

ATHENS / PIRAEUS GREECE

CRUISE PORT GUIDE

ACROPOLIS · PLAKA · MONASTIRAKI · ANCIENT SITES · GREEK FOOD · HISTORY & CULTURE · AMAZING VIEWS

PORT AT A GLANCE

- You dock at Piraeus Port (not in central Athens).
- Piraeus has 3 passenger terminals with 11 cruise berths.
- The port is about 10 km (6 miles) from central Athens.
- You'll need transportation (metro, bus, taxi or organized tour) to reach the main sights.
- Currency: Euro (€). Cards are widely accepted.
- Check your ship's terminal, arrival details and all onboard time. Terminals are spread out – check the accessible route to the metro or bus from your terminal.

TRANSFER OVERVIEW – NOT FOR NAVIGATION

Schematic guide to main connections from Piraeus Port to Athens.
Times are approximate and exclude terminal transfer, waiting time and onward walks.



Note: Metro times are train time only and do not include time to transfer from your cruise terminal, waiting time or the walk at either end.

GETTING TO ATHENS

METRO (LINES 3 & 1)

- From Piraeus Metro Station.
- Line 3: Piraeus → Syntagma (~20 min, train time).
- Line 1: Piraeus → Monastiraki (~25 min, train time).
- A good option for many visitors, but stations, stairs and crowds can be challenging for those with limited mobility.

BUS (OASA)

- Several routes connect Piraeus and Athens (e.g. X80 and local buses).
- Services, routes and frequencies vary by season – check OASA (www.oasa.gr) for current information on your travel date.

TAXI

- Taxis are available at the port.
- Fares vary by time of day and traffic. Agree on the fare or ensure the meter is used.

ORGANIZED TOUR

- A convenient, stress-free option.
- Includes transportation and a guided visit.

1 Piraeus Cruise Port



- Modern port with 11 cruise berths and 3 terminals.
- Free internal port shuttles between some berths and terminals.
- Shops, cafés, restrooms and free Wi-Fi in terminal areas.
- About 10 km from central Athens.
- Plan your transportation before arrival and check your terminal.

2 Acropolis (Parthenon)



- Iconic ancient citadel with the Parthenon, Erechtheion and more.
- Timed tickets recommended (book in advance).
- Allow 1.5–2 hours for your visit.
- Go early to avoid heat and crowds.
- Wear good walking shoes – uneven, rocky surfaces.
- Bring water, hat and sunscreen.

3 Plaka



- Charming historic neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.
- Narrow, picturesque streets, cafés, shops and tavernas.
- A great place for lunch and souvenir shopping.
- Beautiful photo opportunities.
- Easily combined with the Acropolis and Monastiraki.

4 Monastiraki Square



- Lively square with shops, cafés and the famous flea market.
- Great place to explore, shop and enjoy street food.
- Metro station (Line 1) for an easy return to the port.
- Near Ancient Agora and other sites.
- A vibrant local atmosphere day and night.

5 Syntagma (Parliament)



- Home to the Hellenic Parliament.
- Watch the Changing of the Guard (Evzones).
- Central square with shops, cafés and easy metro access (Line 3).
- A good place to experience modern Athens.
- Often combined with the National Garden.

6 Ancient Agora



- Historic site that was the heart of public life in ancient Athens.
- See the Stoa of Attalos, Temple of Hephaestus and more.
- Often combined with Monastiraki.
- Allow 1–1.5 hours.
- Great for history lovers.

7 Greek Food



- Try souvlaki, gyros, moussaka, pastitsio, spanakopita and fresh seafood.
- Don't miss Greek salad, tzatziki, saganaki or stuffed grape leaves (dolmades).
- End with baklava or Greek yogurt with honey.
- Plaka and Monastiraki have great food options.
- Tapas-style dishes are perfect for a port day.

8 Acropolis Museum



- World-class museum near the Acropolis.
- Houses artifacts from the Acropolis, including the Parthenon sculptures.
- Stunning modern architecture and great views of the Acropolis.
- Allow 1.5–2 hours.
- A must for history and culture lovers.
- Combine with the Acropolis for a complete visit.

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Lightweight, breathable clothing.
- Sunscreen, hat and sunglasses.
- Refillable water bottle.
- Small backpack or crossbody bag.
- Cash (small euros) + card.
- Camera or phone for photos.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A mix of ancient history, charming neighborhoods and vibrant city life.
- Hot summers (can exceed 38°C / 100°F).
- Crowds at major sites.
- Lots of walking, stairs and uneven surfaces.
- Metro and taxis are easy to use, but not ideal for everyone (e.g. limited mobility).
- A perfect mix of culture, food and views.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Check your ship's terminal (Piraeus is large).
2. Book Acropolis tickets in advance.
3. Allow plenty of time to return to the ship.
4. Summer heat can cause site closures.
5. Check OASA (www.oasa.gr) for current bus routes, frequencies and seasonal services (e.g. X80, if running).
6. Transportation can be affected by strikes.
7. Travel insurance is recommended.

PERFECT FOR

- History and culture lovers.
- First-time visitors to Greece.
- Foodies.
- Photography lovers.
- Families (with some walking).
- Scenic views and architecture.
- Repeat visitors wanting to explore more.

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