



A GLIMPSE INTO ATHENS



THE CITY OF ATHENS

Known for its rich cultural and historical past, Athens is one of the most cosmopolitan and coolest cities globally. There is never a shortage of attractions, or experiences to live; from popular monuments, timeless culture, delicious foods, picturesque neighborhoods, and unique sources of entertainment, to everything you'll learn just from walking down the streets, Athens should be a destination highly sought after by everyone.



Athens has areas fit for every taste, which are capable of providing their visitors with vibrant, one-of-a-kind experiences.

NEIGHBORHOODS - CULTURE



THE KOLONAKI AREA

An area very close to Divani Caravel Hotel. Different types of restaurants and coffee shops worth visiting at the Kolonaki Square and its surrounding streets.



Iroon Square and the surrounding streets have tavernas offering traditional Greek food, and live music, including 'rembetika' (Greek Blues). Bars stay open late, as do tavernas.

THE PSYRRI NEIGHBORHOOD



GLYFADA

This area is located in the South suburbs of Athens, and it is famous for its vibrant lifestyle, and variety of entertainment. The best-known nightclubs, upscale restaurants and the major shopping area, are all within easy walking distance.



KIFISSIA

Typically considered the Athenian Beverly Hills. This area is located in the Northern suburbs of Athens, and it is a high-end neighborhood, and shopping district with international designer boutiques, exclusive leather good stores, and art galleries. It is a popular destination for entertainment with long-running family tavernas, modern restaurants, bars, and chic cafes.



HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

As the birthplace of Democracy, as well as prominent historical figures like Socrates, and Sophocles, Athens prides itself in its abundance of attractions dating back 2,500 years.



THE PARTHENON AND ANCIENT SITES

The Parthenon was dedicated to Goddess Athena Parthenos, the patron of the city of Athens, and it is one of the most magnificent creations of Athenian democracy at the height of its power.

Combined tickets priced at €30, allows visitors to also experience the archeological sites that surround the Parthenon.



This Central Square prides itself as being home of the Greek Parliament, Syntagma Square, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as well as the National Gardens.

SYNTAGMA - THE CENTRAL SQUARE OF ATHENS



THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

A stunning contemporary museum built to house and illustrate all artifacts found on the Acropolis dating back to the Greek Bronze Age, and even to Roman and Byzantine Greece. The museum also lies over ruins of a part of this period of history.



WALK ALONG DIONYSIOU AEROPAGITOU STREET

One of the longest walkways in Athens, this pedestrian street resembles a living open-air museum. Walking along Dionysiou Aeropagitou Street gives you the opportunity to experience an ancient world in a contemporary context, as you witness the Acropolis and Parthenon standing proudly on your right. Do not forget to stop by the Odeon of Herodes Atticus to see it from up-close.



EXPLORE ANAFIOTIKA - PLAKA

Plaka, a hidden 'village' under the Acropolis, is a scenic neighborhood of Athens which includes the beautiful area of Anafiotika. Lying on the northern-east side of the Acropolis Hill, it gives anyone the feeling of being within a real village. This area includes a variety of restaurants which will allow you to definitely enjoy traditional Greek cuisine, delicious snacks, as well as the best, and most tasteful Greek wines.



THE PANATHENAIC STADIUM - KALLIMARMARO

Known as the stadium which hosted the first modern Olympic games in 1896, the Panathenaic Stadium is the epicenter of Athens. It boasts of a rich history which includes the games in which nude male athletes competed in track events for a number of centuries.



LYKAVITTOS

A Cretaceous limestone hill which gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views of Athens – both during the day, and night. It can be easily reached by foot, or by the funicular, and afterwards you can visit its open-air amphitheater, or the 19th century chapel of St. George.



STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION CULTURAL CENTER

A complex located in the bay of Faliro, which includes new facilities for the National Library of Greece, and the Greek National Opera, as well as the famous Stavros Niarchos Park.



LAKE VOULIAGMENI

Lake Vouliagmeni ('Sunken Lake'), is a small lake fed by underground currents seeping through the mass of Mount Hymettus. With its unique environmental conditions, continuation into an underwater cave which has never been fully explored, and the only existing population of a species of sea anemone - the *Paranemonia Vouliagmeniensis* - it has been declared a natural monument by the Greek State and is part of a Nature 2000.



GREEK SPECIALTIES

Upon visiting Athens, you cannot refuse to enjoy traditional Greek plates which will undoubtedly leave you wanting more.



‘HORIATIKI SALATA’ — GREEK SALAD

Bright red tomatoes, refreshing cucumbers, shallots, and the obvious Greek olives, sprung with extra virgin Greek olive oil, and a large piece of creamy feta cheese on top, seasoned with salt, pepper, and oregano.



SAGANAKI

This is an appetizer for cheese lovers! Yellow, hard cheese, one of many kinds, is fried in a specific way that creates a crunchy crust. When you bite into saganaki, the melted cheese inside will fill you with ecstasy.



Moussaka, a marriage of eggplant and potatoes in some recipes, with minced meat on bottom and an indulgent serving of béchamel on top, this dish is baked to perfection in the oven.

MOUSSAKA



PASTITSIO

Pastitsio is similar to moussaka and consists of minced meat layered with pasta and a tomato-based sauce and is usually topped with béchamel. It is baked in the oven until a slightly crisp surface appears. Pastitsio is creamy, rich in flavor and textures, and undoubtedly a staple in the menus of Greek mothers and 'yiayias' (grandmothers.)



‘SPANAKOPITA’ — SPINACH PIE

An authentic and fresh pastry full of vitamins and goodness. Spanakopita is a filo pastry filled with spinach, different kinds of herbs and cheeses (mainly spicy feta cheese), spring onions, eggs and olive oil. The flaky crust makes this is a messy dish to eat, but it is wholeheartedly worth the crumb-filled chaos!



Gemista simply means “stuffed”. Different variations exist in Greek cooking, some of which include stuffed tomatoes, zucchinis, and peppers filled with rice, herbs, spices and tomato sauce.

GEMISTA



As tasty as it gets! Dolmades are delicious vine leaves stuffed with rice, fresh herbs, and seasonings.

DOLMADES



SOUVLAKI

A popular street food which also acts as Greece's version of fast food. Small pieces of meat or vegetables are grilled on a skewer, and the sizzling meat is served on the stick or wrapped in pita with tomato, onion, and creamy tzatziki sauce. Lamb and pork are popular meats used in souvlaki, but grilled chicken can also be found.



No wonder your travel preferences, Athens is a city that will stay with you forever. Not only will you fall in love with its beauty and history, but you will also leave a changed human, having been so greatly influenced by its culture and ambience. Trust us.

CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT?