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Of all Europe's historical capitals, Athens is probably the one that has changed the most in recent years. But even though it has become a modern metropolis, it still retains a good deal of its old small town feel. Here antiquity meets the future, and the ancient monuments mix with a trendier Athens and it is precisely these great contrasts that make the city such a fascinating place to explore. The heart of its historical centre is the Plaka neighbourhood, with narrow streets mingling like a labyrinth where to discover ancient secrets.



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THE CITY



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Athens' heyday was around 400 years BC, that's when most of the classical monuments were built. During the Byzantine and Turkish eras, the city decayed into just an insignificant little village, only to become the capital of newly-liberated Greece in 1833. Ahead of the 2004 Olympics, almost the entire infrastructure was transformed: the Metro, trams, new ring roads and viaducts have eased the pressure of the heavy traffic.

Athens is still a rather messy and chaotic place—it wouldn't be Athens otherwise—and despite all the improvements, still retains a great deal of its oriental charm. The whole coastal stretch from Piraeus to the old Hellenikon airport has been improved with new plantings, viaducts and paths for walking. The Plaka district is becoming more and more popular and it is on the way to catching up with Psyrri, Gazi and Rouf as regards restaurants. Discover the beauties of the Anafiotika district, at the feet of the Acropolis, and visit the ancient village still housed in the midst of the city. In Exarchia, there is still a somewhat in-your-face anarchic atmosphere around the Technical University. Meanwhile, Kolonaki is becoming more and more chic.

DO & SEE



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Dive in perhaps the most historically rich capital of Europe and discover its secrets. Athens' past and its landmarks are worldly famous, but the city offers much more than the postcards show: it is a vivid city of culture and art, where the streets have as much to show for as the monuments and antique statues. The difficult years it has known with the economic crisis have only deepen the city's artsy soul and not a day goes by that Athens does not amaze its visitors.

National Archaeological Museum



The National Archaeological Museum, in Exarchia, is home to Ancient Greece's most spectacular pieces. One room contains

Schliemann's finds from Mycenae, another has the famous frescoes from Santorini on display. There is also a fine collection of idols from the Cyclades and ceramics!

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Address: Patission St. 44, Athens

Phone: +30 213 214 4800

Internet: www.namuseum.gr

Email: eam@culture.gr

More Info: Free entrance for visitors under 18.

The Acropolis and its surroundings



The Parthenon, the temple of Athena, is the major city attraction as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Erechtheion displays the statues of the female Caryatids, though the original statues have been replaced by copies due to air pollution (the originals are in the new Museum or ... in London!).

On the southern slopes of the Acropolis lies the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, a Roman theatre with room for as many as 5.000 spectators. It is used during the annual Athens Festival for world-class ballet and music performances. The Dionysus Theatre lies beside Herodes Atticus, and almost all the tragedies and comedies of Ancient Greece were written for this theatre.

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Address: Acropolis, Athens
Opening hours: Daily 08:00-20:00.
Phone: +30 210 321 4172
Internet: odysseus.culture.gr
Email: efaath@culture.gr

Roman Agora



During the antiquity, the Agora played a major role as both a marketplace and a political centre. The Agora is dominated by the Stoa of Attalus and the Theseion, or Hephaisteion, dedicated to the God of metalworking and also to Theseus, one of the heroes of Greek mythology.

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Address: Roman Agora, Athens
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Internet: odysseus.culture.gr

Email: efaath@culture.gr

Benaki Museum of Greek Culture



Benaki is a history museum with Greek art and objects from the Stone Age up to the War of Independence against the Turks. It lays its pieces over three floors and apart from seasonal exhibitions, the museum offers events, courses and publications to educate the audience of all ages. The annexed cafe-restaurant welcomes you in a relaxed ambience where to enjoy dinners, lunches or breaks before exploring the museum.

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Address: Koumbari St. & Vas. Sofias Ave. 1, Athens
Phone: +30 210 367 1000
Internet: www.benaki.gr
Email: benaki@benaki.gr

Mount Lycabettus



Mount Lycabettus (in Greek: Lykavittos, Λυκαβηττός) lies right in the centre of Athens, rising 277 meters (908 feet) above sea level.

Getting yourself up to this altitude (walking or with the funicular - although walking is way worth it) gives you an exquisite 360° view over Athens, the Aegean sea and the ships in Piraeus. When the sky is clear, you can see all the way to the mountains in Peloponnese. Apart from the view, there is also a chic cafe-restaurant, a 19th century Chapel and an amphitheatre up there.

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Address: Mount Lycabettus, Athens

The Acropolis Museum



Well worth visiting and at the foot of the Acropolis lies the new Acropolis Museum. Brief presentations by Museum Archaeologists-Hosts are

held in Greek and English every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The museum restaurant offers panoramic views of the Acropolis and a 700 square meter public terrace commanding a breathtaking view of the historic hills of Athens.

Photo: Haris vythoukas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dionysiou Areopagitou St., Athens

Phone: +30 210 900 0900

Internet: www.theacropolismuseum.gr

More Info: For groups Booking: +30 210 900 0903

Temple of Hephaestus



The Temple of Hephaestus is a well-preserved ancient Greek temple built in 450 BC for the worshipping God Hephaestus -

considered the protector of blacksmiths, craftsmen, artisans, sculptors, metals, metallurgy, fire and volcanoes. This may be one of the most well-preserved temples, not only in Greece, but in all Europe.

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Address: Thissio, Athens

The Erechtheion



Erechtheion is said to have been a great king during the Archaic Period, and legend says that he is buried nearby this temple. The temple is

built on a slope which creates an interesting

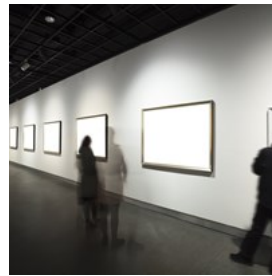
architectural fact: there is a 3 meter difference between the north-west side and the south-east side.

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Address: Akropolis, Athens

Phone: +30 210 321 4172

Museum of Cycladic Art



The Museum of Cycladic Art contains more than 3.000 artefacts of Cycladic, Ancient Greek and Cypriot art pieces are on display throughout the

four floors. This is an interesting museum to visit in order to get a greater understanding of this colourful culture.

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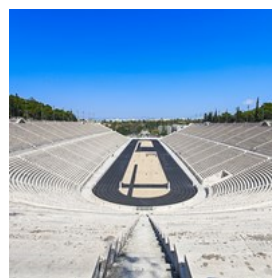
Address: Neophytou Douka St. 4, Athens

Phone: +30 210 722 83213

Internet: www.cycladic.gr

Email: museum@cycladic.gr

The Panathenaic Stadium



The Panathenaic Stadium was built in 330 BC and renovated for the 1896 Olympic Games. It is the world's oldest stadium which is still in use, and

the only one in the world entirely built in white marble. Simply stunning! It is from here that the Olympic Flame is delivered to all the Olympic games.

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Address: Vasileos Konstantinou Ave., Athens

Opening hours: 07.30-14.30 Mon-Fri.

Phone: +30 210 752 2984

Internet: www.panathenaicstadium.gr

Email: info@panathenaicstadium.gr

More Info: Opposite the Statue of Myron Discobolus.

Megaron Concert Hall



The Megaron, Athens' Concert Hall, was inaugurated in 1991 and it now houses four halls offering a variety of musical performances. It

is famous for its top-notch spectacles and an impressive acoustic. It is also a beautiful place surrounded by pleasant gardens and really easy to access.

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Address: Vasilissis Sofias & Kokkali, Athens

Opening hours: Daily H24

Phone: +30 210 728 2000

Internet: www.megaron.gr

Email: socialmedia@megaron.gr

More Info: Booking offices on: +30 210 728 2333.

Temple of Athena Nike



Temple of Athena Nike is located on the south-west corner of the Acropolis. It is one of the earliest pieces from the Ionic order, one of Greece

three classical architectures - and a great representation of it. Celebrating Athena "The Victorious", it is anchored deep in the Greek mythology.

Photo: PAUL ATKINSON/Shutterstock.com

Address: Acropolis, Athens

Filopappos Hill



For a nice walk or picnic a bit outside the busy streets and squares of Athens centre, you can head to the Filopappos Hill. It offers a great view

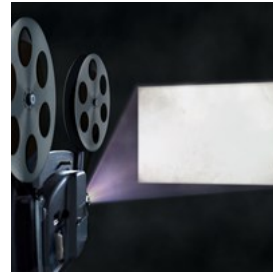
over the city and maybe the best view of the

Acropolis, just far enough to embrace it all while avoiding the tourists crowd and close enough to see the beauty of its architecture.

Photo: pavel dudek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Filopappos Hill, Thisseio, Athens

Cine Paris



Located right beneath the Acropolis, this open-air cinema operating on a roof reopened in 1986 after being closed for almost 20 years. Named

in honor of its creator - a Greek hairdresser who lived in Paris - it truly is an exceptional spot to catch a movie.

Photo: razihusin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kidathinaion St. 22, Plaka, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 18.30-01.00.

Phone: +30 210 322 2071 / +30 210 324 8057

Internet: www.cineparis.gr

Email: info@cineparis.gr

More Info: Open May to October.

Monastiraki



Monastiraki, right under the Acropolis offers great views of it and it is one of the oldest neighbourhoods of Athens. Nowadays, it

houses the local "Flea Market" but it combines also shops, cafes, eateries and touristic stores. It is one of the nicest areas to walk in but also one of the most crowded. In Monastiraki, the authentic lives side by side the fake "made in China" souvenirs -still, with its small streets branching out from the main square, it is the true heart of Athens centre.

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Address: Monastiraki, Athens

Public Transport: Monastiraki Metro Station

Glyfada and the seaside



If you spend more than a few days in Athens and the weather permits it, you should go feel the maritime air around Glyfada and further on

the coast. Glyfada is a nice beach town with many restaurants, shops, bars and cafes, accessible from Athens by bus and tram. In Glyfada and further on the Athens Riviera you will find several beaches where to relax while having a swim or sunbathing.

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Address: Glyfada, Athens

DINING



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Food is at the centre of all activities in Greece and you will soon find out why! The Greek cuisine, Mediterranean at heart and influenced by their Turkish neighbours is fresh, honest, filling and absolutely gorgeous. Whether you are in for a tour of the best Greek Tavernas in town, looking for the most tasty Gyros or want to try the new Greek cuisine, you might take the local rhythm and spend a lot of time around the table! Good news, in Athens and in the whole country you can eat at any time of the day and late at

night. Tavernas and Ouzerias (where you can drink local cocktails and usually hear traditional music) are also a key place for social life - not that you would need additional reasons to go!

To Kioupi



To Kioupi is a traditional Taverna serving hearty and generous Greek specialties that you can choose directly at the kitchen in the windowed

counter. The main feature here is actually the live Greek music nights. A great occasion to spend a typical Greek night the way they do it best: with food, drinks, music and friends.

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Address: Papadiamantopoulou 128, Agios Thomas Square, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 11.00-04.00.

Phone: +30 210 770 7885

The Old Tavern of Psarras



The Old Tavern of Psarras (meaning, the old fisherman's Taverna) is Plaka's oldest restaurant, indeed it exists since 1898. It serves delicious

Greek food at a price befitting the area, but with the benefit of being seriously beautiful. You can choose to seat in either of the old houses that are now the restaurant, or even in the pleasant courtyard.

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Address: Erechtheos & Erotokritou St. 16, Plaka, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 12.00-01.00.

Phone: +30 210 321 8734

Internet: www.psaras-taverna.gr

Email: info@psaras-taverna.gr

To Kati Allo



To Kati Allo is a simple family owned tavern in the area next to the new Acropolis museum. A real tavern, with a friendly staff and which is open so late the Plakas waiters may come and keep you company. It is very popular amongst local: always a good indication in touristic cities like Athens.

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Address: Xaidari St. 12, Athens

Phone: +30 210 590 1455

Spondi



Spondi is the best restaurant in Athens - and in Greece, according to many visitors. A French chef has put together the menu, and he has successfully created a renowned wine cellar. Simplicity is the motto at this restaurant, which has been winning all the prizes there are to be won for years.

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Address: Pyrronos 5, Pangrati, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 20.00-23.45.

Phone: +30 210 756 4021

Internet: www.spondi.gr

Email: info@spondi.gr

Funky Gourmet



Funky Gourmet is a cool place, offering their guests modern and creative cuisine from a selected menu. It is a playful restaurant with a passion for pleasure: pleasure of the palate and

of the eyes, indeed all the dishes are served and presented like art pieces.

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Address: Paramithias St. 13 & Salaminos, Keramikos, Athens

Opening hours: 19.00-00.00 Tue-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 524 2727

Internet: www.funkygourmet.com

Email: info@funkygourmet.com

More Info: Closed on Sunday and Monday.

Avocado



Finding a vegetarian restaurant in this meat loving country might not be the easiest, but Avocado is a great option for vegetarian food. The products are with no added preservatives and they try to use as much organic food as possible. The food here is healthy, fresh and tasty and Avocado is well worth a visit even if you prefer meat dishes.

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Address: Nikis 30, Syntagma, Athens

Phone: +30 210 323 7878

Internet: www.avocadoathens.com

Email: happy@avocadoathens.com

GOSTIJO Kosher Restaurant



Gostijo is Athens first and only kosher restaurant. Their specialities are Sephardic Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Kosher cuisine served in a lovely atmosphere. You can also hear some live music on some evenings and on location, you will find a Kosher mini-market in case you need.

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Address: Aisopou St. 10, Psirri, Athens

Phone: +30 210 323 3825

Internet: www.gostijo.gr

Email: info@gostijo.gr

Oroscopo



Oroscopo is centrally located just opposite of the Divani Caravel Hotel on the square. You can come here and enjoy their Greek, Italian and

Mediterranean menu for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The food tastes great and all at a great price. Take a seat at their terrace to make the best of the place.

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Address: Antinoros St. 42/44, Athens

Opening hours: 13.00-00.00 Mon-Fri.

Phone: +30 210 721 6458 / +30 210 723 8567

Internet: www.oroscopo.gr

Email: info@oroscopo.gr

More Info: Caravel Hotel Square. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Vezene



Veneze is a new type of restaurant - a Greek inspired bistrot - which gives you the option to choose between a great steak or delicious

seafood. The setting and the food quality are excellent, it is hard to stop eating at this lovely Michelin starred restaurant.

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Address: Vrasida St. 11, Athens

Opening hours: 19.00-02.00 Mon-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 723 2002

Internet: www.vezene.gr

Email: reservation@vezene.gr

More Info: Closed on Sunday.

Piazza Duomo



Even in Athens you can feel the call of Italy. Here you can enjoy Italian classics such as pizza and pasta dishes. They also have great drinks and cocktails and do take-away. If you need more: they are located just between Monastiraki, Syntagma and the Acropolis.

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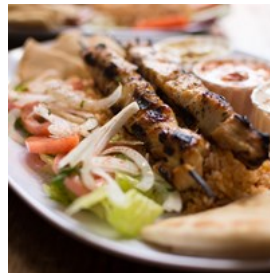
Address: Mitropoleos 52, Syntagma, Athens

Opening hours: 07.00-02.00 Mon-Sat; 08.00-02.00 Sun.

Phone: +30 210 323 1290

Email: mitropoleos_52@yahoo.gr

O Kostas



If you were looking for the best souvlakis (skewers - but the Athenian word for it is also the word for straw!) and bifteki (local

meatballs made with three different meats) in town, you might just have found them! Kostas is a very local place, genuine and delicious since 1946!

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Address: Pl. Agias Irinis 2, Monastiraki, Athens

Phone: +30 210 323 2971

CTC - Restaurant Urban Gastronomy



Do not let the prices put you off from trying CTC, it is a unique and peculiar experience you can only live there. The food is prepared with care and

obvious passion, and presented in a way that is borderline art. And despite it being a fine dining place, CTC managed to keep its simplicity and it

is a very relaxed place where the staff and chef are more than willing to spend some time with you.

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Address: Oumplianis St. 14 & Diocharous 27, Athens

Opening hours: 19.30-00.00 Thur-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 722 8812

Internet: www.ctc-restaurant.com

Email: info@ctc-restaurant.com

More Info: Closed on Sunday and Monday.

CAFES



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Drinking coffee in Greece is an institution, and Athens is no exception. You will find the cafes and their terraces full of people, laughter, cigarette smoke and animation everyday and all year long. Cafes here are the place to meet up with friends, to relax, to have long conversations about life and politics, or to play backgammon (when in Greece, call it "Tavli"). To the local Frappé and Freddo Capuccino or Espresso are added more and more coffee specialities and you can choose to sit at a trendy or alternative cafe, at a traditional kafeneio, or even at one of Greece's coffee chains.

Plaka



Plaka feels like a small village, at the very heart of the vibrant Greek capital. You will most likely walk through the neighbourhood on your way to or from the Acropolis, but do not stop at this: Plaka has a soul of its own, and its small streets, flowery corners and pretty stairs brim with uncountable coffee shops!

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Address: Plaka, Athens

Exarcheia

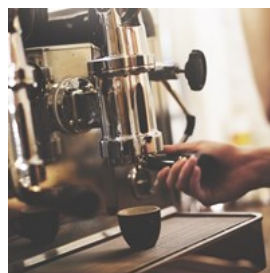


Exarcheia, Athens' anarchist neighbourhood, has seen the youth of the city rise up against the power and injustice many times, and it has also unfortunately been the theatre of dramas. But nowadays, although Exarcheia has kept intact its rebellious soul, and keeps on its walls traces and street art as testimony of its agitated past, it is also a place turning slightly hipster. It is a cool place to hang out, go for a walk, meet locals, and have a coffee or a drink around the main square.

Photo: Badseed/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Exarchia, Athens

Cafe Peros



Cafe Peros is Kolonaki Square's central point, where sooner or later everyone you know will pass by. A place for ladies and gentlemen partaking of coffee under a canopy. It is mostly frequented

by Athenians, a good sign especially in a place as touristy as Kolonaki's square. You can also eat some classic Greek food for a reasonable price.

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Address: Tsakalof 2, Athens

Phone: +30 210 363 8253

The 7 Jokers Coffee & Cocktail Bar



This popular cafe serves coffee, cocktails as well as yummy homemade pies. Joker has a funky decor where the walls are decorated with Rolling

Stones posters, art pieces, bamboos, and other mixed objects. For those who like it old-school, there is also a jukebox!

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Address: Voulis St. 7, Athens

Phone: +30 210 321 9225

Fresko Yogurt Bar



Greece and yogurt is a combination made in heaven. Try the divine yogurt with honey, nuts, fruit or make your own amazing fusion. This

yogurt bar is located just a few steps from the Acropolis and it serves the best products: local and fresh original Greek yogurt, biological honey and handmade jams and other toppings. You should also try their smoothies!

Photo: Gulsina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dionysiou Areopagitou 3, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 07.00-20.00.

Phone: +30 210 923 3760

Internet: www.freskoyogurtbar.gr

Email: info@freskoyogurtbar.gr

Louis Cafe



This traditional Greek cafeteria offers the best coffee experience in Greece. The atmosphere and decoration are very classic and you will see a

few typical old Greek men in here, playing Backgammon (Tavli in Greek) or passing time with their Komboloi, strings of beads used to relieve stress. You can also hear some local musicians performing!

Photo: Tilemahos Efthimiadis/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Leonidou 87 & Mykalis, Athens

Opening hours: 09.00-02.00 Sun-Thur; 09.00-03.00 Fri-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 347 6926

City Zen



City Zen in Monastiraki is one of the three coffee-bar-restaurants you can find around the area having a roof terrace granting a breath-taking

view over the neighbourhood and the Acropolis. Open from morning until late in the night, City Zen is perfect for a coffee stop during the day, some drinks at night or food at any time.

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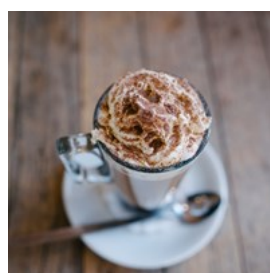
Address: Mitropoleos 80, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 09.00-04.00.

Phone: +30 210 325 4942

Email: info@cityzenathens.gr

The Dark Side of Chocolate



Take your significant other or you inner chocolate monster to these place to drink the most perfect chocolate drinks and deserts you

could ever imagine! Choose the type of chocolate, what to add to it (including surprising toppings such as basil or even alcohol!), and then... enjoy. The place is great and the people working there just as sweet as their drinks.

Photo: Pexels/Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Solonos 49, Athens

Opening hours: 08.00-23.00 Mon-Fri; 10.00-23.00 Sat.

Phone: +30 210 339 2348

Email: aristotelisdarkside@gmail.com

More Info: Closed on Sunday.

Six d.o.g.s



Six d.o.g.s is an all day and night reinvented space devoted to culture and entertainment. It works as a cafe as well as a bar, and it's home to a Gig Space, a Project Space, a Bar, a Foyer, and a Garden. It has created a resolutely pop yet avant-garde spirit and hosts an average of 500 events per year!

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avramiotou 6/8, Monastiraki, Athens

Opening hours: 10.30-03.00 Sun-Thur; 10.30-07.00 Fri-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 321 0510

Internet: www.sixdogs.gr

Email: info@sixdogs.gr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Athens' bar scene is a never ending surprise, and as it is custom in Greece, the nightlife extends way beyond the first morning lights. The Greeks know to drink and to party, and Athens is the living and breathing image of this happy and joyful spirit!

From alternative bars to fancy dance scenes, pubs and traditional "ouzerias", follow the flow and you are in for some of the best nights of your life!

Psyrri and Gazi



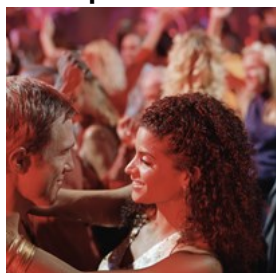
Psyrri and Gazi are the newest hearts of Athens night life. The crowd is young and trendy, and this is where the Students and locals gather

between friends for an all night long party. The options are basically limitless, but look out for Astron or Bee, must-visit in these areas!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Psyrri and Gazi, Athens

Palenque



Whether you are a Greek music lover or not, you might still want to shake it up to more familiar rhythm. If Latin music and dances are your

thing, head to Palenque, in Zografou - slightly outside the centre - for a heated night or some dance lessons.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oulof Palme 23, Zografou, Athens

Phone: +30 210 747 2907 / +30 210 747 2472

Internet: www.palenque.gr

Email: nikoszkzs@gmail.com

360 Degrees



360 Degrees in Athens is not one of these places that take advantage of a great location to cut on the quality of what they serve. Here, you will have

the best view possible on Monastiraki square and the Acropolis, absolutely stunning, but you can also enjoy delicious cocktails and amazing food. An absolute must!

Photo: Constanze Riechert-Kurtze/Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Ifaistou 2, Monastiraki, Athens

Opening hours: 09.00-03.00 Mon-Fri; 09.00-04.00 Sat-Sun.

Phone: +30 210 321 0006

Internet: www.three-sixty.gr

Email: info@three-sixty.gr

Gazarte



Gazarte is an incredible venue in Gazi where you can catch a movie, grab a bite, drink awesome cocktails, attend conferences or business

parties, enjoy live music, make purchases in their bookstore or - keeping the best for the end - have a drink on their amazing rooftop terrace, with a view over the techno-pole beyond Gazi while listening to their on location DJ and music producers.

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Address: Voutadon St. 32/34, Gazi, Athens

Phone: +30 210 346 0347 / +30 210 345 2277

Internet: www.gazarte.gr

Brettos Plaka



Brettos is easily recognisable by the colourful bottles that decorate its bar and its overall really cool decor of wooden shelves, stone walls and barrels full of Ouzo and tsipouro (if you don't know what there are, you must find out very soon!). Brettos is actually Athens' oldest distillery: one more reason to visit!

Photo: Andrei Mayatnik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kydathinaion St. 41, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 10.00-03.00

Phone: +30 210 323 2110

Internet: www.brettosplaka.com

Email: info@brettosplaka.com

A for Athens Cocktail Bar



A from Athens is one of the three most famous bars in Athens, with 360 degrees, for their rooftop terraces and views over Monastiraki square and the Acropolis. It is difficult to say which is the best, because they are equally excellent! Do not hesitate then, and come sip on a cocktail with a view here as well.

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Address: Monastiraki Square, Athens

Opening hours: 10.30-02.30 Sun-Thur; 10.30-03.30 Fri-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 324 4244

Internet: www.aforathens.com

Email: info@aforathens.com

The Gin Joint



This bar is claimed to be the best one in Athens. Stop for a super classy Gin and Tonic, or just to try what seems to be a collection of every

possible Gin in the world! The place is top-notch, yet genuine and the staff is as friendly as the other Athenians: a great evening in perspective!

Photo: chuckstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Christou Lada 1, Athens

Opening hours: 18.00-02.00 Sun-Thur; 19.00-04.00 Fri-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 321 8646

Internet: www.theginjoint.gr

Email: info@theginjoint.gr

More Info: Closed on Monday.

Mosaiko



If you enjoy a good vibe and indie music you will most likely enjoy yourself at Mosaiko. Here you can order a cup of coffee or a drink, how about trying

the Mosaiko's special drink? Note that Mosaiko is in Glyfada, Athens' closeby seaside town, but that only makes this cafe-bar more pleasant.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Laodikis 30, Glyfáda, Athens

Opening hours: 08.00-03.00 Sun-Thur; 08.00-04.00 Fri-Sat.

Phone: +30 210 898 3208

Internet: www.mosaikobar.gr

Email: info@mosaikobar.gr

Speakeasy



The Speakeasy is a cocktail bar inspired by the 20s-30s in the United State. You will find the prohibition area style and atmosphere, all the way

to the high-class cocktails, alcohols and the live Jazz music - you even have to ring a bell to get into which is in the basement. Opened since 2011, Speakeasy is now unavoidable in Athens' night scene!

Photo: funkyfrogstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lekka 12, Athens

Email: thespeakeasy.no31@gmail.com

The Clumsies



This bar is one of the best in town. With its very classy and peculiar decor, complemented by a friendly and relax atmosphere despite

top-notch service and professionalism, it is a must. The Clumsies serves amazing cocktails prepared by true artists : the recipe for a good time!

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praxitelous 30, Athens

Phone: +30 210 323 2682

Internet: www.theclumsies.gr

Email: info@theclumsies.gr

Baba au rum



Baba au rum - which, funny enough, abbreviates to B.A.R - is King on the Athenian bar scene. It has also been named one of the best

bars in the world and received several awards

for its amazing rums and original cocktails. Located right between Monastiraki and Syntagma, it is the perfect place to start a crazy night in town.

Photo: Jose Fernandez/Pixabay (image cropped)
 Address: Klitiou 6, Athens
 Opening hours: 19.00-03.00 Mon-Sun; 13.00-04.00 Sat.
 Phone: +30 210 1710 9140
 Internet: www.babaaurum.com
 Email: info@babaaurum.com

SHOPPING



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It is almost unbelievable that Athens is not yet consecrated as one of the best Fashion and Shopping destination of Europe. It has everything the other capitals are so proud of - international brands, luxury products and major names, designer shops, smaller and more original boutiques - showcased in pleasant streets and neighbourhoods, usually with lower prices than cities such as Paris, Milan or London. Although the city was hit hard by the crisis and many small shops had to close, it still offers plenty of shopping opportunities, in and around the centre.

Greek products to buy



If you want to bring your loved ones, or yourself, a typically Greek souvenir here are a few suggestions: -Alcohol: look for Ouzo, Tsipouro and Raki, local alcohols that come in small bottles so you can even bring them in your carry-on!

-Food: Greek pastries and loukoums are always a must. And of course, the olive oil here tastes nothing like what you can find back home so it is a great investment.

-Souvenirs: typical Greek objects include the "lucky eye" meant to drive away the "bad eye" and its negative effect.

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Shopping Streets



The ultimate shopping street in Athens is Ermou Street, departing from Syntagma square. There, you can find all the classic brands such as H&M and similar department stores. If you are not familiar with shopping in Greece, check out the Hondos Center - a local cosmetic chain with good prices compared to other European countries.

Voukourestiou, Patriarhou Ioakim, Skoufa, Tsakalof, Kanari and the side streets around Kolonaki are other options for shopping. There are many designer clothes, more expensive boutiques and jewelers.

Photo: William Perugini/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Ermou Street, Athens

Athens Heart Mall Emporiko Centro



Athens Heart Mall Emporiko Centro is an exclusive galleria of several floors with designer brands from fashion, beauty,

technology, home equipment, jewellery. It is the biggest mall in central Athens, hosting in winter an ice ring. Check out the ceiling!

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piraeus 180, Taurus Node Hamosternas, Athens

Phone: +30 210 341 4105

Internet: www.athensheart.gr

Email: info@athensheart.gr

Athinas Street



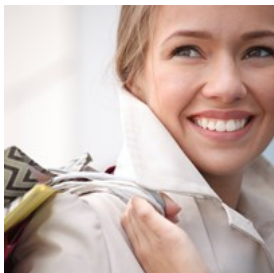
In the middle of Athinas street which runs between Monastiraki and Omonia square is the covered market hall which occupies a whole

block, with a fish market in the middle. All around are butchers and spice shops, and around the market are several simple but good places to eat.

Photo: Vladimir Krupenkin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Athinas Street, Athens

Notos Gallery



Notos is a Greek department store chain offering different kind of products, from fashion and accessories to cosmetics, house objects

and others. It is a bit upmarket but you can still find various styles and prices. You can find the bigger one close to Omonia.

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Address: Kratinou Square 3/5, Athens

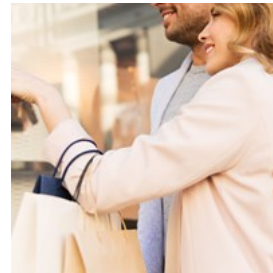
Opening hours: 08.00-22.00 Mon-Sat.

Phone: +30 211 188 3012

Internet: www.notosgalleries.gr

Email: vstravaridou@notoscom.gr

Gucci



This high-end fashion and leather goods brand originates from Italy, in Florence to be exact. Gucci was founded in 1921 and you will be

guaranteed, most probably, a genuine Italian shopping experience. Apart from offering clothes for man and women, Gucci creates also jewellery, watches as well as home decor items.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tsakalof St. 27, Athens

Internet: www.gucci.com

Shopping with a sea view



If you like to combine shopping with other pleasures, you might want to go for a stroll in Glyfada, where you can also find many shops

concentrated in a small town, a few steps away from the beaches and the sea. Glyfada is perfect for a sunny day, and is also one of Athen's richest suburbs. You can also check out their nice Orthodox Church: Church Saint Constantine.

Photo: Tim Adams/Wikimediacommons (image cropped)

Address: Glyfada, Athens

The Loom



If you want to give your house a new appeal, The Loom is the right shop to go if in Athens. Here you will find a huge selection of stylish carpets, blankets and pillows with unique patterns and original styles. And if you are thirsty, you should know that there is always a bottle of fresh red wine waiting for the customers.

Photo: Greentellect Studio/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Adrianou St. 94, Athens
 Opening hours: Daily 09.00-23.30.
 Phone: +30 210 323 8540
 Internet: www.theloom.gr
 Email: theloomgreece@gmail.com

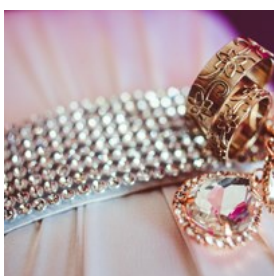
Melissinos Art



Located near Monastiraki Square, this store is a must in Athens, especially if you want to know more about the story of ancient Greek craftsmen. Sandals and jewellery are created by combining art and craft in a way that each product is unique - and all at very reasonable prices.

Photo: dean bertoncelj/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Aghias Theklas 2, Psyrri, Athens
 Phone: +30 210 321 9247
 Internet: www.melissinos-art.com

Aphrodite Jewellery

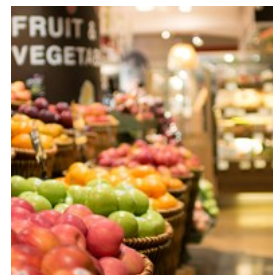


This elegant store displays beautiful jewellery pieces, across a broad price range. The owner, George, is also available to tell you the story behind of each item, including the

production process, so if you want to combine good shopping and know more about the gold craft culture, this is the right place to go.

Photo: pyrozhenka/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Iphistou 13, Monastiraki, Athens
 Phone: +30 210 321 9900
 Internet: www.shopaphrodite.com
 Email: aphrodite@hol.gr

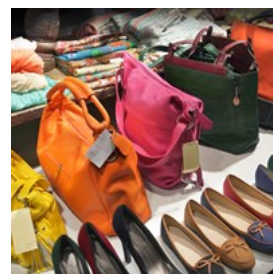
Pantopolion



Pantopolion is a traditional grocery store where you should go if you want to try authentic Greek food specialities. And if it is not enough, the store also offers a huge variety of typical beverages, such as tsipouro, tsikoudia or Greek beers and liquors, and also a wide range of honey and jams to sweeten your breakfasts or your afternoon breaks. It is open seven days a week.

Photo: Thaiview/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Dimitrakopoulos 34, Athens
 Opening hours: Daily 09.00-23.00.
 Phone: +30 210 325 4890
 Internet: www.pantopwllion.gr
 Email: faistou9@gmail.com

Forget me Not



This big store consists of two rooms, the stone and the white room, where you can choose among a variety of items showing the best Greek design. The products include clothes, bags, shoes, stationery items and also home decor items and they are all created with high quality products. The store assortment is updated with new brand-name items every day, so don't forget to

visit it if you're in town.

Photo: Adisa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Adrianou St. 100, Plaka, Athens

Opening hours: Daily 10.00-20.00.

Phone: +30 210 325 3740

Internet: www.forgetmenotathens.gr

Email: fmncustomerservice@gmail.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Greece can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



Greece is a tourist destination beloved worldwide, and summer is the most crowded season of all, especially so July and August.

Spring is, perhaps, the best season to travel to Greece, as the main cities such as Athens are not so crowded and the prices are quite a bit lower. June and September are the best months to visit Athens for near-lying beaches and entertainment. If you are a hiking lover, don't miss Athens in autumn.

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Athens International Airport



Athens International Airport is located at Spata, 33 kilometres (20 miles) southeast of Athens. A taxi ride to the city-centre will cost a flat

rate of 38 euros between 05.00 and 00.00 and 54 euros between 00.00 and 05.00. The fixed fares include the basic fare, VAT, extra luggage charges and road tolls.

The Metro goes to the centre. The journey to Syntagma takes around half an hour. There are airport buses to Syntagma (X95), Pireaus port (X96), Kifissou Avenue (X93) and Elliniko (X97). Travel time to Syntagma and the other areas in town takes around 1 hour, to Pireaus port around 1,5 hours. Check: www.athensairportbus.com/en

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Athens International Airport, Athens

Phone: +30 210 353 0000

Internet: www.aia.gr

Public Transport



The Metro stations are well worth seeing as they are kept spotlessly clean. At the Syntagma and Acropolis stations you will find a large collection of

antiquities on display. There is a tram from the centre (Syntagma) running along the coast to Glyfada (50 minutes) and Voula (60 minutes).

Buses, trolley buses and the Metro run until around midnight. The tram runs between 05.30 and 01.00 (until 02.30 on Friday and Saturday). Airport buses all run H24. The airport bus tickets are not valid on other public transport services but only for a single journey.

Ferries out to the island leave from the harbour in Piraeus or from Rafina.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.athenstransport.com/english/

Taxi



There are lots of taxis, but it is normal to share one with other tourists in order not to be surprised if the driver picks up additional passengers

along the road who are going in the same direction. The drivers have taximeters and fixed prices.

Internet: www.athenstaxiquality.com

Post



Stamps can be bought in most tobacconists and kiosks selling postcards. Athens Central Post Office is located at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Eolou 100, Athens

Opening hours: 07.30-20.30 Mon-Fri; 07.30-14.30 Sat.

Pharmacy

Mpakakos Georgios:



Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Agiou Konstantinou 3, Athens

Phone: +30 210 523 2631

Electricity

230V



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone

Country code: +30 Area code: 210



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

Approximately 4 million

Currency

1 € (Euro) = 100 cent

Opening hours

09.00-14.30.00 Mon and Wed.

09.00-14.00 / 17.30 - 20.30 Tue-Thur-Fri;

09.00-15.00 Sat.

For further information, visit the stores websites.

Newspapers

Athens News is an English-language newspaper published every Friday.

Emergency numbers

Police: 100

Fire&Rescue: 199

Ambulance: 166

Tourist information

Athens Centre

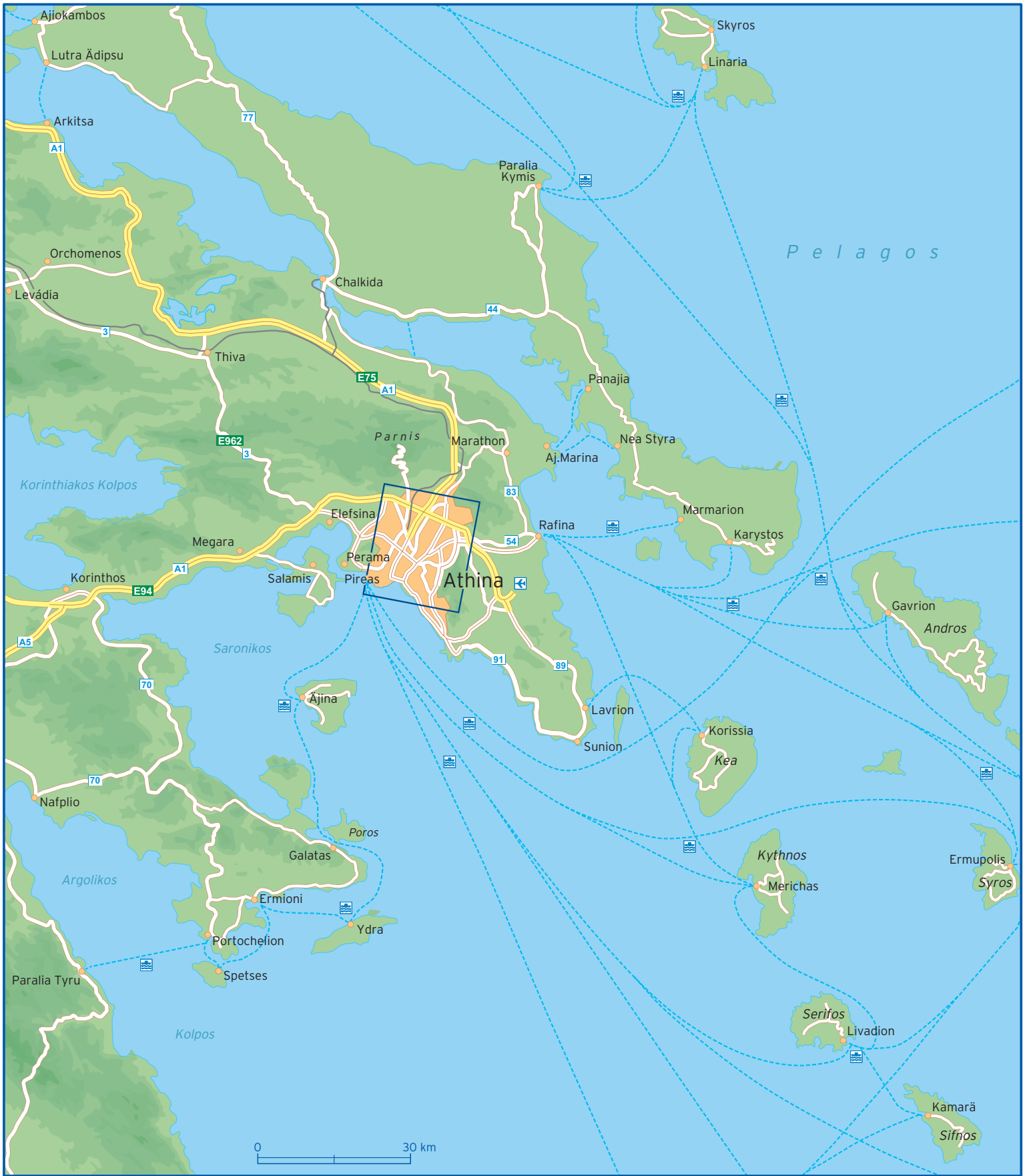
26A Amalias Avenue, Athens

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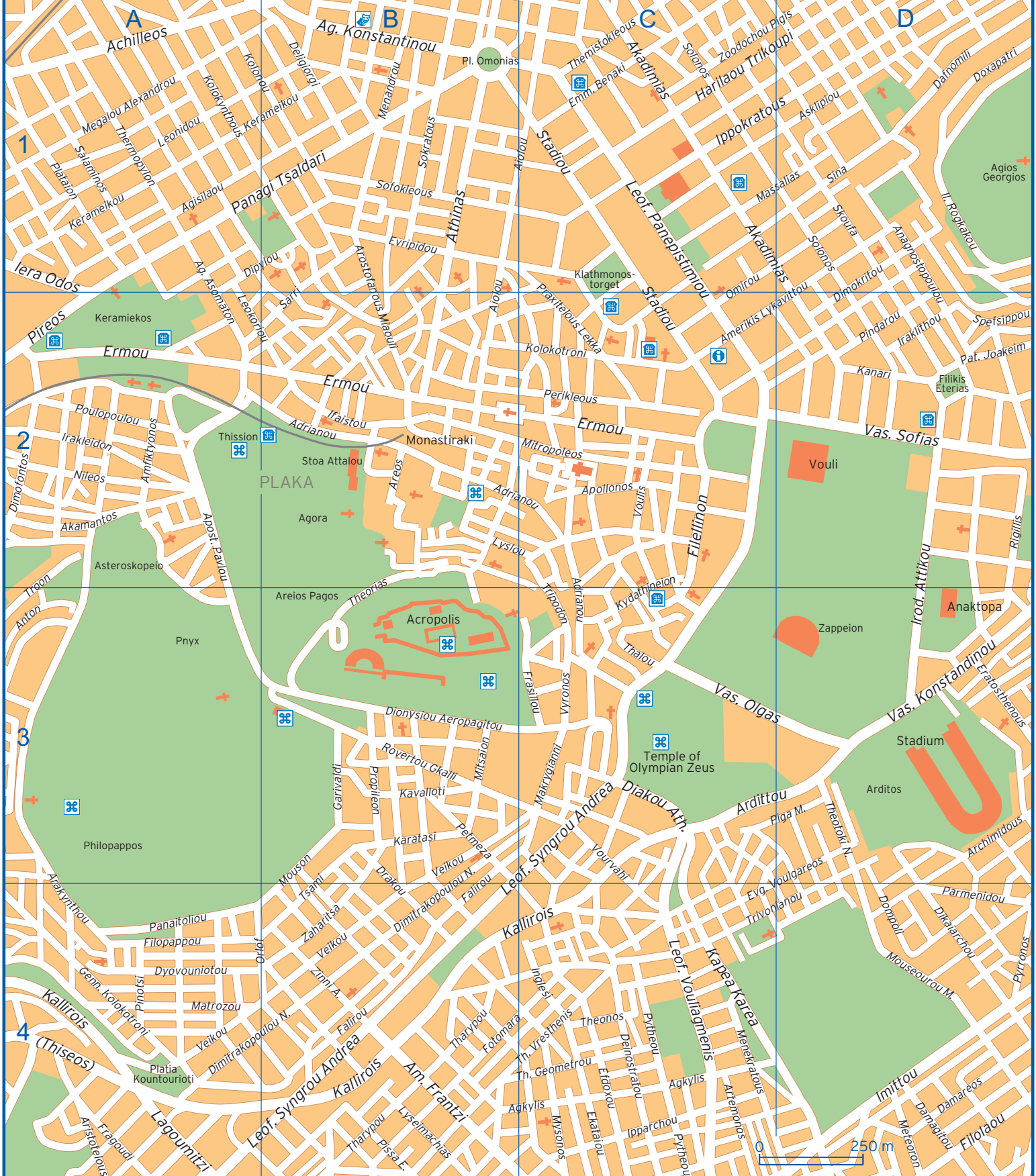
Opening Hours: 09.00-20.00 weekdays / 10.00-15.00

Weekend

www.athensinfoguide.com/gentoursimoffices.htm







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Achilleos	A1	Eratosthenous	D3	Menandrou	B1
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Areos	B2	Iraklithou	D2	Pl. Omonias	B1 C1
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Arostofanous Miaouli	B1 B2	Kalliroidis	A4 B4 C4	Platia Kountourioti	A4
Artemonos	C4	Kanari	D2	Pnyx	A3
Asklipiou	D1	Kapea Kareia	C4	Pouloupoulou	A2
Asteroskopeio	A2	Karatasi	B3	Praxitelous Lekka	C1 C2
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Dionysiou Aeropagitou	B3	Leof. Vouliagmenis	C4	Solonos	C1 D1
Dipylou	A1 B1	Leokoriou	A2 B2	Spefsippou	D2
Dompoli	D4	Leonidou	A1	Stadiou	C1 C2
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Thision	A2	Vas. Sofias	D2	Zinni A.	B4
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