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Welcome to Athens

With equal measures of grunge and grace, Athens is a heady mix of history and edginess. Cultural and social life plays out amid, around and within ancient landmarks, and the magnificent Acropolis towers over all. There is crackling energy in galleries, political debates and street art. Go with a mind open to spontaneous discovery, and you will be rewarded.





View from the Acropolis (p34) towards Lykavittos Hill (p103)

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Top Sights

Acropolis

An icon of Western civilisation. **p34**



Acropolis Museum

The Parthenon at eye level. **p40**



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Ancient Agora

The heart of classical Athens. **p54**



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Benaki Museum of Greek Culture

Private mansion turned public treasure. **p100**



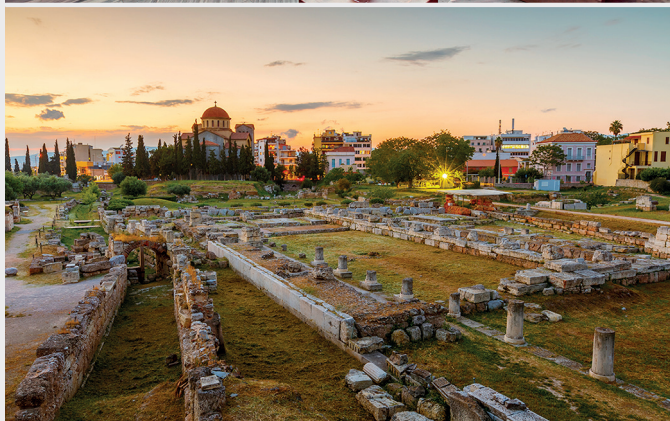
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National Archaeological Museum

Greece's finest classical treasures. **p128**



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Kerameikos

A cemetery reveals ancient life. **p158**

Filopappou Hill

Ancient history and green space. **p148**



Temple of Olympian Zeus

Emperor Hadrian's biggest building project. **p116**