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— CONFERENCE GUIDE • ATHENS, GREECE

Your guide to Athens

Everything you need for your trip — where to stay, where to eat, what to see, how to get around, and where to go if you extend your stay. Built around the Central Building on Panepistimiou Street.



DATES

26–28 November 2026



VENUE

National and Kapodistrian University
of Athens — Central Building



ADDRESS

30 Panepistimiou St,
Athens 106 79



NEAREST METRO

Panepistimio (Line 2)



ORIENTATION

Almost everything below is a short walk from the venue.

The Central Building — the neoclassical "Trilogy" building known as the Propylaia — sits on Panepistimiou Street between Syntagma and Omonoia. Historic Plaka, the Acropolis, Syntagma Square and the main hotel cluster are all within a 15-minute walk, and the Panepistimio metro station is at the venue's doorstep.

Walking times below are approximate, from the Central Building entrance.



Where to stay

Hotels clustered on and around Panepistimiou and Stadiou streets, all within 5–12 minutes' walk of the Central Building.

BOUTIQUE & UPSCALE

Titania Hotel

~8 min walk

Panepistimiou 52

Large, well-established hotel directly on Panepistimiou Street, close enough to walk to the venue. Rooftop restaurant with Acropolis views.

Athens The L7 Str

~10 min walk

Likourgou 7

Boutique hotel in a restored historic building, near Monastiraki metro. Popular for its rooftop bar and personal service.

Philosofia Athens Suites

~9 min walk

Pesmazoglou 8

Design-led suites within walking distance of Syntagma, Ermou shopping street and Monastiraki.

CENTRAL & BUSINESS-FRIENDLY

COLORS Hotel Athens

~5 min walk

Emmanouil Benaki 27–29

Small, well-rated hotel right in the university neighbourhood — the closest option to the venue on this list.

Moxy Athens City

~6 min walk

Stadiou 65

Modern, sociable hotel with a lively lobby bar — a good fit if you'd like an easy after-hours meeting spot for delegates.

Athens Penthouse Aparthotel

~6 min walk

Stadiou 43

Apartment-style stays with kitchenettes — useful for anyone extending their trip beyond the conference dates.

CENTRAL & GOOD VALUE

Klepsydra Urban Suites

~9 min walk

Aristidou 1

Serviced apartments a few steps from Syntagma, close to restaurants and nightlife.

The Vault Athens Hotel

~10 min walk

Praxitelous 27

Budget-friendly option in the historic commercial triangle, close to Syntagma and Ermou.

Tip: book early — late November is a busy season in central Athens, and rooms near the venue fill up quickly once a conference date is public.

Eating well near the venue

A short walk in almost any direction from the Central Building takes you to good food — from quick modern spots to century-old tavernas in Plaka.

NEAR SYNTAGMA & THE VENUE

Athena's Cook

Nikis 20

Contemporary Greek comfort food — lamb chops, homemade ravioli, generous shareable plates. Reliable for group dinners.

Tzitzikas & Mermigas

Mitropoleos 12

Modern mezedes restaurant with a wide small-plates menu — a good option for sharing across a mixed group.

Raya Athens

Mitropoleos 38

Bright, all-day Mediterranean spot for brunch, salads and coffee between conference sessions.

A Little Taste of Home

Astiggos 8

Slow-cooked lamb and generous mezze in a cosy setting, a few minutes from Monastiraki.

Zohós

Navarchou Nikodimou 18–20

Refined Greek cuisine in a quiet courtyard — a good choice for a conference dinner or a quieter evening out.

CLASSIC TAVERNAS IN PLAKA (10–15 MIN WALK)

Taverna Saita

Kidathineon 21

Long-standing neighbourhood taverna, popular with both locals and visitors for classic grilled and oven dishes.

Geros Tou Moria

Mnisikleous 27

Traditional taverna with live Greek music most evenings, in the pedestrian steps below the Acropolis.

Psaras Tavern

Erotokritou & Erechtheos 16

Fish and seafood taverna with a rooftop terrace, on one of Plaka's oldest corners.

Restaurant Scholarhio

Tripodon 14

Small-plates taverna where the menu arrives as a tray of samples — an easy, low-pressure way to try a lot of Greek dishes at once.

Traditional Tavern Stamatopoulos

Lisiou 26

Family-run taverna since 1882, with rebetiko music some evenings — one of the most atmospheric spots in Plaka.

Anefani

Mnisikleous 24

Multi-level spot on the Plaka steps — choose people-watching outside, live music indoors, or rooftop views.

Athens between sessions

The historic centre is compact — most of these sit within the same 20-minute radius as the venue.



Acropolis & Parthenon

The essential Athens landmark. Arrive early morning to beat crowds and the midday sun - even in late November it can get busy on clear days.

~20 min walk from venue • book timed tickets online



Acropolis Museum

Modern museum at the foot of the Acropolis rock, built over an excavated ancient neighbourhood visible through glass floors.

Adjacent to the Acropolis



Ancient Agora & Temple of Hephaestus

The heart of civic life in classical Athens, with one of the best-preserved Greek temples anywhere, set in an olive-tree park.

Between Monastiraki and the Acropolis



Plaka & Anafiotika

Old Athens's neoclassical lanes, and Anafiotika - a tiny Cycladic-style village tucked into the hillside beneath the Acropolis.

~15 min walk from venue



Syntagma Square & the Changing of the Guard

Athens's central square, in front of the Hellenic Parliament. The Evzones change guard on the hour, with a longer ceremony on Sundays.

~7 min walk from venue



National Garden & Zappeion

A shaded, quiet park behind Syntagma - a good spot for a walk or coffee break away from the traffic.

~10 min walk from venue



Panathenaic Stadium & Temple of Olympian Zeus

The marble stadium of the first modern Olympics (1896), and the towering columns of what was once Greece's largest temple.

~15–20 min walk from venue



Monastiraki Flea Market

Markets, antiques and street food beneath the Acropolis - busiest (and most fun) on Sunday mornings.

~12 min walk from venue



Lycabettus Hill

The highest point in central Athens. Take the funicular up for sunset views over the whole city and the Saronic Gulf.

~25 min walk, or taxi from Kolonaki



National Archaeological Museum

Greece's largest archaeological collection - Mycenaean gold, Cycladic figurines and monumental bronzes.

~20 min walk, or one metro stop

Moving through the city

On foot

Walking

The historic centre — venue, Syntagma, Plaka, Monastiraki, Acropolis — fits inside a 20-minute walking radius. Pavements in the old town can be uneven, so comfortable shoes are worth it.

Airport

To/from Athens International Airport

Metro Line 3 runs directly between the airport and Syntagma in about 40 minutes. The X95 bus is a cheaper 24-hour alternative. A taxi to the centre takes 30–45 minutes depending on traffic, at a fixed day/night fare.

Central Athens is compact and walkable. For anything further, the metro is the fastest and most predictable option.

Fastest

Metro

Panepistimio station (Line 2, red) is right at the venue. **Syntagma** (Lines 2 & 3) is a 7-minute walk and connects directly to the airport via Line 3. Trains run roughly 5:30am–midnight (all night Fri/Sat).

On the road

Taxis & ride-hailing

Taxis are affordable and plentiful; the **Beat** app (used widely in Athens) is the easiest way to book one with an upfront fare estimate. Driving yourself in the centre isn't recommended — traffic and parking are both difficult.

All doable as a day trip from Athens, by car, tour bus or ferry.

If you're extending your stay

~1 HR BY ROAD

Cape Sounion

The Temple of Poseidon on a dramatic clifftop over the Aegean — a classic sunset trip.

~45 MIN BY ROAD

Marathon

The site of the historic 490 BC battle, with a burial mound and small museum.

~1 HR BY ROAD

Ancient Corinth

Well-preserved ruins and the Corinth Canal, a striking cut through solid rock en route.

~1 HR BY FERRY

Aegina

The closest inhabited island to Athens, departing from Piraeus — pistachios, a harbour town and the Temple of Aphaia.

~1.5–2 HR BY FERRY

Hydra

A car-free island of stone mansions and a working harbour, popular for its quiet, well-preserved charm.

~2–2.5 HR BY ROAD

Delphi

The ancient sanctuary of the Oracle, set spectacularly on the slopes of Mount Parnassus — a full-day trip.

~2 HR BY ROAD

Nafplio

A handsome Venetian-era harbour town in the Peloponnese, with a hilltop fortress and easy access to Ancient Mycenae and Epidaurus.

Late November is off-season for island ferries — check schedules in advance, as some routes reduce frequency in winter.

Practical notes

A few useful facts for international visitors.

CURRENCY Euro (€)	LANGUAGE Greek — English widely spoken	POWER PLUGS Type C/F, 230V	WEATHER (LATE NOV) Mild, ~10–16°C, occasional rain
TIPPING Not obligatory; rounding up is common	EMERGENCY 112 (EU-wide)		

See you in Athens

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