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TRAVEL ADVICE

General information about Piraeus and Athens

Piraeus

Piraeus is the port of Athens situated in a distance of 10 kilometres from Athens. You will find interesting to visit Pasalimani port, Kastella, Freatida for walking, coffee or a drink. For shopping you can go to the centre of Piraeus, near the Municipal Theatre (Dimotiko Theatro). The main shopping area is Sotiros street and the streets nearby. There is also an archaeological Museum in Char. Trikoupi, very close to your hotel.

Athens

From Piraeus you can get to Athens either by bus or by metro. The bus stop is situated opposite to our premises (bus 040, every 10-15 minutes). The metro terminal is situated to the port. The journey to Athens takes at most 1 hour by bus and 25 minutes by metro in the peak hours.

In Athens, you will find very interesting to visit the ancient monuments and the archaeological and modern art museums (e.g. the Acropolis, the ancient market Plaka, the famous archaeological museum of Athens, Benaki museum of modern art, Cultural Centre "Hellenic Cosmos" etc.).

For more information about your spare time, do not hesitate to ask us during your stay.

You can also check <http://www.visitgreece.gr> for more information. From there you can also download:

- **Athens Travel Guide:** http://www.visitgreece.gr/deployedFiles/StaticFiles/Athens_brochure_english.pdf
- **Maps:** <http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/downloads/maps>
- **Brochures:** <http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/downloads/brochures>

TRAVEL

PLANE: The best connection will be the Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos [airport code ATH – url <http://www.aia.gr/>].

Transport from the airport to Piraeus

- By bus

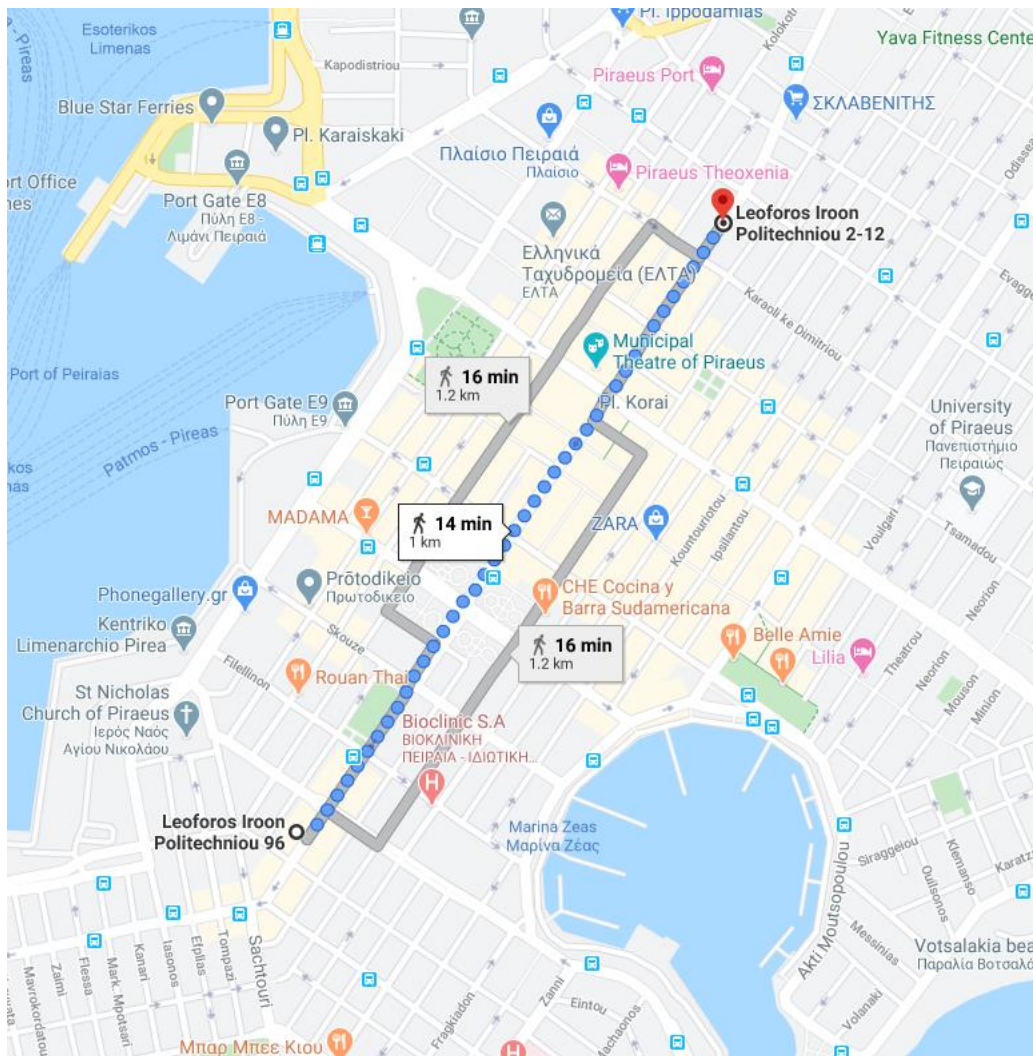
You can take bus X96 to Piraeus from just outside the arrivals area. The ticket price is 5,5 Euros, valid for one travel to/ from the airport and you can buy the ticket from the ticket kiosk at the bus station. The journey to Piraeus by X96 bus takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Taking the bus would not be a bad idea since it is quite fast and usually not overcrowded (it leaves every 20 minutes).

The most convenient stop is at ISAP / NEW FALIRO – KARAIKAKI FOOTBALL STADIUM. From there you can take the bus 040 (route every 10 minutes) (you need a new ticket of 1.2 Euros) and get off at VRIONI stop. **Note:** Buy the bus tickets at the airport.

Also, if you don't mind to walk about 14 minutes, you can get off the X96 bus at the bus stop DIMOTIKO THEATRO and walk a straight line. See directions in [Google maps](#) and in the map below.



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For bus X96 route and time schedule visit

[http://telematics.oasa.gr/en/#lineDetails_892_%CE%A796%20:%20%20PEIRAIAS%20-%20AEROLIMENAS%20ATHINON%20\[EXPRESS\]%20_73-99999](http://telematics.oasa.gr/en/#lineDetails_892_%CE%A796%20:%20%20PEIRAIAS%20-%20AEROLIMENAS%20ATHINON%20[EXPRESS]%20_73-99999)

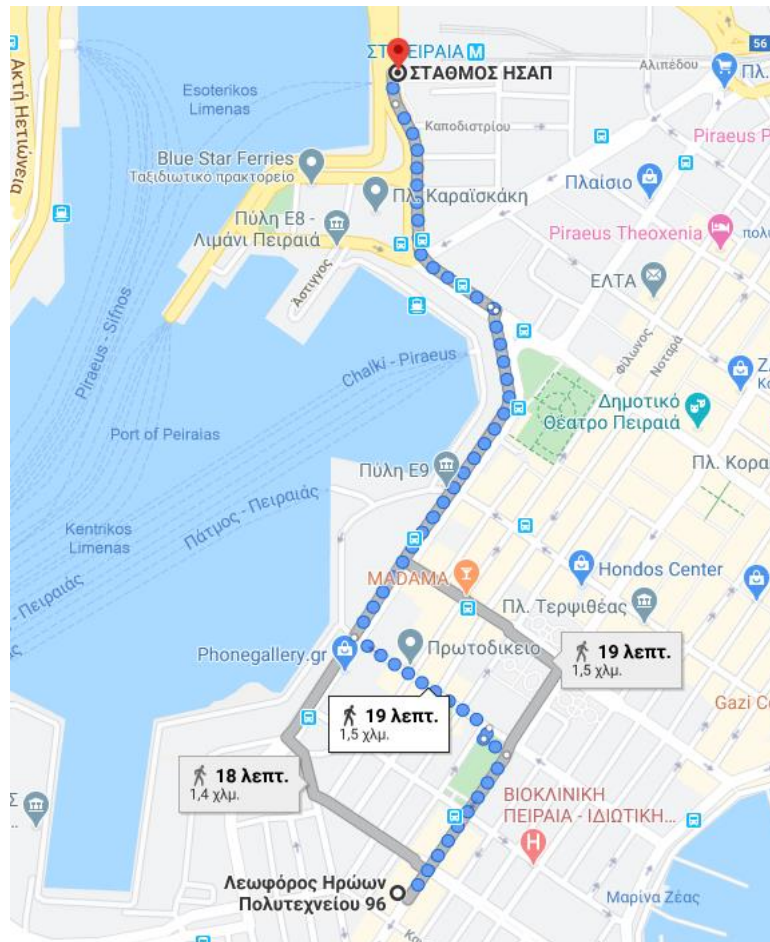
From the drop down itinerary menu choose line X96: PEIRAIAS – AEROLIMENAS ATHINON (EXPRESS) and route AER/NAS ATHINON – PEIRAIAS (EXPRESS), it is the direction from the airport to Piraeus.

- By metro

Use Metro line 3 from the Athens International Airport. Estimated journey time is 60 minutes. The ticket costs for a single trip is 9 Euros for one person (return ticket 16 Euros) and can be purchased from the Metro station at Athens International Airport. If you decide to take the metro you will have to change at Monastiraki station to Metro line 1 (green line). Piraeus is the terminal station of line 1. From there you can either walk (about 20 minutes, see directions in [Google maps](https://www.google.com/maps)) or take bus 909 (bus stop opposite to the station on the port road) and get off at the Vrioni stop (ask the driver).



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- **By taxi**

Outside the airport arrival area there is a taxi station. Normally the price of the taxi is around 50 Euros depending on the traffic. After midnight the charge is higher, but shouldn't be more than 75 Euros. The journey from the airport takes approximately 35 minutes, depending on the traffic.

Also, in case that you wish we can arrange a taxi to pick you up from the Athens airport upon your arrival and take you to your hotel in Piraeus. There is a fix price, 50 Euros from 05.00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. and 75 Euros from 12.00 p.m. until 05.00 a.m. Please ask us if you want to arrange a taxi to pick you up from the airport.

Or you can book your taxi online at <http://www.onlinetaxi.gr/>.

You can find details about your transport from Athens International Airport in the airport's website:

<http://www.aia.gr/traveler/access-and-transportation/transportation/public-transportation>

Bus ticket can be purchased at the Athens International Airport either from the Ticket booth inside the metro station or from the ticket kiosk at the bus station. The cost is 1.2 Euros. The 1.2 Euros ticket valid for 90 minutes in all public transportation means except from the airport bus and train and "Proastiakos" train. You have to validate the ticket once, the first time you enter a bus/train. There is also a day ticket for 4.1 Euros and a five days ticket for 8.2 Euros. You can buy them at the Airport tickets' kiosk and from the vending machines at the Airport Metro station. For more information about the public transportation tickets' cost visit <https://www.athenacard.gr/komistra.dev>



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Useful information

Time

Greece is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2) throughout the year.

Language

Greek is the official language but English is widely spoken as well as Spanish, German and French.

Currency

The Greek currency is EURO. Credit cards are widely used in most establishments. Most currencies and traveler's cheques can easily be changed either at banks, hotels or money-changers with some handling charges.

Power supply

The standard current in Greece is 220 volts. Plugs are European standard with two round pins.

Banks in Athens and Piraeus

Greek and International banks can be found in the city center and all popular districts of Athens and Piraeus. Most banks operate Monday-Friday 08:00 – 14:00. Some banks located in the city center remain open until 19:00 hrs or operate for the public on Saturday morning (please contact your hotel reception for detailed information). All banks are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays. Currency exchange rates are clearly displayed in every bank that accepts currency exchange.

Shopping in Athens and Piraeus

The commercial market of Athens and Piraeus (shops, boutiques, etc.) operates as follows:

Monday / Wednesday / Saturday: 09:00 – 15:00

Tuesday / Thursday / Friday: 09:00 – 14:30 and 17:30 – 21:00

Shopping Malls and big department stores operate as follows:

Monday-Friday: 09:00 – 21:00

Saturday: 09:00 – 18:00 or 20:00

Useful Phones

Police	100
Tourist Police Station	171 or 2109242700
Ambulance	166
Emergency Phone*	112
Phone book information	11888

**After a recorded message in English and Greek, an operator receives the call in English, French or Greek, puts the caller through to the necessary service, and assists with interpretation, if necessary.*