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Logistical Information

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Athens

The settlers on Acropolis hill evolved through two name changes and [three millennia](#) of architectural development before building the Parthenon, which has dominated Athens's skyline for the last 24 centuries.

The main and older part of the city lies in a mountain-rimmed basin on a peninsula with 122 km of coastline. Here, geology constrains settlement, mountains define microclimates, and geography provides around 100 beaches for swimming—15 of which proudly fly Blue Flags, marking a contemporary urban coastal management success.

Athens offers a compelling look at how human settlements adapt to shifting environmental and social boundaries across millennia. For example, the coastal battle against the Persians at Marathon Bay, beyond founding the Marathon race, became a measuring point for the bay's shoreline progradation until 1929. In another example, the new Marathon dam was built to meet the growing city's drinking water needs resulting in a 15-meter retrogradation. The city also transformed from coexistence with lions ([Panthera leo](#)) through its first 31 centuries (until ~100 CE) to today's metropolitan area of over 4 million people, served by a 91.7-kilometer metro



system with 66 stations layered above and below archaeological strata, carrying 1.4 million daily passengers.

However, Athens—a city with 70 museums—cannot be understood merely as an archaeological site or climate dataset. Its contemporary renaissance, comprising among others a vibrant artistic scene, a culinary landscape marked by hyper-local ingredients, and a regenerative nightlife, attracts over 10 million visitors annually.

How to reach Athens

International participants should arrive at **Athens International Airport** "[Eleftherios Venizelos](#)" (ATH), the primary gateway to Greece.

Approximate flight times

- European capitals:** 2–4 hours
- North America:** 10–12 hours
- Central America:** 13–15 hours
- South America:** 14–17 hours
- Africa:** 2–6 hours
- Asia:** 9–12 hours
- Oceania:** 20–24 hours

Conference Venue

Eugenides Planetarium



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The Eugenides Planetarium is a premier scientific landmark situated in the beachfront **Palaio Faliro** district, at a 15-minute ride from the centre of Athens. It offers a sophisticated environment for academic exchange, featuring an amphitheatre for plenaries and dedicated spaces for parallel sessions.

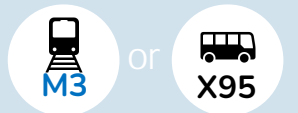
The premises are fully accessible for persons with mobility impairments (via the 11 Pentelis St entrance). We encourage participants requiring specific mobility assistance or accommodations to contact the secretariat in advance to ensure



all necessary arrangements are in place for their stay.

How to reach the Venue

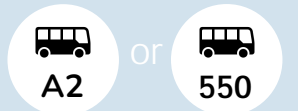
From Airport
to
Syntagma



From Syntagma
to
Koukaki/Fix



From Koukaki
to
Planetarium



We recommend booking accommodation near the venue or in the Koukaki area for optimal access to both the conference and the city's historic centre.

Fares:

- **M3** € 9.00 (€ 4.50 student price) to **Syntagma**
- **Bus X95** € 5.50 (€ 2.70 student price) to **Syntagma**
- **City public transportation 90'** € 1.20 (€ 0.50 student)
- **Taxi** €40 (€54, 0:00 – 5:00) from **Airport** to **Syntagma**; €7–€10 from **Koukaki /Fix** to **venue**. We recommend using the [Freenow](#), [Taxiplon](#), or [Uber](#) applications for efficient service.

Greece Schengen Entry Procedures

EES, ETIAS, and visas

Travel regulations for the Schengen area are currently in a period of transition. Early preparation is essential for attendance. If you are unsure of your visa status or need to find where to apply for a visa, please check the Appendix.

Visa-exempt travellers: EES (ETIAS)

- **Entry/exit system (EES):** You may currently enter Greece and the Schengen Area without a visa, for up to 90 days.
- **ETIAS requirements:** The European Union's ETIAS (Electronic Travel Authorisation) is expected to launch in late 2026 or 2027. It will most likely not be operational for your visit to IAMC 2026.
- **Mandatory documentation:** At border control, officials are entitled to request a biometric passport (valid for 3 months beyond stay), your IAMC invitation letter, and proof of sufficient financial means.

Greek Schengen Visa (type C)

- **Application timeline:** Begin your application 4–5 months before the conference.
- **The representation rule:** In regions where Greece does not maintain a direct mission, other EU member states (such as France, Spain, or Italy) handle the application.
- **Common rejection trap:** Always select "Business" or "Conference" in Box 21 of your application. Do not select "Tourism," as this creates a conflict with your professional supporting documentation.

Technical & Utility Information

- **Medical coverage:** Travel medical insurance covering a minimum of **30,000 EUR** is strongly recommended for all **non-EU** participants. **EU** participants are strongly recommended to carry a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**.
- **Voltage:** 230V — Please check your devices and bring adapters (Type C/F sockets) or transformers if needed.

Emergency numbers:

Emergency: 112

Police: 100

Ambulance: 166

Your Stay in Athens

Accommodation

We recommend booking accommodation near the venue or in Koukaki for optimal access to both the conference and the historic centre.

This neighbourhood offers ample accommodation options across all budgets and vibrant dining scenes, while sitting within walking distance of major landmarks and the picturesque Plaka district at the city's heart.

The following hotels have arranged special rates for IAMC participants. Reach out via email and include the booking code "IAMC-26".

Hotel	Contact	km	Walk	Bus Line	Taxi
Marriott Athens - 5*	reservations@marriottathens.com	0	1 min	—	—
Coco-mat Athens BC - 5*	reservations@athensbc.com	4.7	—	A2 / 550 every 10 min	12 min
Athens Gate Hotel - 4*	reservations@athensgate.gr	5	—	A2 / 550 every 10 min	10 min
Royal Olympic - 5*	reservations@royalolympic.com	5.2	—	A2 / 550 every 10 min	14 min
Gnamma Hotel - 3*	reservations@gnammahotel.gr	0.2	3 min	—	—
Coral Hotel - 4*	info@coralhotel.gr	1.9	27 min	B2 every 20 min	5 min

APPENDIX

Global Representation of Greece

Country	Visa Exempt EES/ETIAS (Or (Schengen))	Greek Embassy or Consulate	Represented by EU Country / City	Visa Service Provider
Albania	YES	GR Mission Link		
Algeria		GR Mission Link		VFS
Andorra			France / Andorra-La-Vella	
Angola			Spain / Luanda	
Argentina	YES	GR Mission Link		
Armenia		GR Mission Link		GVC
Australia	YES	GR Mission Link		
Austria	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Azerbaijan		GR Mission Link		
Bahrain			France / Manama	VFS
Bangladesh			Italy / Dhaka	GVC
Belarus			Lithuania / Minsk	GVC
Belarus			Lithuania / Hrodna	GVC
Belgium	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Benin			France / Cotonou	
Bolivia			Spain / Santa Cruz de la Sierra	
Bolivia			Spain / La Paz	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	YES	GR Mission Link		
Botswana			France / Gaborone	GVC
Brazil	YES	GR Mission Link		
Brunei	YES		France / Bandar Seri Begawan	
Bulgaria	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		

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Burkina Faso			France / Ouagadougou	
Burundi			Belgium / Bujumbura	
Cambodia			France / Phnom Penh	
Cameroun			France / Yaounde	
Canada	YES	GR Mission Link		
Central African Republic			France / Bangui	
Chad			France / N'Djamena	
Chile	YES	GR Mission Link		
China		GR Mission Link		GVC
China (PR)			Spain / Macau	
Colombia	YES		Spain / Bogota	
Comoros			France / Moroni	
Congo		GR Mission Link		
Congo			France / Brazzaville	
Costa Rica	YES		Spain / San Jose	
Cote d'Ivoire			France / Abidjan	
Croatia	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Cuba		GR Mission Link		
Cyprus		GR Mission Link		
Czech Republic	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Denmark	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Djibouti			France / Djibouti	

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Dominican Republic			Spain / Santo Domingo	
Ecuador			Spain / Quito	
Egypt		GR Mission Link		VFS
El Salvador	YES		Spain / San Salvador	
Equatorial Guinea			Spain / Malabo	
Eritrea			Netherlands / Asmara	
Estonia	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Ethiopia		GR Mission Link		
Fiji			France / Suva	
Finland	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
France	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Gabon			France / Libreville	
Georgia	YES	GR Mission Link		
Germany	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Ghana			Spain / Accra	
Guatemala	YES		Spain / Guatemala City	
Guinea			Germany / Conakry	
Guinea-Bissau			Spain / Bissau	
Haiti			Spain / Port-au-Prince	
Honduras	YES		Spain / Tegucigalpa	
Hungary	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
India			France / Mumbai (Bombay)	GVC
India		GR Mission Link		GVC
India			Spain / Goa	GVC
India			France / Pondichery	GVC
Indonesia		GR Mission Link		GVC
Iran		GR Mission Link		
Iraq		GR Mission Link		GVC
Ireland		GR Mission Link		
Israel	YES	GR Mission Link		
Italy	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Jamaica			Spain / Kingston	
Japan	YES	GR Mission Link		
Japan	YES		Italy / Osaka-Kobe	

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Jerusalem, Consulate General		GR Mission Link		
Jordan		GR Mission Link		VFS
Kazakhstan		GR Mission Link		GVC
Kenya		GR Mission Link		
Korea (North)			Sweden / Pyongyang	
Kuwait		GR Mission Link		VFS
Kyrgyzstan			Germany / Bishkek	VFS
Laos			Germany / Vientiane	
Latvia	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Lebanon		GR Mission Link		VFS
Libya		GR Mission Link		GVC
Lithuania	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Luxembourg	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Madagascar			France / Antananarivo	
Malawi			Germany / Lilongwe	
Malaysia	YES		Spain / Kuala Lumpur	
Mali			France / Bamako	
Malta	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Mauritania			France / Nouakchott	
Mauritius	YES		France / Port Louis	
Mexico	YES	GR Mission Link		
Moldova	YES		Hungary / Chisinau	
Moldova	YES	GR Mission Link		
Monaco			France / Monaco	
Mongolia			Germany / Ulan Bator	
Montenegro	YES	GR Mission Link		
Morocco		GR Mission Link		
Mozambique			Spain / Maputo	
Myanmar (Burma)			Germany / Rangoon	
Namibia			Germany / Windhoek	GVC
Nepal			France / Kathmandu	GVC
Netherlands	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Nicaragua	YES		Spain / Managua	
Niger			France / Niamey	

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Nigeria		GR Mission Link		
North Macedonia	YES	GR Mission Link		
Norway	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Oman			France / Muscat	VFS
Pakistan		GR Mission Link		
Pakistan			Italy / Karachi	
Panama	YES		Spain / Panama City	
Panamá		GR Mission Link		
Paraguay	YES		Spain / Asuncion	
Perú		GR Mission Link		
Philippines		GR Mission Link		GVC
Poland	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Portugal	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Qatar		GR Mission Link		VFS
Republic of Korea		GR Mission Link		
Romania	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Russia		GR Mission Link		GVC
Rwanda			Belgium / Kigali	
San Marino			Italy / San Marino	
Sao Tome + Principe			Spain / Sao Tome	
Saudi Arabia		GR Mission Link		
Senegal			Austria / Dakar	
Serbia	YES	GR Mission Link		
Seychelles	YES		France / Victoria	
Singapore	YES	GR Mission Link		
Singapore	YES		France / Singapore	
Slovakia	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Slovenia	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
South Africa		GR Mission Link		GVC
Spain	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Sri Lanka			Italy / Colombo	GVC
St Lucia			France / Castries	
Suriname			Netherlands / Paramaribo	
Sweden	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Switzerland	(Schengen)	GR Mission Link		
Syria		GR Mission Link		

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Sénégal		GR Mission Link		
Taiwan	YES		Spain / Taipei	
Tajikistan			Germany / Dushanbe	
Tanzania			France / Dar-es-Salaam	
Thailand		GR Mission Link		
Timor-Leste	YES		Spain / Dili	
Togo			France / Lome	
Tunisia		GR Mission Link		VFS
Turkmenistan			Germany / Ashgabat	
Türkiye		GR Mission Link		Kosmos
Uganda			France / Kampala	
Ukraine	YES	GR Mission Link		
United Arab Emirates	YES	GR Mission Link		VFS
United Kingdom	YES	GR Mission Link		GVC
United States of America		GR Mission Link		
Uruguay	YES	GR Mission Link		
Uzbekistan			Italy / Tashkent	GVC
Uzbekistan		GR Mission Link		GVC
Vanuatu			France / Port Vila	
Vatican (The Holy See)		GR Mission Link		
Venezuela	YES	GR Mission Link		
Vietnam		GR Mission Link		GVC
Yemen			France / Sana'a	
Zambia			Italy / Lusaka	
Zimbabwe		GR Mission Link		