

## Athens (Creece's capital city)



Athens, the capital of Greece, the birthplace of democracy, a modern cultural metropolis infused with a high-octane dose of history, where historical sites lie alongside steel-and-glass office complexes. Almost every package starts and ends with Athens. It can serve as an all year destination or a stopover and can be beautifully combined with a one day cruise to nearby

islands, an island hopping itinerary or a mainland tour. Its location combines the bustling city center with amazing seascape, which you don't need to get on a ferry to find. A short bus, tram or car ride can take you to superb local beaches.



Athens is a cosmopolitan city with many faces and unique monuments, some of the most important being the Acropolis, the Acropolis Museum and the world-wide

known Parthenon, the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896, several temples such as the famous Temple of the Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier next to the Constitution Square (Syntagma), beautiful buildings such as the Academy, the University and the National Library. Greeks satirize the abundance of ancient Greek ruins by suggesting not to dig too deep or you might unveil a lost monument and find your house taken over by a museum. This is the main reason why the construction of the metro railway was delayed and why a guest can find ancient remnants, exhibits and artifacts exposed even in several metro stations.





Athens provides a wide variety of accommodation options, from budget to luxury hotels, in the city center or far from the crowds, with Acropolis view or sea view.

Athens's public transportation is a convenient means of getting around in the city when private transportation or car rental is not preferred by the visitors. It includes railways, metro routes, commuter rail, tram, urban bus transport, intercity and regional bus transport (KTEL).

Furthermore, Athens has numerous shopping stores with a variety expanding from antiques to luxury clothing brands addressing all budgets. There are large famous shopping districts, such as Ermou street and the Monastiraki flea market, and malls and outlets, such as Attica, Golden Hall, Mall and McArthur Glen.

Strolling among the streets of Athens, you will discover elegant restaurants, traditional taverns, cozy bars, exquisite wineries and art galleries sprung from every corner.

**Athens Photo Gallery:** <https://www.fantasy.gr/athens-photo-gallery.zip>

