

# Athens



Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece and has a population close to 5 million people. It is full of museums and archeological sites, with a recorded history that spans at least 3.000 years.



Modern Athens is central to economic, financial, industrial, political and cultural life in Greece, but also a popular touristic destination.

More information about Athens can be found in the following links:

[The City of Athens Official Guide](#)

[Attica Guide](#)

[MAPS of Athens](#)

## Athens International Airport

Athens International Airport Check-in-area Athens is served by the Athens International Airport (ATH), located near the town of Spata, in the eastern Messoghia plain, some 35 km (22 mi) east of Athens. The airport, awarded the “European Airport of the Year 2004” Award, is intended as an expandable hub for air travel in southeastern Europe and was constructed in 51 months, costing 2.2 billion euros. It employs a staff of 14,000. The airport is served by the Metro, the suburban rail, buses to Piraeus port, Athens’ city center and its suburbs, and also taxis. Check for information [here](#).

A ticket for the Metro costs 8 euros (one way) and may be purchased at the Airport Metro station. A train departs every 30 minutes from the airport.

Bus tickets cost 5 euros and may be purchased at the Bus station outside Exit 4.

A taxi ride from the airport to the city center costs approximately 35 euros.