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# Survival Guide

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# 1. Arrival Information

## 1.1. How to arrive in Greece

Once one decides to travel to Greece, there are many ways to get here.

1. **Airplane: A) to Athens.** In case you arrive by airplane to Athens, you will get to "Eleftherios Venizelos" Athens International Airport (AIA), which is located 33km south-eastern of Athens. You can go from the airport to the centre of Athens by using urban buses, metro (not functioning at the time) and suburban rail.

**Urban Bus:** Six bus routes connect directly the Athens greater area and Piraeus with the airport. All buses disembark passengers at the Departures Level and depart from the Arrivals Level, between Exits 4 and 5.

**X93 :** Airport - Kifissos Coach Station  
→if you want to go directly to Patras.

**X95 :** Airport - Syntagma Centre of Athens  
→if you want to stay in Athens

Ticket: 5 €

**Suburban rail:** Athens International Airport is connected to Athens Central Railway Station (Larissis Station) and the port of Piraeus via the Suburban Rail. AIA is also connected to Corinth, via the Suburban Rail. The duration of the trip is 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Ticket: 8 €

\*The above tickets are valid for travel with all public transport means within 90 minutes

More information: <http://www.oasa.gr/content.php?id=tickets>  
<http://www.oasa.gr/pdf/en/maps/keypoint/airport2004.pdf>

**B) to Araxos.** In case you arrive by airplane to Araxos, you will get to Araxos National Airport "Agamemnon", which is located 45km western of Patras, You can go from the airport to Patras by using taxi or bus , although taxi is not suggested because of its price.

Bus: Only one route is going at Patras and the times will be scheduled on March depending on the flights ! We don't know price yet but we guess that it will be around 7-9 Euros !

For more information : <http://gr.skyscanner.com/airports/gpa/araxos-airport.html>

2. **Boat:** Patras's port is connected internationally with 4 cities in Italy (Ancona, Venice, Bari, Printezi), and occasionally with lines from Croatia.

More information: [http://www.directferries.co.uk/patras\\_ferry.htm](http://www.directferries.co.uk/patras_ferry.htm)

3. **Car/Bus:** If you want to drive to Patras, you will first have to go to Thessaloniki. If you go directly from Thessaloniki to Patras, the distance is almost 650 km. If you go via Athens the overall distance is about 200 km more, but it is an easier trip.

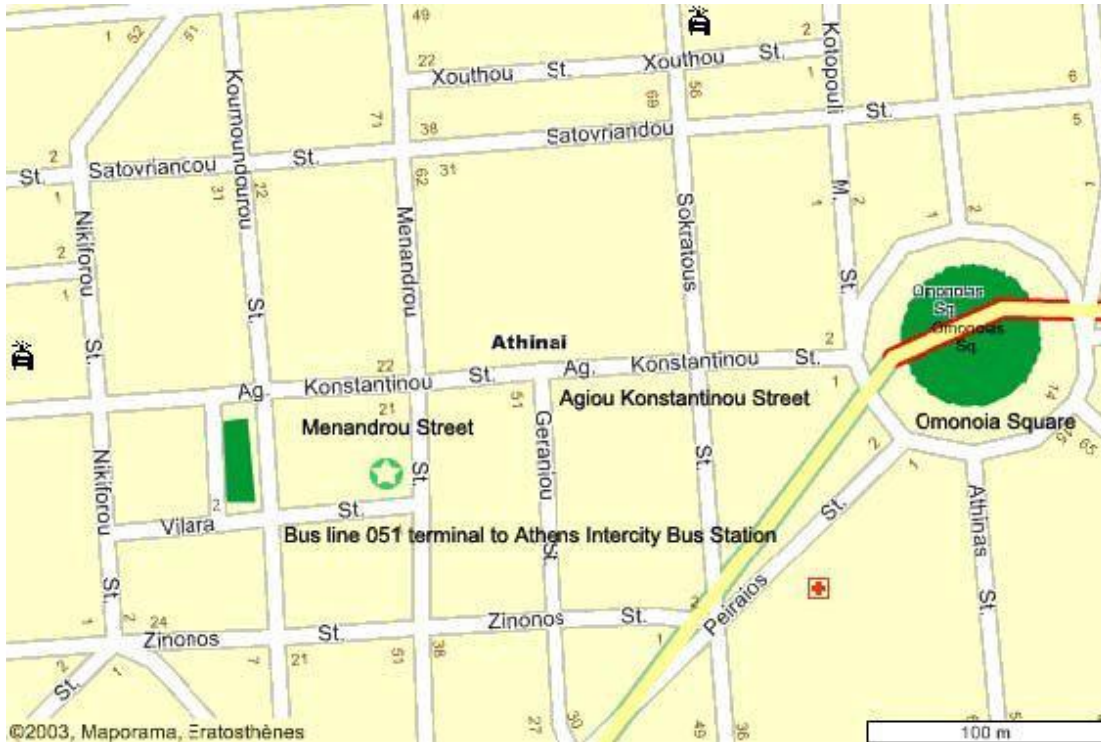


## 1.2. From Athens to Patras

1. **Train:** In case you arrive in Athens by train, traveling to Patras is too easy for you. All trains, no matter where they departure from, arrive at Athens Main Train Station. There you will be able to buy your ticket and take the train to Patras. The ticket costs around € 15, yet the trip takes usually up to 4 hours. There are also Intercity trains but they are not that fast as you might think and the ticket is more expensive. Check [Greek Railway Organization](http://www.ose.gr) web site for more information on routes, and pricing or when you are in Greece you can call 1110.  
<http://www.ose.gr>

2. **Bus:** Athens Intercity Bus Station, is called "Kifisos Bus Station" is located northeast of the city centre. Bus connection to the Intercity Station is provided, either directly from the "Eleftherios Venizelos" Athens International Airport using the X93 bus line or from the city centre (Omonia square) using the 051bus line. You can get to the Omonia square using the metro line 2 or the urban train (line 1). When you get to Omonia square, you have to walk three blocks down along Agiou Konstantinou Street and turn left on Menandrou street, where you will

see a big church to your left. Bus 051 terminals are located 20 meters away, just few meters away from the church. 051bus line will get you (at the end of its route) to Kifisos Intercity Bus Station. The tickets for the 051 bus line costs approximately 1,40€ . Once you get to Athens Intercity Bus station, you should buy tickets for Patras. The ticket's price is around € 20 ,and you should arrive at Patras after 3 hours or a little more, depending on the traffic. During the day, there are busses every half an hour to one hour, until 23:00.



### 1.3. How to move in Patras

The train terminal of Patras along with the bus station and the port, are very close to the city centre. So there is no problem arriving or departing from there, you can walk from the main squares.

So in each case we can pick you up easily, as long as you manage to get yourself here.(safe and sound!)

## 2. What to bring

Health insurance

Passport (and visa if you need one)

Sleeping bag

Towels, toothbrush, soap, etc.

Some typical Food and Drinks from your country, for international evening (NO drinks= NO coming)

Music, flags, traditional outfit etc. from your country also for international evening

Cameras and cable for computer, to gather the pictures

Everyday/old sport clothes and shoes for sport activities

Party mood !!!

Yourself ,all-included (smile, sex-appeal, body etc.)

### 3. Useful Information

- **Weather:** In Patras is usually warm and calm. During summer, temperatures may rise up to 40 °C, so be prepared for a really hot event ;). Bring mostly short-sleeve shirts with you, and maybe one light long-sleeve jacket just in case. It is very rare to rain during summer but it may happen, so keep in mind to bring something.

You can check the weather forecast here:

<http://www.accuweather.com/>  
[http://www.poseidon.ncmr.gr/weather\\_forecast](http://www.poseidon.ncmr.gr/weather_forecast)  
<http://www.noa.gr/forecast/bolam/index.htm>

- **Currency:** In Greece currency is EURO (€) so it is easy (and suggested) to exchange money from your country.

- **Prices:**

Bottle of water 500 ml	0.50 €
Bottle of water 1 Lt	1.00 €
Pita Gyros (traditional food)	2.00 €
Sandwich	3.00 €
Coffee (on a cafeteria)	3.00 €
Chocolate	1.20 €
Beer (on a bar)	4.00 €
Beer (on a shop)	1.50 €
Club entrance	8.00 €
Cigarettes	3.50 €
Condoms	4.00 €

- **Important phone numbers**

Ambulance.....	166
Police.....	100
Fire agency.....	199
Tourist Police.....	171
Taxi (Patras).....	18300

## • Useful Phrases

Halara	Halara	Χαλαρά
Good morning	Kalimera	Καλημέρα
Good evening	Kalispera	Καλησπέρα
Good night	Kalinihta	Καληνύχτα
Hello/Bye	Ya su	Γεια σου
Thank you!	Efharisto	Ευχαριστώ
Fine, thanks.	Kala efharisto	Καλά, ευχαριστώ
Please/You're welcome!	Parakalo	Παρακαλώ
How are you?	Ti kanis?	Τι κάνεις?
One ticket to Patras.	Ena isitirio gia Patra	Ένα εισιτήριο για Πάτρα
How much does it cost?	Poso kani?	Πόσο κάνει?
Help!	Voithia!	Βοήθεια
My name is...	To onoma mou ine...	Το όνομα μου είναι..
You're handsome/beautiful	Ise poli oreos/orea	Είσαι πολύ ωραίος/ωραία
Do you want to go for a “coffee”?	Thelis na pame gia “kafe”?	Θέλεις να πάμε για “καφέ” ?
I'm a little strawberry, eat me!	Ime mia fraoulitsa, fae me!	Είμαι μια φραουλίτσα, φάε με !
I love you	Se agapo	Σε αγαπάω
These	Ayta/Auta	Αυτά
I have a yacht, wanna ride?	Exo yiot , pame mia volta ?	Έχω γιοτ ,πάμε βόλτα ?

## 4. Contact

For any questions please send as an e-mail at:

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you can also call BESTies for help:

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**Tip: keep the numbers in your mobile in case you need anything.**



**So after studying carefully the survival guide it's time for you to make your suitcase and get prepared for the ultimate experience ;)**

**We'll take good care of you!**