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One of Europe's Ancient capitals, Athens has undergone significant change in recent years. A modern metropolis with an old town feel, this is where antiquity meets futurism, and ancient monuments fuse with a trendy, cosmopolitan scene. The heart of its historical centre is the Plaka neighbourhood, with labyrinthine streets leading to all manner of ancient wonders.



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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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Athens' unrivalled history and world-famous landmarks are just some of what this city has to offer. The difficult years inflicted by the economic crisis have only deepened the city's artistic soul and not a day goes by that Athens does not amaze its visitors.

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

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.

Photo: Constantinos Iliopoulos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Patission St. 44, Athens

Opening hours: November 1st - March 31st: Tuesday 13:00 - 20:00. Wednesday - Monday 9:00 - 16:00. April 1st - October 31st: Tuesday 12:30 - 20:00. Wednesday - Monday 8:00 -

20:00.

Phone: +30 213 214 480 0 Internet: www.namuseum.gr/en

Email: eam@culture.gr

More Info: Free entrance for visitors under 18.

The Acropolis and its surroundings



The Parthenon, the temple of Athena, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the major attraction of Athens. The Erechteion 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 Theatre of Dionysus lies beside Herodes Atticus, and almost all the tragedies and comedies of Ancient Greece were written for this theatre.

Photo: milosk 50/Shutter stock.com

Address: Acropolis, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8:00 - 20:00.

Phone: +30 210 321 417 2 Email: efaath@culture.gr

More Info: Registration to UNESCO sites: 1987

Roman Agora



In 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.

Photo: Anastasios 71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roman Agora, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8:00 - 17:00.

Email: efaath@culture.gr

Benaki Museum of Greek Culture



Benaki is a history museum with Greek art and objects from the Stone Age right 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 audiences of all ages. The annexed cafe-restaurant welcomes you in a relaxed ambience where to enjoy dinners, lunches or breaks before exploring the museum.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koumbari St. & Vas. Sofias Ave. 1, Athens Opening hours: Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 18:00. Thursday

10:00 - 0:00. Sunday 10:00 - 16:00.

Phone: +30 210 367 100 0 Internet: www.benaki.gr Email: benaki@benaki.gr

More Info: Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.



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 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. As well as views, there is also a chic cafe-restaurant, a 19th century Chapel and an amphitheatre to be enjoyed.

Photo: Bildagentur Zoonar GmbH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mount Lycabettus, Athens

The Acropolis Museum



Well worth visiting and right 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 vythoulkas/Shutterstock.com Address: Dionysiou Areopagitou St. 15, Athens

Opening hours: November 1st - 31st of March: Monday -

Thursday 9:00 - 17:00. Friday 9:00 - 22:00. Saturday - Sunday 9:00 - 20:00. April 1st - 31st of October: Monday 8:00 - 16:00.

Tuesday - Sunday 8:00 - 20:00. Friday 8:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +30 210 900 090 0

Internet: www.theacropolismuseum.gr/en Email: info@theacropolismuseum.gr

More Info: For group bookings: +30 210 900 090 3

Temple of Hephaestus



The Temple of
Hephaestus is a
well-preserved ancient
Greek temple built in 450
BC, dedicated to the God
Hephaestus, 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 of Europe.

Photo: Martin M303/Shutterstock.com

Address: Thissio, Athens Phone: +30 21 0372 2001

The Erechtheion



Erechtheion is said to have been a great king during the Archaic Period, and legend has it he is buried nearby. The temple is built on a slope

which creates an interesting architectural anomaly: there is a 3 meter difference between the north-west side and the south-east side.

Photo: Kite_rin/Shutterstock.com Address: Acropolis, Athens

Museum of Cycladic Art



The Museum of Cycladic Art contains more than 3,000 artefacts of Cycladic, Ancient Greek and Cypriot art pieces, on display over four floors.

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

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com



Address: Neophytou Douka St. 4, Athens

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday $10:00 - 17:00. \ Thursday \ 10:00 - 20:00. \ Sunday \ 11:00 - 17:00.$

Phone: +30 210 722 832 13 Internet: www.cycladic.gr/en Email: museum@cycladic.gr More Info: Closed on Tuesdays.

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. It is from here that the Olympic Flame is delivered to all the Olympic games.

Photo: Anastasios71/Shutterstock.com Address: Vasileos Konstantinou Ave., Athens Opening hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 14:30.

Phone: +30 210 752 298 46

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.

Photo: Stokkete/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vasilissis Sofias & Kokkali, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 - 20:30. Saturday 10:00 - 14:00 & 17:00 - 20:30. Sunday 18:00 - 20:30.

Phone: +30 210 728 200 0 Internet: www.megaron.gr Email: socialmedia@megaron.gr

More Info: Booking offices on: +30 210 728 233 3

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's

three classical architectures. Celebrating Athena "The Victorious", it is anchored in Greek mythology.

Photo: PAUL ATKINSON/Shutterstock.com

Address: Acropolis, Athens

Philopappos Hill



For a nice walk or picnic a bit outside the busy streets and squares of Athens centre, you can head to the Philopappos 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: Philopappos 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: May - October: Monday - Sunday 6:30 - 1:00.

Phone: +30 210 322 207 1 Internet: www.cineparis.gr Email: info@cineparis.gr

Monastiraki



Monastiraki, right under the Acropolis, is one of the oldest neighbourhoods of Athens and considered the heart of the city. Nowadays, it

houses the local "Flea Market" as well as shops, cafes, eateries and touristic stores. It is one of the nicest areas to walk in but also one of the most crowded.

Photo: markara/Shutterstock.com Address: Monastiraki, Athens

Glyfada and the seaside



Breath in the maritime air around Glyfada, a pretty 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 many beaches, ideal for swimming or sunbathing.

 $Photo:\ Kotsovolos\ Panagiotis/Shutterstock.com$

Address: Glyfada, Athens

Old Monastery of Daphni



The Old Daphni Monastery was originally founded and built at the end of the 6th century, to the west of today's Athens. Surrounded by

defence mechanisms, the monastery was extended with additional construction over time.

The interior holds detailed mosaics and the complex is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is worth the little detour by public transport.

Photo: photo stella/Shutterstock.com

Address: Iera Odos, Athens

Public Transport: Metro line 3 to Agia Marina Station - from there - Bus lines 01, 811, 865, 836, 866 or 876 to stop

Psyciatreio/Moni Dafniou

Opening hours: Wednesday - Sunday 8:00 - 15:30.

Phone: +30 210 581 155 8

Internet: odysseus.culture.gr/h/2/eh251.jsp?obj_id=1514

Email: efada@culture.gr More Info: Free Admission.

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.



The Old Tavern of Psaras



The Old Tavern of Psaras (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.

Photo: shutterdandan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Erechtheos & Erotokritou St. 16, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 11:30 - 0:30. Saturday 11:30

- 1:00. Sunday 11:30 - 0:30. Phone: +30 210 321 873 4 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.

Photo: Valery121283/Shutterstock.com Address: Chatzichristou 12, Athens

Phone: +30 210 590 145 5

More Info: Behind the Acropolis Museum.

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.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com Address: Pyrronos 5, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 20:00 - 23:45

Phone: +30 210 756 402 1 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.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Leof. Vasilissis Sofias 46, Athens

Phone: +30 210 524 272 7

 $\label{limited} Internet: www.funkygourmet.com \\ Email: info@funkygourmet.com$

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.

Photo: Nataliya Arzamasova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nikis 30, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 12:00 - 23:00. Saturday

11:00 - 23:00. Sunday 12:00 - 19:00.

Phone: +30 210 323 787 8

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.

Photo: Jeff Velis/Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Aisopou St. 10, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday & Sunday 16:00 - 23:00.

Phone: +30 210 323 382 5 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. Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com Address: Antinoros St. 42/44, Athens

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 13:00 - 0:00.

Phone: +30 210 721 645 8 Internet: www.oroscopo.gr Email: info@oroscopo.gr

Vezené



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.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Vrasida St. 11, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 19:00 - 2:00. Sunday

13:00 - 17:00

Phone: +30 210 723 200 2 Internet: www.vezene.gr Email: reservation@vezene.gr More Info: Closed on Sundays.

Piazza Duomo



Even in Athens you can feel the call of Italy. In this restaurant, you can enjoy Italian classics such as pizza and pasta dishes. You also have the chance

to savour great drinks and cocktails and do take-away. If you need more: it is located just between Monastiraki, Syntagma and the Acropolis.

 $Photo: Brent\ Hofacker/Shutterstock.com$

Address: Mitropoleos 52, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 7:00 - 14:00. Sunday

10:00 - 12:00.

Phone: +30 210 323 129 0 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 find them in this tiny restaurant. O Kostas is a very local place, genuine and delicious since 1946.

Photo: Jeff Velis/Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: 5 Pentelis St., Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 17:00. Friday 9:30 -

14:30. Saturday 9:30 - 17:00. Phone: +30 210 322 850 2 More Info: Closed on Sundays.

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.

Photo: Semen Kuzmin/Shutterstock

Address: Oumplianis St. 14 & Diocharous 27, Athens Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 19:30 - 0:00.

Phone: +30 210 722 881 2 Internet: www.ctc-restaurant.com Email: info@ctc-restaurant.com

More Info: Closed on Mondays and Sundays.

Cinque



Cinque is the perfect spot for a tasting of Greek dips, olives, cheese and olive oils; order a platter of cheese, panini, bruschetta or other

seasonal dishes if you are already certain of what you like. Moreover, have a glass of the great red, rose or white wines this place has in stock.

Photo: leonori/Shutterstock.com Address: Agatharchou 15, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 18:00 - 0:00.

Phone: +30 215 501 785 3 Internet: www.cinque.gr/ Email: info@cinque.gr

More Info: Second location at Voreou 10.

Lithos



This back-in-the-olden-days tavern is located in the historical centre of Athens and is a great place to enjoy Greek

cuisine. Meats, soups, seafood and desserts can be ordered and, in summer time, relished on the restaurant's terrace.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Aesopou 17, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 17:30 - 0:00.

Phone: +30 210 324 779 7 Internet: www.lithospsiri.gr/ Email: info@lithospsiri.gr



Jaipur Palace



Jaipur Palace sits close to the Grand Hayatt Hotel. The restaurant serves tasty and authentic Indian tandoori dishes, fluffy rice and fragrant

naan bread. There is also a substantial menu selection for vegetarians, as well as those who prefer their meals with a spicy touch.

Photo: Dave Heaton/Shutterstock.com Address: Leof. Andrea Siggrou 121, Athens Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 13:00 - 23:30.

Phone: +30 210 981 200 9

Internet: www.jaipur-palace.gr/en/athens

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.

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/Wikimmedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Exarchia, Athens



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.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: Pl. Filikis Eterias 6, Athens Phone: +30 210 364 506 8

The 7 Jokers



This popular cafe serves coffee, fruit cocktails as well as yummy homemade pies. The 7 Jokers has a funky decor where the walls are



decorated with Rolling Stones posters, art pieces, bamboos, and other eccentric objects. For those who like it old-school, they would be delighted to see that there is also a jukebox inside.

Photo: Jan Knop/Shutterstock.com Address: Voulis St. 7, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 4:30. Friday -

Saturday 10:00 - 6:00. Sunday 14:00 - 4:30.

Phone: +30 210 321 922 5 Email: 7jokersbar@gmail.com

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 mix. 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 for your snack break to be complete.

Photo: Gulsina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dionysiou Areopagitou 3, Athens Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 7:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +30 210 923 376 0 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) and proudly wearing their Komboloi, strings of beads used to relieve stress. You can also hear some local musicians performing during the many concerts organized.

Photo: Tilemahos Efthimiadis/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Leonidou 87 & Mykalis, Athens

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 9:00 - 2:00. Friday -

Saturday 9:00 - 3:00. Phone: +30 210 347 692 6

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.

Photo: Lisa Fotios/Pexels (image cropped)

Address: Mitropoleos 80, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 3:00.

Phone: +30 210 325 494 2 Internet: www.cityzenathens.gr Email: info@cityzenathens.gr

The Dark Side of Chocolate



Take your significant other or you inner chocolate monster to this place to drink chocolate drinks and deserts you have always dreamed of.

Choose the type of chocolate, what to add to it (including surprising toppings such as basil or even alcohol), and 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: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 23:00. Saturday 10:00

- 23:00.

Phone: +30 210 339 234 8

Email: aristotelisdarkside@gmail.com More Info: Closed on Sundays.

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, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 2:30. Friday -

Saturday 10:00 - 4:30. Sunday 10:00 - 1:30.

Phone: +30 210 321 051 0 Internet: www.sixdogs.gr Email: info@sixdogs.gr

Harvest Coffee & Wine



Hearty breakfast or brunch with tacos, burgers, sandwiches, fajitas or poached egg? Or do you prefer pasta, tapas or a salad for lunch

or dinner? This restaurant-cum-cafe packs an extensive menu of food and beverages for any time of day.

Photo: Bernd Juergens/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aiolou 64, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 0:00. Friday -

Saturday 8:00 - 1:00. Sunday 9:00 - 20:00.

Phone: +30 213 025 228 4 Email: info@harvest.com.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 how to drink and to party, and Athens is the living and breathing image of this happy and joyful spirit.

From alternative bars to fancy clubs, pubs and traditional "ouzerias", follow the flow and experience one of the best nights of your life.

Palengue



Whether you like Greek melodies or not, club music is always a must no matter where you are. If for you Latin music means spending a great

night then do not miss the Palengue nightclub in Zografou during your stay in Athens. There is also the possibility of taking Salsa dance classes.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oulof Palme 23, Athens

Opening hours: Thursday & Saturday 11:00 - 4:00. Friday

10:00 - 4:00. Sunday 9:00 - 3:00.

Phone: +30 210 747 290 7 Internet: www.palenque.gr Email: nikoskzks@gmail.com

More Info: Closed Monday - Wednesday.



360° Cocktail bar



360° Cocktail bar 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.

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

Address: Ifaistou 2, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00. Saturday -

Sunday 9:00 - 4:00.

Phone: +30 210 321 000 6 Internet: www.three-sixty.gr Email: info@three-sixty.gr

Gazarte



Gazarte is an incredible venue where you can watch a film, 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 DJ.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com Address: Voutadon St. 32/34, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 19:00 - 2:00.

Phone: +30 210 346 034 7 Internet: www.gazarte.gr Email: info@gazarte.gr

Brettos Plaka



Brettos is easily recognisable by the colourful bottles that decorate the wall behind its bar and its original decor made of wooden

shelves, stone walls and barrels full of Ouzo and tsipouro (if you don't know what they are, you must find out very soon). Brettos is also the oldest distillery in Athens, another reason to visit this incredible bar.

Photo: Andrei Mayatnik/Shutterstock.com Address: Kydathinaion St. 41, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 2:00.

Phone: +30 210 323 211 0 Internet: www.brettosplaka.com Email: info@brettosplaka.com

A for Athens Cocktail Bar



A for Athens is one of the most famous bars in Athens, with 360° Cocktail bar, for their rooftop terraces and offering a great view over

Monastiraki square and the Acropolis. It is difficult to say which is the best, because they are equally excellent. Do not hesitate then to visit these two places to drink a delicious cocktail while enjoying the view of the city.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Miaouli 2-4, Athens Phone: +30 210 324 424 4 Internet: www.aforathens.com/ Email: info@aforathens.com



The Gin Joint



The Gin Joint is claimed to be one of best bars in Athens. Stop for a moment and savour a very classy Gin and Tonic, or just sample some of

the best gins in the world from the huge collection the bar offers. The place is top-notch, yet genuine and the staff is as friendly as the regular clients.

Photo: chuckstock/Shutterstock.com Address: Christou Lada 1, Athens

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 18:00 - 2:00. Friday -

Saturday 18:00 - 4:00. Phone: +30 210 321 864 6 Email: info@theginjoint.gr

Mosaiko Cocktail bar



If you enjoy good vibes and indie music you will most likely enjoy Mosaiko. Here you can order a cup of coffee or a drink, or else try the bar's

signature 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, Glyfada

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 8:00 - 3:00. Friday -

Saturday 8:00 - 4:00. Phone: +30 210 898 320 8 Internet: www.mosaikobar.gr Email: info@mosaikobar.gr

The Speakeasy



The Speakeasy is a cocktail bar inspired by the 20s-30s in the United States. In this prohibition area style and atmosphere, enjoy a

cocktail of high quality while listening to some live jazz. Opened since 2011, Speakeasy is now unavoidable in Athens' night scene. Don't forget to ring before entering as the bar is in the basement.

Photo: funkyfrogstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lekka 12, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 20:00 - 3:00. Friday -

Saturday 20:00 - 4:00. Sunday 19:00 - 3:00. Email: thespeakeasy.no31@gmail.com

The Clumsies



The Clumsies is one of Athens' most trendy bars. With its classy and peculiar decor, complemented by a friendly and relaxed

atmosphere despite top-notch service, this place is a real must. You will find amazing cocktails prepared by true artists.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praxitelous 30, Athens

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 10:00 - 2:00. Friday -

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00. Phone: +30 210 323 268 2 Internet: www.theclumsies.gr Email: info@theclumsies.gr



Baba au rum



Baba au rum—whose initials form the word "BAR"—stands out among all the bars in Athens. 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: Monday - Sunday 19:00 - 3:00. Saturday

13:00 - 4:00.

Phone: +30 211 710 914 0 Internet: www.babaaurum.com Email: info@babaaurum.com

MoMix Bar



The MoMix bar is one of a different kind: it partly resembles a laboratory. With influences from molecular gastronomy and a lot of imagination,

the staff mix, foam and pulverise before your very eyes. It really is something to experience.

Photo: felixlukas/Shutterstock.com Address: Keleou 1-5, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday & Sunday 20:00 - 3:00.

Friday - Saturday 20:00 - 4:00. Phone: +30 697 435 017 9

Internet: www.momixbar.com/momix-kerameikos/

Email: info@momixbar.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,
- souvenir: typical Greek objects include the "Evil 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, 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. Don't forget to take a look at the ceiling during your visit.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piraeus 180, Taurus Node Hamosternas, Athens Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 - 21:00. Saturday

10:00 - 20:00.

Phone: +30 210 341 410 5 Internet: www.athensheart.gr Email: info@athensheart.gr More Info: Closed on Sundays.

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 Galleries



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 the Omonia square.

Photo: Anna Furman/Shutterstock.com Address: Stadiou & Aiolou 105, Athens

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 -

18:00. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 20:30.

Phone: +30 210 324 581 1 Internet: www.notos.gr

Email: vstravaridou@notoscom.gr More Info: Closed on Sundays.

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

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 - 17:00. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 21:00.

Phone: +30 210 360 251 9

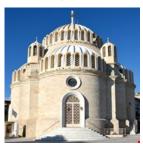
Internet:

https://www.gucci.com/int/en/store/27-tsakalof-street

Email: gucci.kolonakia thens@gr.gucci.com

More Info: Closed on Sundays.

Shopping with a sea view



If you like to combine shopping with other pleasures, you might want to go for a stroll in the small city of Glyfada, where you can also find

many shops only 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 of Saint Constantine.

 $Photo: Tim\ Adams/Wikimedia commons\ (image\ cropped)$

Address: Glyfada, Athens

The Loom



If you want to give your house a new appeal, The Loom is the right shop to go to 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: Monday, Wednesday - Friday & Sunday 9:30 -

21:00. Tuesday 9:00 - 21:00. Saturday 9:30 - 23:00.

Phone: +30 210 323 854 0 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: Tzireon St. & Athanasiou Diakou 16, Athens Opening hours: Monday 13:00 - 18:00. Tuesday - Sunday

10:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +30 210 321 924 7

Internet: www.melissinos-art.com/eng/index.html

Email: info@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

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday - Sunday 9:00 - 19:00. Tuesday & Thursday - Friday 9:00 - 20:30.

Phone: +30 210 321 990 0

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.

Photo: Thaiview/Shutterstock.com Address: Dimitrakopoulos 34, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 22:30.

Phone: +30 210 325 489 0 Internet: www.pantopwlion.gr Email: info@pantopwlion.gr

Forget me Not



This 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, all of them being high quality products. The store assortment is updated with new brand-name items every day, so don't hesitate to come twice if you're in Athens for many days.

Photo: Adisa/Shutterstock.com Address: Adrianou St. 100, Athens

Opening hours: Winter: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 20:00.

Summer: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +30 210 325 374 0

Internet: www.forgetmenotathens.gr Email: forgetmenotathens@gmail.com

Olive Tree Natural Cosmetics



This shop's assortment holds a wide variety of natural Greek cosmetics based on olive oil.

Products for facial, body and hair care as well as

bathing accessories and perfumes of good quality are on offer, not only for women, but also for men. It's a cool little place for souvenir shopping.

Photo: mythja/Shutterstock.com Address: Adrianou 65, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 12:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +30 210 323 300 2

Internet: www.theolivetree.com/en/ Email: info@theolivetree.com

TOURIST 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 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 in 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 and its near-lying beaches full of entertainment. If you are a hiking lover, don't miss Athens in autumn.

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Athens International Airport



Athens International
Airport (ATH) 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 5am and 12am and 54 euros between 12am and 5am. The fixed fares include the basic fare, VAT, extra luggage charges and road tolls.

The Metro is another option to go to the centre and the journey to Syntagma takes around half an hour. Airport buses are made available to Syntagma (X95), Pireaus port (X96), Kifissou

Avenue (X93) and Elliniko (X97). The travel time to Syntagma and the other areas in town takes around 1 hour and around 1,5 hours to Pireaus port. Check the hours on: www.athensairportbus.com/en

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Athens International Airport, Athens

Phone: +30 210 353 000 0 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 5:30am and 1am (until 2:30am on Friday and Saturday). Airport buses all run 24/7. 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.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Internet: www.athenstaxiquality.com

Post



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

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Eolou 100, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 20:30. Saturday 7:30 -

14:30.

Phone: +30 21 0335 3383

Pharmacy



The main pharmacy in Athens is Mpakakos Georgios.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Agiou Konstantinou 3, Athens

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 8:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +30 210 523 263 1 More Info: Closed on Sundays.

Electricity



230 volts, 50 Hz Type F plug

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone



Country code: +30 Area code: 210

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

Approximately 4 million

Currency

1 € (Euro) = 100 cent

Opening hours

9:00 - 14:30 Monday & Wednesday

9:00 - 14:00 / 17:30 - 20:30 Tuesday - Thursday - Friday

9:00 - 15:00 Saturday

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

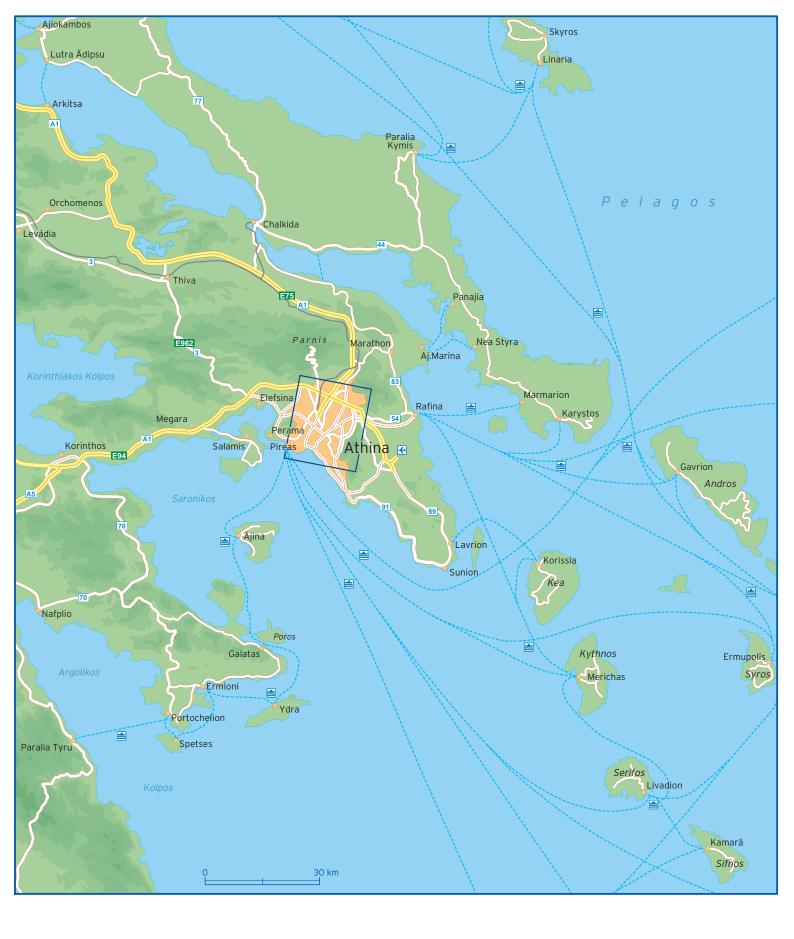
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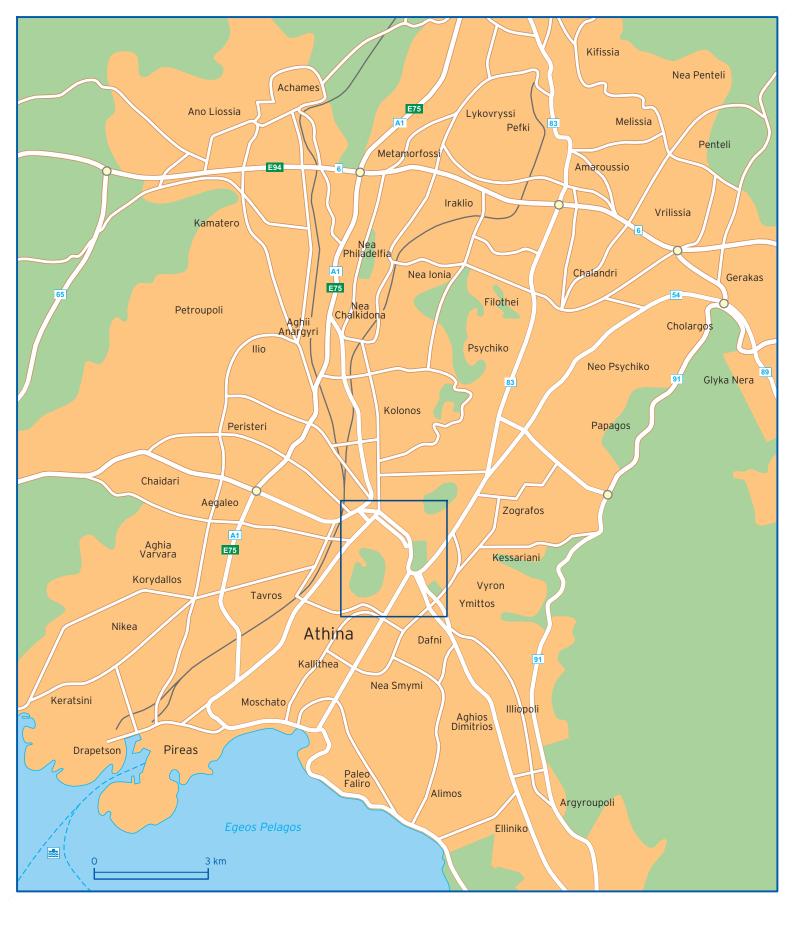
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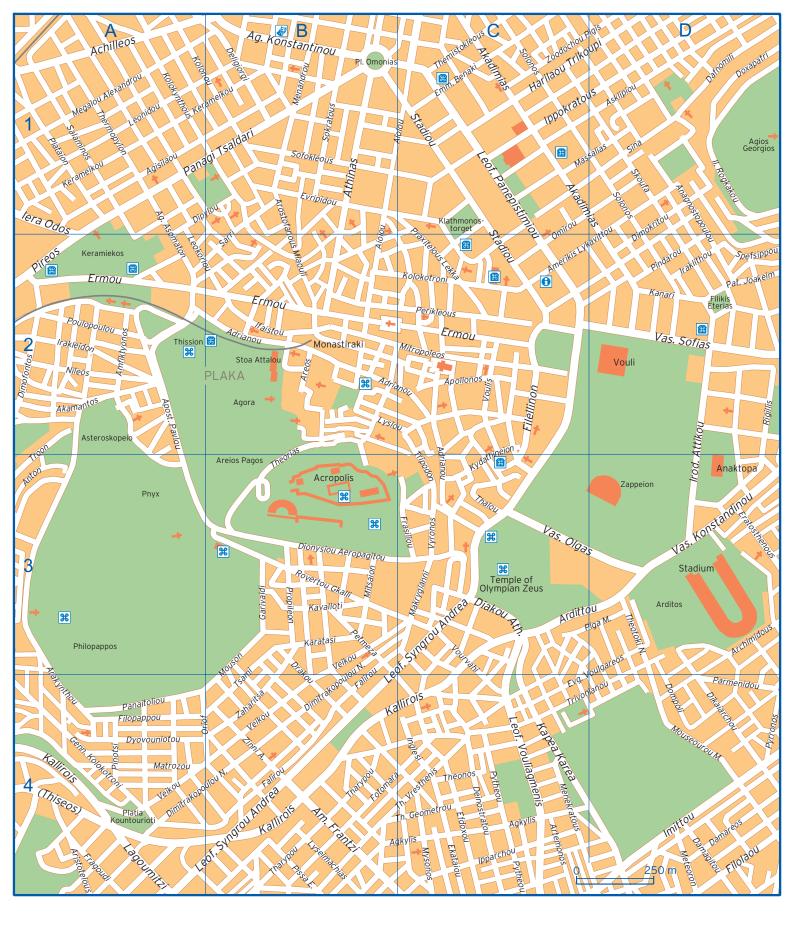
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