

Piraeus (Athens), Attica, Greece

One of the world's oldest ports and the gateway to the Greek capital. Whether you're chasing 2,500 years of history on the Acropolis or a lazy plate of grilled octopus at a harbourside taverna, a day in Piraeus delivers.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8–12 hrs Euro (€) Greek / English widely spoken UNESCO World Heritage

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Three dedicated cruise terminals (A, B, C) — always docked, never tendered

Best For: Ancient history, world-class museums, Greek cuisine, Aegean island hopping

Walk to Athens: Athens is 8–10 km away — you need metro, bus, or taxi to get there

Don't Miss: Pre-book Acropolis timed-entry tickets or you will be turned away at the gate

Getting around: Taxi €25–€40 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt, FREENOW · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off · from 15 EUR

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **The Acropolis & Acropolis Museum** — The non-negotiable.
- **Cape Sounion & Temple of Poseidon** — If you've done the Acropolis before, this is the best alternative.
- **Athens City Walk: Plaka, Monastiraki & Syntagma** — The Plaka neighbourhood wraps around the north slopes of the Acropolis in a tangle of whitewashed lanes, tavernas, and souvenir shops.
- **Athens Food & Market Tour** — Dive into the Varvakios Central Market, sample feta, olives, honey, and loukoumades (Greek doughnuts), and eat souvlaki the way locals do — standing...
- **Piraeus Waterfront: Mikrolimano & Zea Marina** — If Athens feels too hectic, stay in Piraeus.

BEST WALKS

- **Piraeus Waterfront Loop** 2.5 km · 35 min · flat · easy — From the cruise terminal gate, walk along Akti Miaouli past the main ferry terminal to Zea Marina (Pasalimani), then continue around to Mikrolimano harbour for coffee or...
- **Athens: Acropolis to Plaka** 2 km · 45 min walking + metro transit · moderate — Take the metro to Monastiraki, walk uphill through the Plaka neighbourhood past the Tower of the Winds and the Roman Agora, then climb to the Acropolis entrance via the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇬🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:50AM–8:01PM · Jun 6:02AM–8:49PM · Aug 6:40AM–8:18PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:47PM	
Apr	69°	53°	5d	Euro (€)	
Jun	87°	69°	4d		
Aug	92°	75°	2d		
Sep	84°	68°	3d		
Oct	74°	60°	4d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Acropolis tickets before you sail. The site uses mandatory timed-entry during peak season (Apr–Oct). Pre-book at odysseus.culture.gr — shows sell out days ahead. Walk-ups are routinely turned away.
- New Greek cruise passenger fee (from July 2025): €5/person in peak season (Jun–Sep), €3 in shoulder months, €1 off-season. Charged per disembarkation regardless of age or tour type.
- Athens in summer is brutally hot — regularly 40°C/104°F in July and August. The Acropolis has zero shade and polished marble that gets slippery. Wear proper shoes, carry water, and consider visiting in the morning or late afternoon.
- Metro adult ticket: €1.20 / 90 minutes (checked 3 October 2026), not Airport or X80. Verify the ticket for your route.
- Watch for pickpockets on Metro Line 1, around Monastiraki Square, and in the crowded Plaka lanes. Carry your bag on your front, never put your phone on a café table, and use inside pockets on the metro.
- Don't eat on the ship today. Greek food is extraordinary. Skip the Plaka tourist traps with barkers and menus in photos — walk two streets inland to Psiri or Koukaki for honest taverna food. In Piraeus, Mikrolimano harbour is the best spot for fresh grilled fish.

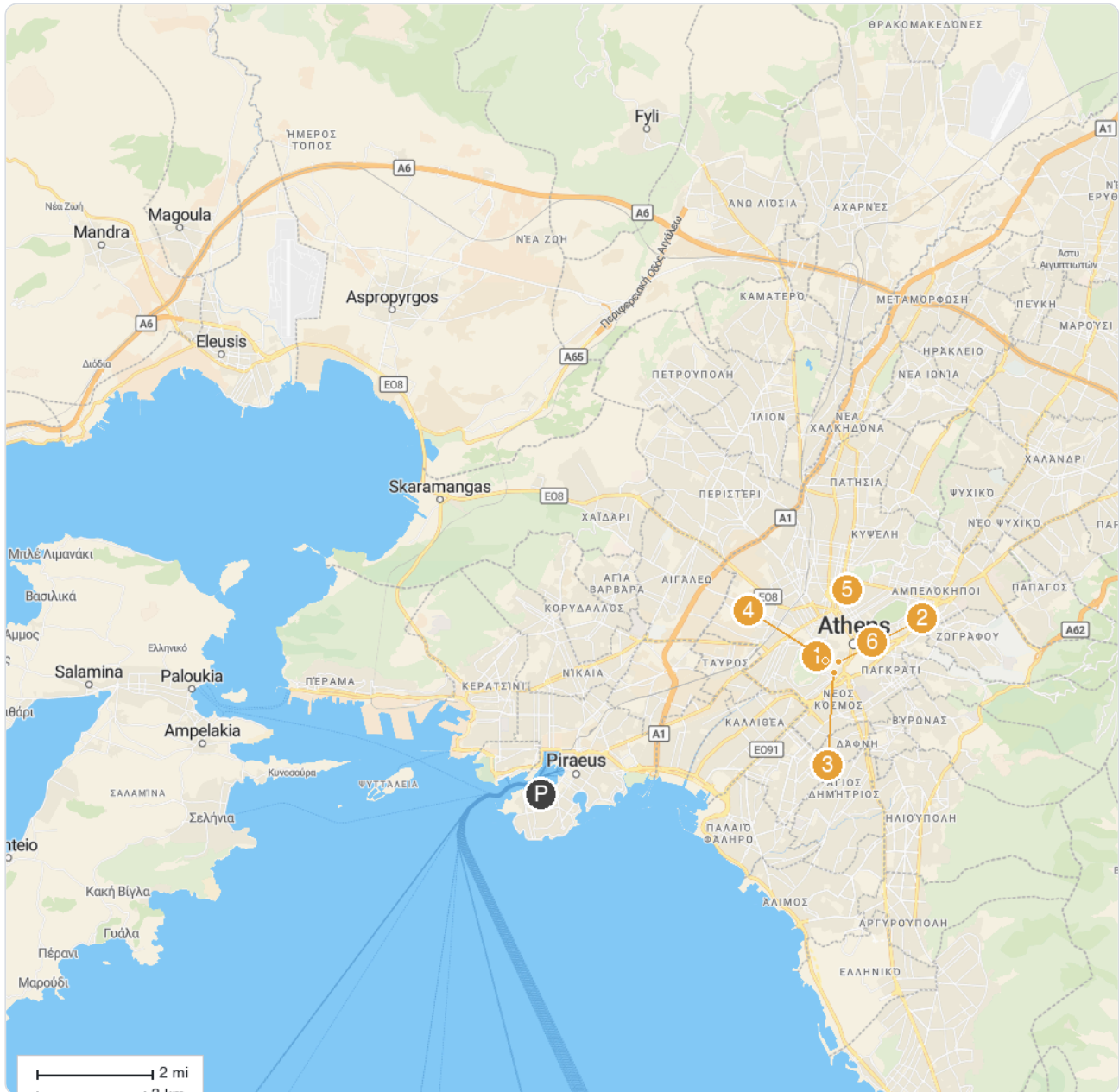
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- Metro; not Airport or X80: €1.20 adult / 90 minutes (checked 3 Oct 2026).

Piraeus (Athens), Attica, Greece — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Areopagus Hill | Ancient rock hill, former court, offering panoramic Acropolis views. | 2 Choragic Monument of Lysicrates | Ancient monument celebrating a theatrical victory in Athens. |
| 3 Acropolis Museum | Modern museum displaying artifacts found on the Acropolis. | 4 Acropolis of Athens | Ancient citadel atop a rocky hill, home to iconic temples. |
| 5 National Archaeological Museum | Greece's largest archaeological museum, showcasing ancient Greek art. | 6 Benaki Museum | Museum showcasing Greek art and culture across millennia. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |