

ATHENS

CITY MAP



SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL



TRANSPORT

Where do I buy a ticket?

Πού αγοράζω εισιτήριο;

pu a·gho·ra·zo i-si·ti·ri·o

I want to go to ...

Θέλω να πάω στο/στη ...

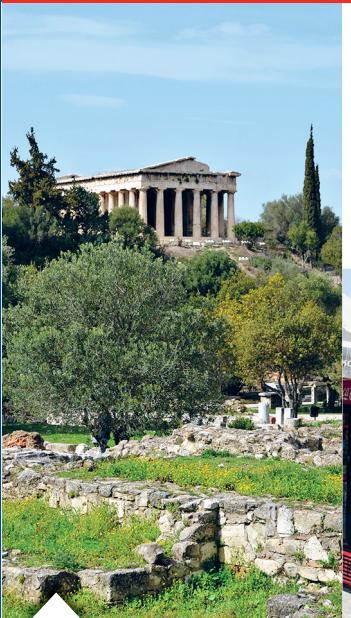
the-lo na pao sto/sti...

What time does it leave?

Τι ώρα φεύγει;

ti o·ra fev·yi

TOP SIGHTS



H10 ANCIENT AGORA

This was the heart of ancient Athens and the lively, crowded focal point of administrative, commercial, political and social activity. It's dotted with beautiful monuments and Socrates expounded his philosophy here. (210 321 0185; <http://odysseus.culture.gr>; Adrianou 24; **M**Monastiraki)

MONASTIRAKI FLEA MARKET

This traditional market includes permanent antiques and collectables shops, open all week. The streets around the station and Adrianou fill with vendors selling jewellery, handicrafts and bric-a-brac. (Adrianou, Monastiraki; **M**Monastiraki)



H9



K14 ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

The imposing modernist building brings together the surviving treasures of the Acropolis, including items formerly held in other museums or storage, and pieces returned from foreign museums. (210 722 8321; www.acropolismuseum.gr; Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, Makrygianni; **M**Akropoli)

ACROPOLIS

The Acropolis is one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowned by the Parthenon, it stands sentinel over Athens, visible from almost everywhere within the city. (210 321 4172; <http://odysseus.culture.gr>; **M**Akropoli)

J12

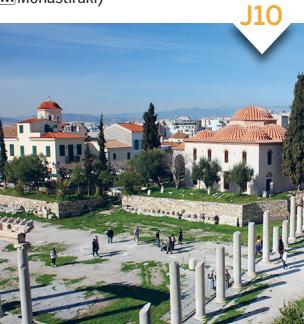


MUSEUM OF CYCLADIC ART

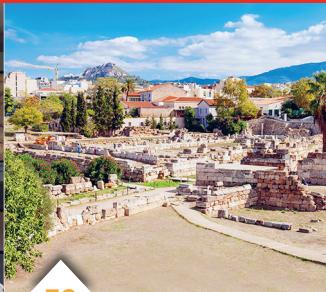
This private museum features the marble figurines that inspired many 20th-century artists, like Picasso and Modigliani, and scenes from daily life in antiquity. (210 722 8321; www.cycladic.gr; Neofytou Douka 4, cnr Leoforos Vasilissis Sofias, Kolonaki; **M**Evangelismos)

ROMAN AGORA

Entrance to the 1st-century Roman Agora is through the Gate of Athena Archegetis, flanked by four Doric columns. The agora includes the foundations of a propylon (fortified entrance) and a row of shops. (210 324 5220; cnr Pelopida & Eolou; **M**Monastiraki)



J10



E9 KERAMEIKOS

The city's cemetery from the 12th century BC to Roman times. Leading off the Sacred Way is the Street of Tombs – this avenue was reserved for the tombs of Athens' most prominent citizens. (210 346 3552; <http://odysseus.culture.gr>; Ermou 148, Keramikos; **M**Thissio)



Q10



M2

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

This museum houses the finest collection of Greek antiquities, including sculptures, frescoes and artefacts, dating from Neolithic to Classical eras. (213 214 4800; www.namuseum.gr; 28 Oktovriou-Patisian 44, Exarhia; **M**Victoria)

ATHENS SHORT LIST

HISTORY BUFFS

Theatre of Dionysos (K12) The birthplace of theatre, on the Acropolis' southern slopes.

Temple of Olympian Zeus (M13) This marvellous temple is impressive for the sheer size of its 104 Corinthian columns, 15 of which remain.

Hadrian's Arch (M13) The Roman emperor's arch is a lofty monument of Pentelic marble.

BARGAIN HUNTERS

Epigraphical Museum (M3) This 'library of stones' houses an important collection of Greek inscriptions.

Athens Central Market (K7) The hectic, colourful Athens agora is the highlight of the vibrant Athinas market district.

Filopappou Hill (F14) Along with the Hills of the Pnyx and the Nymphs, Filopappou Hill was, according to Plutarch, where Theseus and the Amazons did battle.

TRANSPORT

Public transport Athens has an extensive and inexpensive integrated public-transport network of metro, trolleybuses and regular buses. Visitors are advised to use the metro and the trolleys, which run roughly every 5–10 minutes. Bus routes are extensive, but no printed maps are available.

Taxis Athens' taxis are excellent value and efficient for travel on some routes. But it's best to get one especially during rush hour.

