticket: €12

Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €6

Children (up to 18): free

These tickets are valid for most monuments run by the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport.

Free admission: 6 March, 5 June, 18 April, 18 May, the last weekend of September.



Plaka

An ancient district located north-east of Acropolis. Small but serene streets are a reminder of days that are long gone.

Angelou Vlachou 1-11, Athens 10556, Greece

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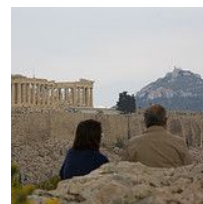


Choragic Monument of Lysicrates / Lysikrates

A circular marble monument built in Corinthian style. Well preserved famous statue with numerous copies around the world.

Epimenidou 1, Athens 10558, Greece

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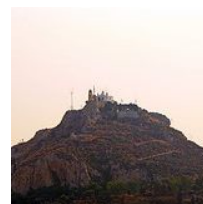


Philopappou Hill / Lofos Filopappou

The 'Hill of the Muses' located at the south-west of Acropolis. Take a stroll to the top and you will be rewarded with a great view.

Apostolou Pavlou, Athens 11851, Greece

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Lycabettus Hill / Likavitos

Legendary limestone hill dominating Athens. Quite a steep climb but it is worth the effort. Or you can use the funicular.

Prosvasi Lykavittou, 10676 Athens, Greece

GPS: N37.98333, E23.75000

Opening hours:

The cable car runs every day from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and departs every 30 minutes.





Parliament of the Hellenes / Vouli ton Ellinon

Worth visiting for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to witness the changing of the guards watching over this monument.

Plateia Syntagmatos, Athens 10563, Greece

GPS: N37.97618, E23.73438

Opening hours:

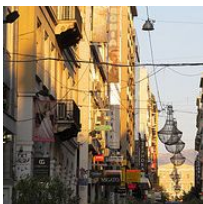
Groups of visitors can schedule a visit in advance by calling +30 210 369 2429 or +30 210 369 2106.

The Parliament's Library:

Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sat: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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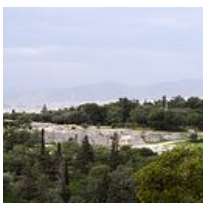
Ermou Street / Ermou

The most prestigious shopping street in Athens. Glamorous shop windows display shoes, jewellery, and clothes of all thinkable brands.

Athens 10563, Greece

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Pnyx

A small hill, former meeting place of the Athenian assembly, the oldest democracy in the world.

Dimitriou Aiginitou 8, Athens 11851, Greece

GPS: N37.97128, E23.71940

Opening hours:

Open from dawn to dusk.

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Tzisdarakis Mosque / Tzami Tsisdarake

Ottoman Mosque built in 18th century, now serves as a seat of the Folk Ceramic Museum with impressive pottery collection.

Areos 2, Athens 10555, Greece

GPS: N37.97605, E23.72592

Phone:

+30 210 3242066

Opening hours:

Wed – Mon: 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Admission:

Full ticket: €2

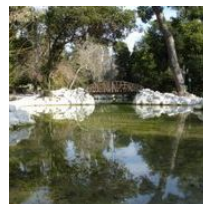
Reduced ticket (seniors 65+, students): €1

Children, students from EU: free

Free admission on 6 Mar, 18 Apr, 18 May, the last weekend of Sep, 5 Jun, 27 Sep, Sundays (1 Nov – 31 Mar), the first Sunday of every month (not in Jul, Aug and Sep).

When the first Sun is holiday, then the second is the free admission day.

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National Garden of Athens / Ethnikós Képos

A large public park located in the centre of the city. Encompasses a small ZOO, duck pond and a botanical museum.

Leoforos Vasilissis Amalias 2-8, Athens 10557, Greece

GPS: N37.97400, E23.73766

Opening hours:

Open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Admission:

Admission to the garden is free.

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Little Metropolis Church / Panagia Gorgoepikoos – Agios Eleftherios

A small but significant marble church consecrated to two saints. In the shade of the Cathedral, worth paying a visit.

Plateia Mitropoleos 6-9, Athens 10556, Greece

GPS: N37.97499, E23.73003

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