



## Location and Venue Information

The [Impact Hub Athens](#) is part of an International network of socially driven professionals and a variety of high impact creative professionals that are dedicated into prototyping the future of business. From social inclusion and social integration to environment and fair trade, the Impact Hub Athens is engaging expertise from its worldwide presence and creating a net of intercultural, high impact community that acts locally and internationally.

It is located in an urban-style building at Monastiraki, just a few minutes' walk from the walls of the **Acropolis** and the **Parthenon**. Next to the **Aerides**, the [Tower of the Winds](#), [Hadrian's Library](#) and the [Roman period Agora](#), it is surrounded by monuments and public buildings of the city. Nearby it, too, are the center of modern Athens, **Syntagma Square** (*Athens metropolitan hub of transport services*), the **Greek Parliament** and a host of fine museums, such as the **New Acropolis Museum**, the **Museum of Cycladic Art**, the **Benaki**, the Greek Folk Art, Traditional Folk Instruments, the Ceramics and many others.

- The Impact Hub Athens is easily accessible by Metro, bus and private transport. The closest metro station is [Monastiraki](#)/blue line.

Address: **28 Karaiskaki Str., Athens 10554, Greece**

Map – how to walk from Monastiraki metro station to Impact Hub Athens (300m, 4'):  
<https://goo.gl/maps/MxvSfJsYUfTJebPU7>

## Transportation

Options for transportation from/to Athens City Center (Syntagma Square) from/to the Airport (metro, bus, taxi):

1. You can take the [metro line 3](#) (blue line: Airport - “Municipal Theater”/Piraeus) to [Syntagma Square](#). It runs every *30 min* (7 days a week from 6:30 am to 11:30 pm.) and takes approximately *40 min*. One way tickets cost €10 (€4.50 for children, teenagers, over 65), return tickets cost €16 *and can be purchased at vending machines and ticket offices* in the airport.
2. Alternatively, you can take [the bus X95](#) from/to *Syntagma Square*. It runs every *20 min* and takes approximately *50 min*. The ticket costs 6 € and can be purchased at *ticket offices* in the airport and from the *bus driver*.
3. You can also take *a taxi* from/to *Syntagma Square*. The route takes approximately *45 min* and costs around 40 €.



**We suggest that you buy a 3-Day Tourist Ticket (€22) which is valid for unlimited travel with metro or bus (including 1 round trip to/from Athens International Airport). These 3-day passes are available at the bus and metro ticket kiosks at Athens International Airport.** Athens Metro has paper rechargeable tickets which can be charged with fares from simple 90-minute up to 5-day tickets, or Airport only ones. So think about your needs first!



## Apps for Transportation and Food Delivery

- [FREENOW](#) an easy way to find wherever you are a taxi and reach your destination safely. Payments are made with card, no cash needed.
- [Taxiplon](#) another easy way to get your local taxi.
- [Uber](#) another easy way to get your local taxi. You will get a safe ride and you may pay with card.
- [Public Transportation](#) Real-time information for busses & trolleys
- [Wolt](#) food delivery app
- [e-table](#) make reservations online and earn discounts

## Lunch

If you're looking for a place to have lunch, here are a couple of recommendations close to the School Venue:

- [Avocado](#): This vegan and vegetarian cafe is located on the edge of Plaka at 30 Nikis Street. It offers good quality food but can be a bit pricey.
- [Kostas Souvlaki](#): Located at 5 Pentelis Street in the Historic Centre, this place is known for its delicious souvlaki.
- [Pnyka](#): If you're in the mood for pastries, you can visit Pnyka at 24 Petraki Street in the Historic Centre.
- [Feyrouz](#) (street food): incl. vegan choices

**The Monastiraki area is full of restaurants, cafes and pastry shops for you to choose from! There is something for any taste!!!**

## Safety

Athens is generally a safe city, but like any big city, it's important to take precautions. Be vigilant with your belongings, especially on public transport, as there may be pickpockets and petty criminals. Always use licensed taxis, use well-lit and well-populated ATMs, and avoid leaving your phone unattended on cafe tables.

There might be areas where you'll encounter open drug use, such as around Omonia and Exarchia Squares, Keramikos-Metaxourgio, Pedion tou Areos park, and Athens Law School. It's best to ignore them and they will generally ignore you. Avoid Exarchia and Syntagma Squares on days when strikes and demonstrations are planned, as tear gas may be used by the police.

## Emergency Numbers

In case of emergencies, here are some important contact numbers:

- Police Hotline: 100
- Tourist Police: 1571 (English, French, and German)
- Airport Police: +30 210 353 6919
- European Emergency Number: 112
- Ambulance: 166
- Hospitals & Pharmacies: 14944
- Roadside Assistance (ELPA): 10400
- Fire Brigade: 199

## WiFi access

Free WiFi access to the City's public network is available by logging into the *athenswifi* ID at the following spots:

[Syntagma Square](#)

[Kotzia Square](#)

[Metaxourgeio Square](#)

[Thissio Square \(Ag. Asomaton\)](#)

[The Municipality of Athens Cultural Centre](#)

[The Municipal Gallery of Athens](#)

[Technopolis](#)

## Opening Hours - Shopping

Shops are generally open:

Monday & Wednesday: 9 am-3 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am-2 pm and 5.30 pm-9 pm;  
Saturdays: 9 am-3 pm; almost all shops are closed on Sundays.

Department stores are open Monday-Friday: 10 am-9 pm, Saturday: 9 am-8 pm or 10 am-9 pm, depending on the store.

*Note: Most shops in the centre stay open throughout the day on Monday and Wednesday, and do not close for the 2.5 hour break on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.*

**Tip: The Monastiraki Flea Market and Ermou Street at Syntagma are just some of the most popular shopping areas down-town!**

## Info Points

From [transportation tips](#) and directions to the beach, to details of the newest [gallery](#) that's not in your guidebook, the seasoned experts at Athens Info Points are ready to answer all your questions.

"This is Athens" Info Points are situated at:

- [Athens International Airport](#): Arrivals level, daily and weekends 8 am - 8 pm. Open year-round. Tel. [+30 210 353 0390](#)
- [Syntagma Square](#): Open year-round: Weekdays: 09:00 am - 8:00 pm, Weekends: 09:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Useful Links and Guides

- <http://www.thisisathens.org/>

This is Athens | The Official Athens Guide

The official guide to the city of Athens. Where to eat, drink, and swim, top archaeological sites and museums to visit, plus all the essential tips to help plan your trip.

- <https://www.discovergreece.com/attica/athens>

### A few words on the City of Athens:

A unique combination of the old and the new, set up against a spectacular Mediterranean landscape, Athens inspires its visitors, leaving its mark in their hearts and minds. Surrounded by a lining of stunning seas and mountains, this city is filled with gems just waiting to be discovered. Each year, more and more travelers are choosing Athens for their leisure and business travel all year round.

There are several reasons; Athens offers a variety of things to see and do, and most of the times, under favorable weather conditions. Athens is an ideal congress destination, combining state-of-the-art infrastructure, excellent conference facilities and easy access from all over the world with world-class cultural attractions, diverse entertainment and natural beauty.

### Weather

Athens is an ideal year-round destination with comfortable and favorable climate conditions for travel and sightseeing. Rainfall is minimal and the summers (May through August) are dry and hot with temperatures ranging, on average, from 78° to 94°F or 20° to 34°C.

**TIP: July is a particularly hot month; always wear light coloured clothes, sunscreen and a hat, and do not forget to drink a lot of water!!!**

**Currency:** Greece uses Euro (€).

**Time:** Greece is GMT+2.

**Electricity:** Electricity is 220 V/50 Hz. Plugs are the standard continental (DIN) type with two round pins.

That's all! For any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

We look forward to meeting you all in Athens!

Katerina Pastra and Vivian Stamou