

# Olympia Odos

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# What is Olympia odos?

Olympia odos is the name given to the Greek motorway 8 (A8). It is one of the most important roads in Greece since it connects Athens, the capital, with our city Patras, the third biggest city. It also passes Corinth and Kiato. It is part of European route 94 and 65.







#### What is Olympia odos?

Olympia odos is a brand new and modern motorway that replaced the old national road 8a which was really dangerous and there were usually a lot of accidents. With the new road the route Athens-Patras became safest and got decreased by two hours.



^ New road



^ Old road

### Construction

Olympia odos was constructed from 2008 till last year. When it was under construction it was "the largest and most challenging project currently undertaken in Greece, and one of the most complex ones in Europe". Indeed it was really difficult to have a safe motorway in such a mountainous area. That's why it has a lot of tunnels and bridges. Another problem was that at the same time that the road was under construction, vehicles were **using** the road. And we shouldn't forget that archeological findings stopped the project really often.

#### Construction











### **Future**

In a few years olympia odos will get extended to kalamata in the south 250 km away from Patras. It will also pass from Pyrgos and Olympia.



^ Ancient Olympia



^ Kalamata





# **Wonderful Constructions**

- Tunnel "Panagopoula"
- Tunnels in mountainous region "Kakia Skala"
- Rion's junction, one of the most complicated in Europe
- Bridge over Corinth canal
- Rion Antirion Bridge (nearby junction)

#### Wonderful Constructions



Tunnel in Kakia Skala > < Olympia Odos in Corinth Canal



#### **Wonderful Constructions**



< Rion-Antirion bridge

Major Junction of Rio, built in 2018 >

# Maps



Olympia Odos is located in Peloponnese. It pases the greek prefecture of Achaea, Corithn, Attica and in the future Ellis and Messina. It also passes the states of Attica, Peloponnese and Western Greece.



# Photos

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Olympia odos near our school in Rio's Junction.









# **Credits for Photos**

- wikipedia.org
- olympiaodos.gr

# Thanks for your Attention!

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