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Athens Tourist Map

11 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip ● Hidden gem — Walking route 4.1 km · 55 min

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Getting around

- The centre is walkable: the route on the map links the Acropolis, its museum, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Plaka, Anafiotika, the Roman Agora, Hadrian's Library and the Ancient Agora on foot.
- Metro: Akropoli (line 2) is the stop for the Acropolis Museum and the south slope; Syntagma (lines 2, 3) for Plaka and the Temple of Olympian Zeus; Monastiraki (lines 1, 3) for Hadrian's Library and the Roman Agora; Thissio (line 1) for the Ancient Agora.
- Off the route: the National Archaeological Museum by Metro 1 to Victoria or Omonia, then 10 minutes on foot; Lycabettus Hill by Metro 3 to Evangelismos, then a walk up Kolonaki to the funicular on Aristippou Street.
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/athens-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/athens/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

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The 11 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Acropolis and the Parthenon Athens

Athens grew around this limestone rock, and the marble on top has framed the city ever since. The Parthenon, raised for Athena in the fifth century BCE, still holds the summit. Beside it stand the Erechtheion, where six sculpted maidens carry the Porch of the Caryatids, and the Propylaea, the monumental gateway visitors climb through. The Odeon of Herodes Atticus is cut into the south slope below, closed for restoration since July 2026.

Address Dionysiou Areopagitou, 105 58 Athens

Timed entry, open 08:00 to 20:00 in summer and to 17:00 in winter · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/acropolis/



2 Theatre of Dionysus Athens

Greek drama began on this slope. The tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides and the comedies of Aristophanes were first staged here at the festival of the City Dionysia. What survives is largely the Roman remodelling: curved stone tiers, a paved orchestra, and a front row of marble thrones carved for priests and officials, with a frieze of Silenus figures fronting the stage.

Address Dionysiou Areopagitou, 105 58 Athens

Ticketed on the Acropolis and Slopes ticket, open 08:00 to 20:00 in summer and to 17:00 in winter · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/acropolis/



3 Acropolis Museum Athens

Built at the foot of the south slope over an excavated neighbourhood that shows through glass floors, the museum gathers what was found on the rock above. A ramp lined with finds from the slopes leads to the Archaic gallery, where painted korai and the pediments of the first temples stand in daylight, and to the five original Caryatids from the Erechtheion. The top floor turns to align with the Parthenon in the windows and carries the frieze at its true length, original blocks alongside plaster casts of the pieces held in London.

Address Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, 117 42 Athens

Ticketed, separate from the Acropolis site · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/acropolis-museum-ticket/



4 Temple of Olympian Zeus Athens

Fifteen Corinthian columns stand on a platform east of the Acropolis, with a sixteenth lying in pieces where it fell. Work began in the sixth century BCE under Peisistratos and stopped for centuries, until Hadrian finished the temple in 131 CE and installed a colossal statue of Zeus inside it. The scale is the point: nothing else the Athenians attempted covered as much ground.

Address Vasilissis Olgas, 105 57 Athens

Ticketed, open 08:00 to 20:00 in summer and to 15:00 in winter · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/temple-of-zeus/



5 Plaka Athens

The oldest inhabited quarter of Athens climbs the north slope of the Acropolis on the footprint of the ancient city. Pedestrian lanes thread between neoclassical houses, courtyard gardens and small Byzantine churches, with tavernas spilling onto the pavement. The lanes themselves cost nothing to wander, though the museums and ancient sites tucked among them charge their own admission. Mornings are the calmest time to walk it.

Address Plaka, 105 58 Athens

Free to walk at any hour

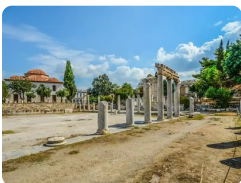


6 Anafiotika Athens

Builders from the island of Anafi came to work on the new royal palace in the nineteenth century and put up a village on the north slope of the Acropolis in the style of home. Whitewashed houses survive along stepped lanes barely wide enough for two people, with bougainvillea over the doorways. There is no gate and no ticket, and people live here, so quiet feet are appreciated. The rock of the Acropolis rises directly above the rooftops.

Address Stratonos, Plaka, 105 58 Athens

Free to walk at any hour



7 Roman Agora Athens

Julius Caesar and Augustus paid for this square, built east of the older Agora when Roman Athens wanted a larger and better ordered market. The Gate of Athena Archegetis still frames the western entrance with four Doric columns, and rows of column stumps mark the colonnades that ran around the courtyard. The Fethiye Mosque occupies the northern side and opens to visitors on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Address Polygnotou 3, 105 55 Athens

Ticketed, open 08:00 to 20:00 in summer and to 15:00 in winter · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/roman-agora/



8 Hadrian's Library Athens

Hadrian gave Athens this walled complex in 132 CE, and it held far more than books: a colonnaded courtyard around a pool, lecture halls, and rooms where papyrus rolls sat in wall niches. A row of Corinthian columns from the western facade still stands along Areos Street, and the foundations of a Byzantine church occupy the middle of the courtyard.

Address Areos 3, 105 55 Athens

Ticketed, open 08:00 to 20:00 in summer and to 15:00 in winter · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/hadrians-library/



9 Ancient Agora Athens

This was the civic heart of the ancient city, where the assembly, the law courts and the market met and Socrates argued with anyone who would listen. The Temple of Hephaestus stands almost intact on the western rise, the best preserved Doric temple in Greece, and the rebuilt Stoa of Attalos runs along the eastern side. Redevelopment has closed the Adrianou gate, so entry and exit run through the Thiseio Square gate.

Address Adrianou 24, 105 55 Athens

Ticketed, open 08:00 to 19:30 in summer and to 16:30 in winter · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/ancient-agora/



10 National Archaeological Museum

The largest archaeological collection in Greece fills a neoclassical building north of the centre, gathering finds from the whole country rather than from Athens alone. The gold Mask of Agamemnon and the shaft grave treasures of Mycenae draw the crowds, and the galleries beyond hold Cycladic figurines, monumental kouroi, the bronze Artemision god pulled from the sea, and the frescoes of Akrotiri.

Address Patision 44, 106 82 Athens

Worth a separate trip · 0.7 km NE of the centre · Metro M1 Victoria · Ticketed, open 08:00 to 20:00 Wednesday to Monday and from 13:00 on Tuesday · Tickets and tours athenstickets.org/national-archaeological-museum/



11 Lycabettus Hill Athens

The highest point in central Athens rises out of Kolonaki as a steep cone of pines, with the white chapel of Agios Georgios at the top. Marked paths climb from Aristippou and Kleomenous streets in about half an hour and open onto a terrace that takes in the whole basin, the Acropolis below and the sea beyond Piraeus on clear days. A restaurant and a cafe terrace sit just below the chapel, and sunset draws a crowd.

Address Funicular: Aristippou 1, 106 76 Athens

Worth a separate trip · 1.7 km E of the centre · funicular from Kolonaki · Free on foot at any hour, the funicular to the summit is ticketed

32 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

The Athenian Agora

Lying right beneath the northern slope of the Acropolis is the ancient Athenian Agora.

Adrianou 24, 105 55 Athens

Lycabettus Funicular

Running from the lower terminus in Kolonaki to the upper terminus atop Mount Lycabettus, the Lycabettus Funicular takes...

Aristippou 1, 106 76 Athens

Magic Sphere of Helios

The celestial symbols covering this odd orb bewitch the imagination.

Acropolis Museum, Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, 117 42 Athens

Dromeas (The Runner)

You wouldn't want to accidentally bump into this enormous sculpture.

Vasilissis Sofias, 106 75 Athens

Agia Dynamis

This tiny Byzantine-era Greek Orthodox church honors the Virgin Mary and serves as a shrine for pregnant women to go and pray for...

Mitropoleos, 105 56 Athens

Old Madrasa of Athens

Many ruins in Athens are glamorous and romantic, but this site is a visible reminder of dark times.

Pelopida, 105 56 Athens

Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art

Dedicated to the study and promotion of ancient cultures of the Aegean and Cyprus, with special emphasis on Cycladic Art of the...

Neofytou Douka 4, 106 74 Athens

Antikythera Mechanism

For over 2,000 years, a shipwreck lay off the coast of the Greek island of Antikythera, its hidden treasures slowly corroded by...

National Archaeological Museum, Patision 44, 106 82 Athens

Tower of the Winds

Most archaeological sites in Athens are old temples, but this ancient structure had a scientific purpose.

Roman Agora, Polygnotou 3, 105 55 Athens

Hadrian's Reservoir

One of Roman Athens' most amazing engineering feats now lies below a modern outdoor movie theater.

Xanthippou, 106 73 Athens

First Cemetery of Athens

Though its name and regal white sculptures conjure thoughts of ancient Greece, the First Cemetery of Athens isn't even 200 years...

Longinou, 116 36 Athens

Roman Tomb in Zara

There are three Zara stores (a trendy clothing chain) in the Athens city center, and archaeological ruins scattered throughout...

Korai 2, 105 64 Athens

Panathenaic Stadium Passage

Hidden beneath the Panathenaic Stadium, the world's only stadium built entirely out of marble, is a secret, ancient passage used...

Plateia Stadiou, 116 36 Athens

Little Metropolis Church

Next to the larger, newer, and more stately Metropolis Cathedral in the heart of Athens is an inconspicuous little building that...

Plateia Mitropoleos, 105 56 Athens

Church of Agios Dimitrios Loumbardiaris (Saint Demetrius the Bombardier)

A walk through the Old City of Athens reveals a handful of Byzantine-era churches.

Filopappou Hill, 117 41 Athens

Diporto

When lunchtime rolls around in Athens, wind through the stalls selling fish, meat, produce, and all manner of oddities in...

Sokratous 9, 105 52 Athens

Petraki Monastery

The Monastery of the Holy Incorporeal Taxiarches, commonly known as Petraki Monastery, is the home of 16 monks who care for the...

Gennadiou Ioanni 14, 115 21 Athens

Fallen Aviators Monument

A roundabout in Athens features a striking centerpiece.

Plateia Karaiskaki, 104 37 Athens

Kafeneio Oraia Ellas

Located on a strip of rather touristy-feeling restaurants, Kafeneio Oraia Ellas ("Cafe Beautiful Greece") is one of Athens 's...

Mitropoleos 59, 105 56 Athens

Archaeological Site Inside Monastiraki Metro Station

History is ever-present in Athens.

Monastiraki Metro Station, Plateia Monastirakiou, 105 55 Athens

Gestapo Interrogation Memorial

When the German army invaded and occupied Athens in April 1941, it began enacting laws to control the local population.

Merlin 6, 104 71 Athens

Korai 4

This government building has had a long, sinister history.

Korai 4, 105 64 Athens

Choragic Monument of Lysicrates

In ancient Greece, yearly theater competitions sponsored by choregoi, wealthy patrons of the dramatic arts, were held in the...

Selley, 105 58 Athens

Neighbourhoods

Acropolis and the south slope

The Acropolis (1) crowns the city, with the Theatre of Dionysus (2) on its south slope and the Acropolis Museum (3) facing it across Dionysiou Areopagitou. This pedestrian promenade circles the hill past Filopappou and the Pnyx.

Monastiraki

The flea market square at the foot of the hill holds Hadrian's Library (8) and the Tzistarakis Mosque, with the Roman Agora (7) a few steps up. The Ancient Agora (9), heart of classical Athens, runs west along Adrianou to Thissio.

Kolonaki and Lycabettus

Kolonaki is the smart district of cafés, galleries and museums on the slopes below Lycabettus Hill (11). A funicular from Aristippou Street climbs to the chapel at the top, the best sunset view in the city.

Wax Museum of Andreas Syggros

This unexpected museum is located inside the Andreas Syggros hospital of dermatological and venereal diseases in the center of...

Ionos Dragoumi 5, 106 75 Athens

Caves of Filopappou Hill

In 1938, officials of the Greek Ministry of Culture took note of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini's aggressive actions and...

Filopappou Hill, 117 41 Athens

Zappeion

After winning independence from the Ottomans, the Greeks were enthusiastic about reviving traditions that were lost during the...

Vasilissis Olgas, 116 36 Athens

Park of Souls

Just north of Athens, high on Mount Parnitha, a number of haunting wooden sculptures stand outside the grounds of an abandoned...

Mount Parnitha, Acharnes · 18.4 km N of the centre, outside the map

Parilissia Iera

Parilissia Iera, the Shrines by Ilissos, was an area with a quite high density of temples and shrines at the edge of ancient...

Vouliagmenis, 116 36 Athens

Numismatic Museum of Athens

Numismatics, the study of coins, is often crucial in the field of archaeology and anthropology, as money has been at the center...

Panepistimiou 12, 106 71 Athens

Fethiye Mosque

Upon the Ottoman conquest of Athens in 1458, the Sultan admired the city's ancient temples and monuments so much that he quickly...

Pelopida, 105 56 Athens

The Gennadius Library

In Athens' upscale Kolonaki neighborhood, nestled at the base of Mt Lykavitos, is a singular library as impressive as the one in...

Soudias 54, 106 76 Athens

Daphni Monastery

Any tourist visiting the Greek capital is bound to see its prestigious World Heritage site, the Acropolis of Athens, sooner or...

Iera Odos, 124 62 Chaidari · 8.7 km W of the centre, outside the map

Plaka and Anafiotika

Plaka (5) is the old quarter on the north slope of the Acropolis, a maze of tavernas, Byzantine chapels and neoclassical houses. Above it, Anafiotika (6) keeps the whitewashed lanes built by stonemasons from the island of Anafi.

Syntagma and the National Garden

Parliament and the Changing of the Guard face Syntagma Square, with the National Garden and the Zappeion behind them. Its southern edge leads to the Temple of Olympian Zeus (4) and the marble Panathenaic Stadium.

Exarchia and Omonia

North of the centre, the National Archaeological Museum (10) stands on Patision between Omonia and Exarchia. Exarchia is the student quarter, full of bookshops, street art and cheap bars.