

The Digital Nomad's Complete Guide to Athens, Greece

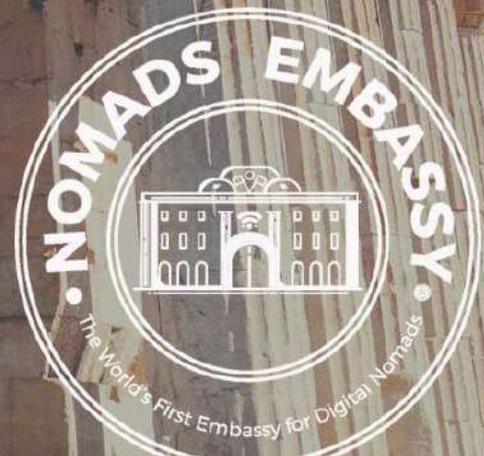


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Digital nomads searching for an exciting city that's rich in history, sunny weather, excellent food, friendly people, and a plethora of cafes to work from, then **Athens, Greece, deserves to have a spot on your itinerary.**

With the introduction of **Greece's digital nomad visa** in 2021, digital nomads and **remote workers have the opportunity to make this gorgeous country their home for one year**, with the option to apply for a residence permit and extend their stay for two years or more.

While Greece is a large country with hundreds of islands to choose from, some digital nomads choose to settle down in the center of the action - Athens!

To help you decide if Athens is the right city for you to spend some time in and work remotely, we've created **the ultimate guide to living in Athens as a digital nomad.**

In this guide, you'll find **super helpful tips for navigating around the city**, culture tips, things to see and do, how to find housing, and life-saving tips to have a smooth and relaxing time in Athens.

City Statistics

Population: 3,154,000

Size: 38.96 km²

Official Language: Greek

Time Zone: GMT+2 (Eastern European Time Zone)

Calling Code: +30

Currency: Euro

Athens is the capital city of Greece and is where many foreign embassies and the country's center of government are located.



Greece is part of the European Union and the Schengen Area, a bloc of countries that allow visa-free travel between them. So, Greece digital nomad visa holders can travel throughout the Schengen Area visa-free for 90 days out of a 180-day period while residing in Greece.

Where is Athens, Greece?

Athens, the capital city of Greece, is located in the southeast part of the country in the Attica region. It is just ten kilometers from Piraeus, which is the main port where ferries travel to and from the Greek islands.

Fun Fact: Athens is the 7th largest city in the European Union.



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Outstanding Features of Athens

Athens is easily **one of the most inviting and exciting cities for digital nomads** in Europe. With a unique mix of ancient history and modernity, Athens is fast-paced and caters to exactly what traveling remote workers need while abroad.

With 250 days of sun, Athens is an excellent destination to visit as a digital nomad year-round. Even in the winter months, you can expect milder weather and can still enjoy the sun while walking to your favorite cafe to work from or a museum to learn about the area's history.

English is also widely spoken around Athens, making it easy for digital nomads to navigate life in Greece. Most signs and menus are available in English, which is extremely helpful if you are not familiar with the Greek alphabet.

Local residents are happy to communicate in English, but also appreciate hearing pleasantries used in their native language - more on those later in the guide!





With the massive size of the city, **Athens offers a variety of neighborhoods for digital nomads to settle down** and explore. There is surely an area for everyone to enjoy in Athens.

Digital nomads visiting or living in Athens will never face boredom. With **thousands of years of history right in their backyard**, plenty of museums, excellent bars and restaurants, and shopping options, there is **always something to do** in this bustling city.





A Brief History of Athens

To keep the history of Athens, a city that has been inhabited for over 3,000 years, brief means stating just the major facts. We could go on and on; in fact, you'll find that many historians have written their own books and theses about Athens' unique and important history. To save time, **we're keeping it short and giving just the spark notes** of this incredible city.

Ancient Greek **mythology drips into modern-day Greece**, especially Athens. In fact, the city was named after the goddess Athena. The legend states that Athena and Poseidon fought over the city's namesake by giving gifts to the people. Whoever presented the better gift would win. While there is a discrepancy in legends as to which gift Poseidon gave, Athena gifted a domesticated olive tree and won the right to be the city's namesake.

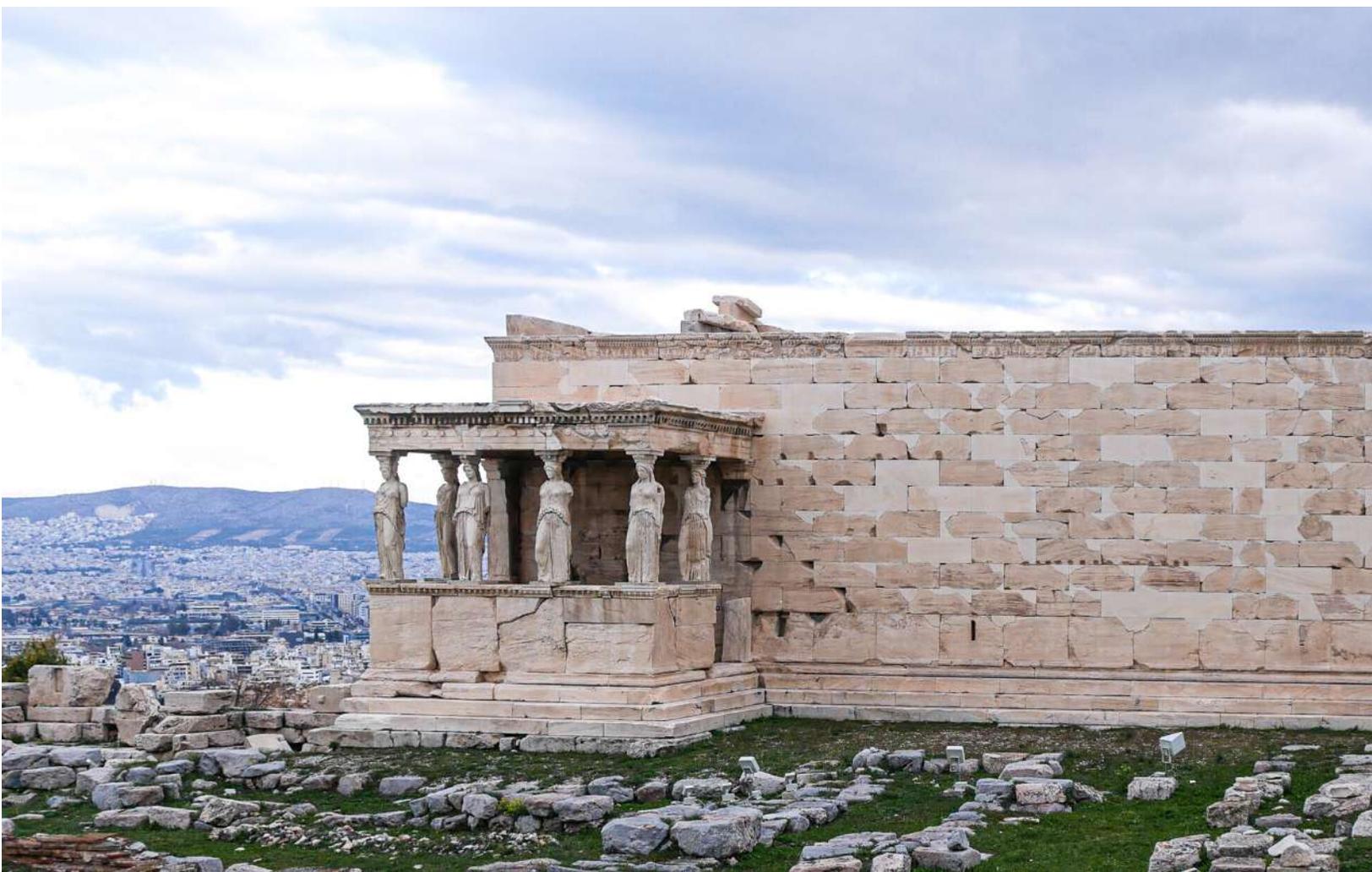
The area of Athens has been inhabited since Neolithic times. However, when Athens became **part of the Mycenaean civilization in 1,400 BC**, it gained immense power and authority with a strong economy and military.

It was during this time that Athens became known as **the birthplace of democracy**, with a system of government that allowed its citizens to vote and participate in the decision-making process. This democratic system would go on to influence the development of Western political philosophy for centuries to come.

In the 5th century BC, **Athens reached the height of its power and became the cultural and intellectual center of Greece**, with some of the greatest minds in history calling it home. It was during this time that the Parthenon and other great works of classical Greek art and architecture were constructed, cementing Athens' place as one of the most important cities in the ancient world.

Athens continued to play a central role in Greek history over the next several centuries, even as it lost much of its political power to other city-states. The city was **conquered by the Romans in 86 BC** and would remain under their rule for the next several centuries. During this time, the city was an important center of trade and culture.

In the 4th century AD, Athens became the seat of the Eastern Roman Empire, or Byzantine Empire, after the Roman Empire split into two halves. During this time, **the city saw a resurgence of cultural and intellectual activity**, with many notable philosophers, scholars, and artists calling it home. However, the city would also suffer through periods of political turmoil and invasion, including several attacks by various groups of barbarians.



Athens **remained under Byzantine control until the 13th century** when it was conquered by the Crusaders during the Fourth Crusade. The city would change hands several more times over the next several centuries, falling under the control of the Venetians and the Ottoman Turks before becoming part of the newly independent Greek state in the 19th century.

Today, **Athens remains one of the most important cities in Greece** and the wider Mediterranean region. Its rich history and cultural heritage continue to attract millions of visitors each year, and it remains a hub of intellectual, artistic, and political activity.

Whether exploring its ancient ruins, admiring its world-class museums, or simply soaking up the vibrant atmosphere of its streets and neighborhoods, Athens remains a city that is full of life and history.



Athens' Culture Today

Athens has a **rich and diverse cultural heritage that is deeply intertwined with its long history.**

The city is known for its art, music, food, and architecture, as well as its lively and welcoming people. **Greek culture places a strong emphasis on family, community, and hospitality,** and these values are reflected in the everyday life of Athenians.

One of the **most important aspects of Athenian culture is its cuisine.** Greek food is known for its fresh ingredients, bold flavors, and the healthy Mediterranean diet. Athenians love to gather around the table to share a meal with friends and family, and the city is filled with restaurants, tavernas, and street food vendors.

Religion also plays an important role in Athenian culture, with the majority of Greeks belonging to the Eastern Orthodox Church. There are numerous churches and monasteries throughout the city, and religious holidays and festivals are an important part of the cultural calendar.

Athens is a **unique blend of ancient and modern,** with a strong sense of community and tradition that is balanced by a love of innovation and creativity. Athenians are proud of their city's history and culture and are always eager to share it with visitors from around the world.



What is Athens Known For?

When you think of Athens, you probably picture ancient ruins with large marble columns and busts with their noses broken off and blank stares.

But Athens is known for so much more.

The Acropolis of Athens

The main site in Athens is the Acropolis, a citadel dating back to 400 BC. A large hill standing high in the middle of Athens, you'll find numerous temples, the most iconic being the Parthenon, towering over the city.

It's a hike to get up there, but it is definitely worth a visit.

Center of Business and Politics

As Greece's capital city, Athens is at the center of business and politics. The more modern part of Athens has tall office buildings, home to some of the most well-known brands in the world.

The Presidential Palace is located in Athens, and other government buildings where the country's top government officials meet and make important decisions. There are also hundreds of foreign embassies located across the city.

Ancient Greek Archaeological Sites and Artifacts

It's no secret that Athens is chockful of ancient artifacts, relics, and ruins. When walking through the center of the city, you'll pass by at least one or two important sites. Sometimes covered by glass or surrounded by a fence, digital nomads get to look thousands of years in the past while carrying a laptop under their arms.

There are countless museums in Athens to visit where you can learn more about the history of Greece and admire artifacts discovered from millennia ago.

Tasty Cuisine

They say that the Mediterranean diet is one of the healthiest in the world, and Greek cuisine lines right up with it.

Greek food is some of the most delicious you'll ever get to experience; from savory meat to delicate fish to fluffy pita bread to sticky baklava, you'll definitely eat well in Athens.

Some of the most traditional and must-try Greek dishes include

Moussaka - A layered dish of eggplant or potato, ground meat, pureed potatoes, and cheese.

Pita Gyro - A handheld sandwich with chicken or pork wrapped in a warm pita served with lettuce, tomato, french fries, red onion, and tzatziki sauce.

Souvlaki - Grilled meat, such as chicken or pork, on a skewer and is sometimes served with vegetables.

Greek Salad - A fresh salad with feta cheese, cucumber, tomato, pepper, red onion, kalamata olives, olive oil, and oregano.



Dolomades - Savory appetizer of grape leaves stuffed with long-grain rice and minced meat.

Octopus - A tentacle or two of octopus either grilled, marinated, or stewed in wine.

Greek Yogurt - A thick yogurt often served with fruit, granola, nuts, and honey for breakfast.

Koulouri - Large fluffy bread rings covered in sesame seeds, or sometimes poppy seeds, and usually eaten for breakfast or as a snack.

Loukoumades - Fried dough balls often covered with honey, cinnamon, and nuts.

Baklava - Sweet pastry made of layered filo pastry dough filled with nuts and covered in honey or syrup.

The list could really go on, but these are some of the most traditional and delicious foods you'll find on the streets of Athens.



Extremely Hospitable People

In general, the Greek people are very hospitable and welcoming. They are happy to strike up a conversation with you or help you if you are in need. Athens is no different, even if it is a major city.

Beautiful Orthodox Catholic Churches

Greece's main religion is Orthodox Christianity. You'll find several churches throughout the city, both modern and from hundreds of years ago, filled with gorgeous crystal chandeliers.

Some of the most beautiful and historic churches to visit include, [Holy Church of the Virgin Mary Pantanassa](#), [Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary](#), and the [Metropolitan Cathedral of the Annunciation](#).



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Why Digital Nomads Love Athens

Athens is **one of the most beloved digital nomad destinations** in Europe. As a modern and bustling city, there are many things for remote workers to experience and people to meet.

So, what exactly about Athens do digital nomads love so much?

Great Public Transportation

Athens is huge. If you get to the top of the Acropolis or one of the many hills around, you'll see just how vast this city is. While most of it is walkable, you'll probably end up taking public transportation at some point.

There are **buses, trams, and metro lines available** to help you get from point A to point B efficiently and safely. We'll dive more into the details of how to use the public transportation in Athens later in this guide.



International Community

Athens has **a large international community**, ready to welcome new members like digital nomads.

Many Erasmus students and study abroad students from outside of Europe attend universities and courses in the city. With large companies, people from all over the world come to work for them too.

This creates a **great opportunity for digital nomads to expand their friend groups** and network. They get to meet people from all over the world who are also experiencing Athens as a new destination.

Of course, Athens brings in a ton of tourists visiting on holidays and vacations too. In fact, over six million tourists visit Athens every year.

Coworking Spaces and Cafe Culture

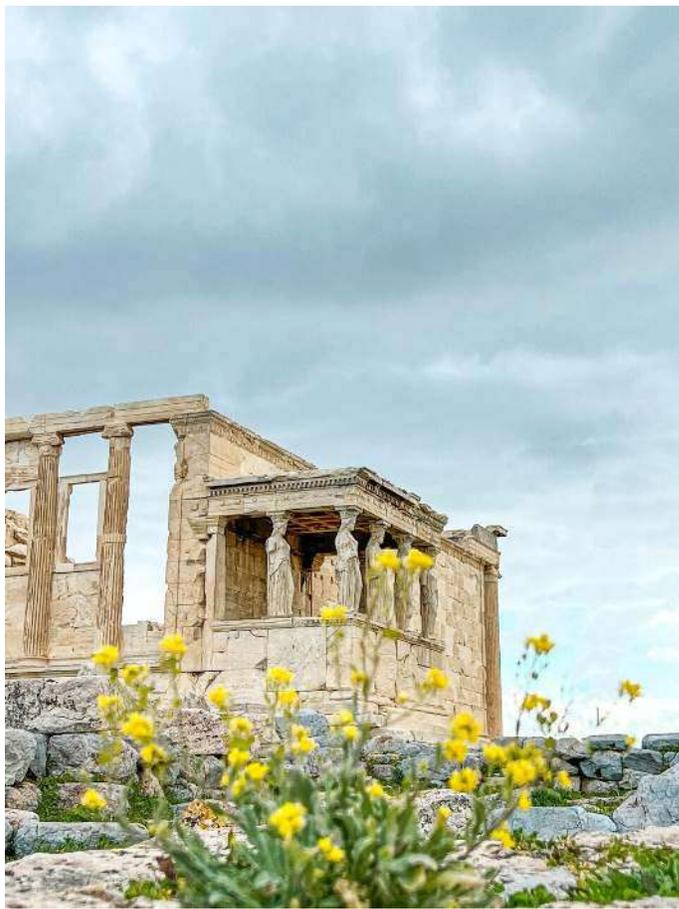
One of the most important features digital nomads look for in a new destination is the **availability of laptop-friendly cafes** and coworking spaces.

When it comes to Athens, digital nomads will not be disappointed with the cafe and coworking options they have to work from.

Walking down the street, you'll **notice many digital nomads and students set up shop in a cafe**, sipping on a specialty coffee, and enjoying a traditional pastry for a few hours.

Going to a cafe or coworking space is also a great way to meet people and other digital nomads in Athens.

Check out some of [our favorite digital nomad-friendly cafes in Athens](#) on our website.



Excellent Wifi and Mobile Connection

Throughout Athens, you can connect to the **5G mobile network and experience fast wifi** speeds almost anywhere you go. Almost every restaurant, bar, and cafe has free wifi that you can connect to.

There is also a strong local network in certain parts of the city that digital nomads can connect to for free.

For digital nomads who rely on a strong and reliable wifi connection, Athens has exactly what you need.

Affordable Cost of Living

An experienced digital nomad knows just how important budgeting is when they travel. Fortunately, **Athens has a relatively affordable cost of living** for being the capital city in a European country.



According to [Numbeo](#), the cost of living in **Athens is 39% lower than in the United States**. It is almost 80% cheaper to rent an apartment in Athens than in a major city in the US as well.

So, digital nomads can actually get a better quality of life in Athens than in their home country.

English is Widely Spoken

As a major international city that also doubles as a top tourist destination, **English is widely spoken throughout Athens**.

Menus are translated from Greek to English and other languages, as well as street signs.

Of course, it is always respectful to learn common words used in the local language to show respect to the residents. But you'll find that the Greek people will happily communicate in English with you.





Daily Life in Athens

A day in Athens is best spent enjoying some coffee, soaking in the sunshine, admiring ancient Greek ruins, exploring the vast city, and of course, eating delicious traditional cuisine.

A typical day could look a bit like this:

- **7:30 AM** Wake up
- **8:00 AM** Morning run or walk
- **9:30 AM** Breakfast at a local cafe
- **10:00 AM** Work from a coworking space or cafe
- **2:00 PM** Grab a gyro for lunch in the city
- **3:00 PM** Visit a museum or archaeological site
- **5:00 PM** Stop in a cafe or bar to finish working
- **8:00 PM** Enjoy a delicious dinner



You'll notice that the typical schedule in Athens starts a bit later than in other countries. For example, many cafes don't serve breakfast until 9:30 am or later. Lunch and dinner are also served a bit later than you may expect.

While walking through the city, especially near the National Gardens, you'll notice many residents going for a run or walk. Also, during the evening, you may notice groups of running clubs jogging on the wide pedestrian paths in this area.

Of course, **being a digital nomad means thriving in your freedom**, so your schedule may not look just like this. Athens has so many opportunities to create your own daily routine that caters to your needs.

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**Little Known
Secrets That Will
Save Your Life**

As with any destination, there are certain things that you can only learn by visiting. Below are some of the secrets we experienced during our time in Athens that we thought were important to share with digital nomads.

Secret #1: You cannot flush toilet paper due to the narrow pipes in Greece's plumbing. Instead, you'll put it in a wastebasket next to the toilet.

Secret #2: Pedestrian crosswalk times are extremely short. You'll often only have a few seconds, maybe 20, to cross four or six lanes before the lights change. It's also very common for motorists to run through the light right when it turns red, so be careful when crossing.

Secret #3: The average price of a good gyro wrap is between €3 and €3.70.^[1] Don't pay more than this! They are a delicious snack or quick lunch when you're on the go.

Secret #4: When it rains (or sometimes snows), the sidewalks can become very slippery. Even without moisture or precipitation, the smooth surface can make it a bit dangerous to walk on.

Secret #5: There are beautiful trees with oranges growing on them throughout the city. While the oranges look juicy and tasty, avoid eating them right from the tree as they are bitter. It isn't illegal to pick them, but they are best left alone.

Secret #6: You'll quickly notice the number of stray cats strolling through the streets of Athens. These cats are well taken care of by the community and are often very friendly. They are fed daily and sometimes have little cardboard boxes with blankets and beds on the street. You may even see them cozy up in a cafe and take a catnap on a chair.

Secret #7: Most stores, even supermarkets, close on Sundays. You'll get to enjoy a quiet and peaceful city on Sundays in Athens.



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Greek Phrases You Should Learn

While English is widely spoken in Athens, it's always a good idea to learn Greek for some of the most common words you'll use during your time there.

Not only does it show respect, but it will help you become more worldly.

Greek	Pronunciation	Translation
Γειά Σας	Yia-sas	Hello/Goodbye
Καλημέρα	Kalimera	Good morning
Καλησπέρα	Kalispera	Good evening
Παρακαλώ	Parakaló	Please/You're Welcome
Ευχαριστώ	Ef-ka-ree-stó	Thank you
Ναι	Nei	Yes
Όχι	O-hee	No
Στην υγειά σας	Stin Yeia Mas (Yamas)	Cheers!

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**Famous Events
and Celebrations
in Athens**

Athens is **home to plenty of festivals, events, and celebrations** throughout the year. From traditional Greek celebrations to religious holidays to more modern festivals, **digital nomads can experience a new unique event** depending on when they plan to visit the city.

February/March: Apokries (Carnivale)

Ten weeks before Greek Orthodox Easter, there is a three-week celebration of apokries or more commonly known as Carnivale.

During this celebration, you'll notice people, especially children, dress up in extravagant costumes. These costumes are meant to serve as disguises so people can freely express themselves.

Apokries is based on the festival of Dionysus from Ancient Greece. Dionysus is the god of wine, fertility, and fun. The ancient celebration lasted for days full of music, fun, and drinking wine.

The most famous Carnivale celebration in Greece takes place in Patras. If you're in Athens during these events, we suggest traveling the two and a half hours to Patras and getting the full apokries experience!

March: Clean Monday (Kathara Deftera)

Clean Monday always falls on the first day of Lent, which is 40 days before Orthodox Easter. Businesses and stores in Athens close on this day, and people often spend it with their families.

Many Greek families will fly kites in celebration of Clean Monday. They will also use it as an opportunity to eat delicious nistisima, dishes made of vegetables, seafood, and legumes. Consuming meat is typically avoided during this day.

March: Greek Independence Day

On March 25, 1821, Greece claimed independence from the Ottoman Empire. This victorious day is now celebrated each year. In Athens, stores and museums close, and the streets are full of beautifully orchestrated military parades.

The traditional dish eaten on Greek Independence Day is bakaliaros skordalia, which is battered and fried cod fish with a thick garlic sauce. Think of it as the Greek version of fish and chips!

May: Athens Street Food Festival

Enjoying good food is a staple in Greek culture. To appreciate the delicious and satisfying cuisines in Athens during May, digital nomads should definitely attend the **Athens Street Food Festival**.

Food stalls line the street and serve traditional and modern delicacies. Music plays in the background as patrons fill up on rich Mediterranean cuisine.

June: Athens Epidaurus Festival

From June to August, the **Athens Epidaurus Festival**, also known as the Greek Festival, takes place in various locations in the city. It is a celebration of art and performance.

Beautiful performances of music, ballet, theater, and visual arts take place in some of the oldest theaters around today. It's the perfect opportunity to sit and enjoy a Greek tragedy performed in the thousands-year-old Odeon of Herodes Atticus theater and transport back in time.

June: Athens Open Air Film Festival

Enjoy classic films with gorgeous and historic backdrops outdoors in Athens from June to August. One of the most beloved festivals in Athens, people from near and far gather to watch movies under the stars, in front of museums, gardens, and monuments, for free during the Athens Open Air Film Festival.

August: August Full Moon Festival

The August full moon is said to be the brightest moon of the year; almost in competition with the sun's brightness. With roots celebrating the moon going back to Ancient Greek mythology and the Olympic games, Athens still celebrates the event today.

Started in 1996, the August Full Moon Festival allows tourists and residents to enter archaeological sites and museums for free late into the night. For example, the Acropolis Museum stays open until midnight for patrons to enjoy the exhibits beneath the bright full moon.

September: Athens International Film Festival

During the month of September, Athens hosts the **Athens International Film Festival**. Directors and actors from around the world gather to watch new films premiere for the very first time in a professional and celebratory setting.

Digital nomad movie buffs can purchase tickets and see the year's most anticipated films before they officially hit theaters.

October: Oxi Day

On October 28, 1940, the prime minister of Greece was faced with an ultimatum from Mussolini to join forces in World War II. Greece stood strong and refused to cooperate with the Axis powers claiming a huge victory for the country that is still celebrated every year on October 28th.

In fact, the name Oxi Day translates to "No Day." It is a public holiday, so businesses and stores close, and museums offer free admission.

December: Christmas Market

During the month of December, Athens has beautiful pop-up shops and Christmas markets open throughout the day and evenings. While Greece may not be as well-known for its Christmas markets as other European countries, they are worth a visit.

The city is decorated with Christmas lights and trees as well. Digital nomads will appreciate the festivities throughout the month and extra beautiful setting during their time here.

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Weather in Athens

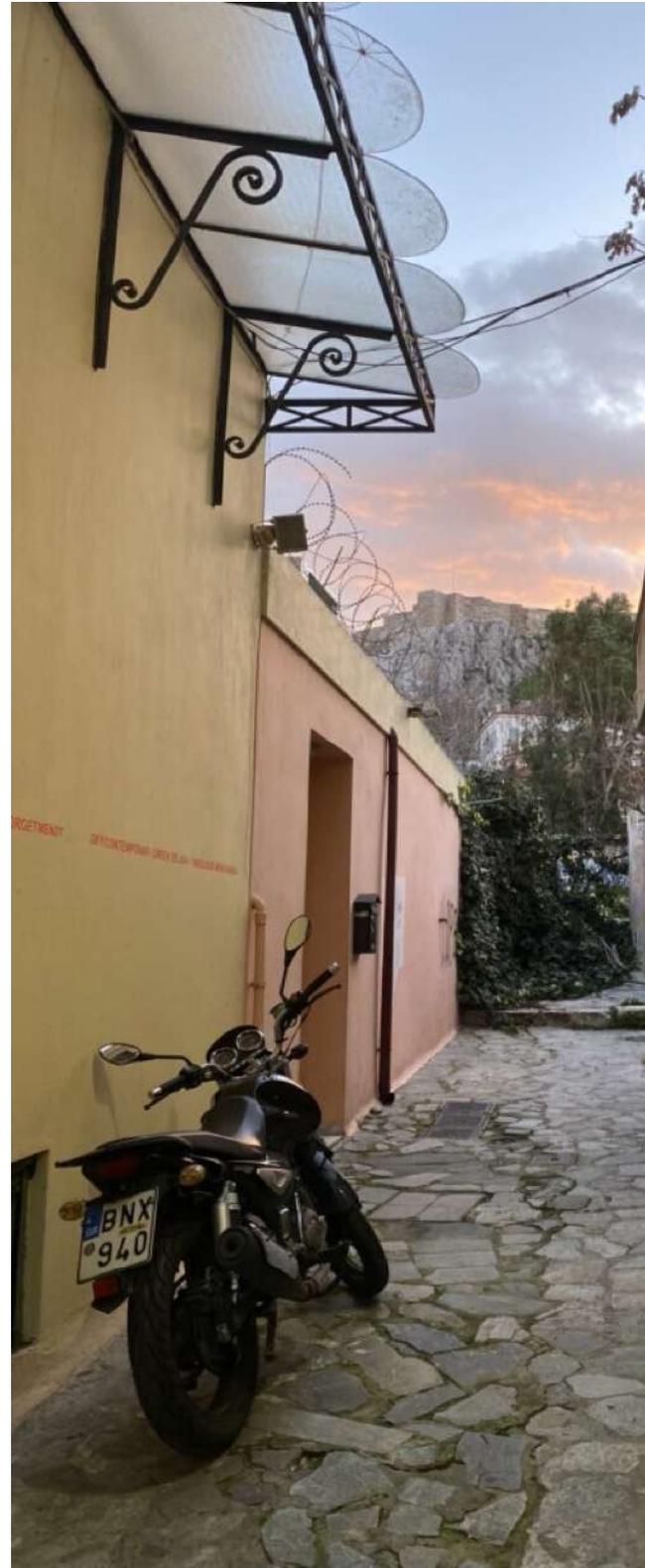
Athens has beautiful weather and fairly mild winters. With **250 days of sun every year**, it's one of the best major cities for digital nomads in the Mediterranean.

There is **minimal rain fall**, mostly during the late autumn and early winter months. Snow may also fall upon the city once or twice during the winter too, creating a beautiful white cast over the city.

You'll see mostly clear skies and sunny weather year-round. Greece truly has **some of the most beautiful pale blue skies** around, making it great for taking photos or reading a book in a nice park.

The spring and summer months are when you can expect the most activity in Athens. From millions of tourists to weekly festivals and events to the hot weather, it's one of the busiest times for Athens.

We'll get into the best time to visit later in this guide, though.





Average Temperatures in Athens

Month	Temperature (C)	Precipitation Days/mm
January	13°/7°	5 days/44.6 mm
February	14°/7°	5 days/48.3 mm
March	16°/9°	4 days/42.6 mm
April	20°/12°	3 days/28.2 mm
May	25°/16°	2 days/17.2 mm
June	29°/20°	1 day/9.7 mm
July	32°/23°	0 days/0 mm
August	32°/23°	0 days/0 mm
September	28°/20°	1 day/11.9 mm
October	23°/15°	3 days/47.7 mm
November	18°/12°	4 days/50.6 mm
December	15°/8°	6 days/66.6 mm

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Best Time to Visit Athens

There are two times of the year when we would consider to be the best time to visit Athens as a digital nomad. While **there is no “bad” time to visit**, if you’re looking to be outside in warmer weather and take full advantage of the city, there are definitely better times to visit.

The straight and personal answer for **the best time to visit Athens is between March and June and September and mid-November.**

The weather is perfectly warm and comfortable for walking through a bustling city without fighting against crowds of tourists at the Acropolis or the Roman Agora.

Athens’ Travel Seasons

As mentioned previously in this guide, **Athens welcomes over six million tourists** every year. Due to the weather and the yearly schedules and routines of European families, there are specific travel seasons.

Depending on the season you visit Athens, it could affect your overall experience.



High Season (June to August)

During the high travel season, **you can expect many tour groups and visitors** waiting in line to climb to the top of the Acropolis, crowding restaurant tables, and leaning over each other to get the perfect photo of the sunset or ancient statues.

Since this is when summer is in full swing, many tourists, especially those following a school schedule, will come to Athens. Many stop for just a day or two before moving on to a Greek island like Santorini or Crete.

However, for digital nomads, **this may be the worst time to visit** Athens. Prices for accommodations, such as Airbnbs and hotels, skyrocket, and it can be difficult to get reservations and tickets for places you wish to see.

If possible, we suggest avoiding spending time in Athens while working remotely during these months.



Shoulder Seasons (March to May/September to November)

The **perfect time for digital nomads to visit Athens** is during the shoulder seasons. The weather is still warm enough to enjoy the city but cool enough not to sweat and dehydrate.

There are much fewer tourists visiting Athens, which means you can easily grab a seat at a cafe to work on your laptop and can mostly always get a table at a hip new restaurant.

Digital nomads can also get some **pretty great accommodation deals** if they plan to stay for a month or longer. Also, most restaurants and stores are open during the shoulder seasons, so you know you won't be missing out on anything during your time in Athens.

Low Season (Mid-November to February)

If you don't mind the cold and have a strict budget to stick to, then the low season is the perfect time to visit Athens as a digital nomad. You can **find great accommodations for almost half the price** they would charge during the summer.

Museums and **archaeological sites also have discounted tickets** from the beginning of November to the beginning of March. So, instead of paying €20 to visit the Acropolis, you'll only pay €10!

There are much fewer tourists during the low season. Now, that's not to say that there aren't any at all, but they are less noticeable. This is great if you're a content creator looking to take pictures and videos of empty streets and famous sites.



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Cost of Living in Athens

Currency in Greece: Euro (€)

Check the most current exchange rate [here](#).

As mentioned earlier in this guide, the cost of living in Athens, Greece, is **fairly affordable compared to other major capital cities** in the West. The average salary for someone living and working in Athens in 2023 is 29,700€ per year.

When we look at the [average cost of living](#), a single person can expect to spend around 787€ per month, not including rent. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the center of Athens can be around 550€ per month.

Some common expenses for digital nomads in Athens, Greece include:

- **Local SIM Card:** 20€/month
- **Monthly Transport Pass:** 27€
- **Single Ride Ticket:** 1.20€
- **Coworking Day Pass:** 18€
- **Domestic Beer:** 4.50€
- **Cappuccino:** 3.80€
- **Meal at an Inexpensive Restaurant:** 14€

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Tech Specs

Athens, Greece is a very **modernized and technologically advanced** city.

With **5G mobile network throughout the city and reliable wifi** in most bars and cafes, digital nomads have everything they could need to stay connected.

The median internet speed in Athens, Greece, according to [SpeedTest](#), is 57.45 Mbps for download and 13.42 Mbps for upload.

For reference, a decent and reliable download speed is around 35 Mbps. So, Athens has a fantastic connection for remote workers.



Cell Service Providers

It's quite easy to get a local SIM card while traveling or living in Greece as a digital nomad. With fast 5G connection throughout the city, digital nomads can stay connected no matter where they are.

The main cell service providers in Athens are:

- Vodafone
- Cosmote
- WIND

You'll find many stores and kiosks throughout the city. Simply go into one with your passport in hand and you can purchase a monthly plan with lots of data.

Try to avoid the pop-up stands on the streets as they tend to overcharge you and provide fewer benefits than if you were to go into a store.

Power Outlets for Devices

Traveling to different countries and continents means being prepared in almost every aspect, including how to plug your electronic devices into an outlet.

Greece uses type C, or "Euro" plugs, and F, or "Schuko" plugs with 230 V. These types of plugs have two prongs with rounded ends.

It's always a good idea to bring a universal adapter with you so you can charge your devices.

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Getting Around Athens

As a digital nomad staying in Athens, there is absolutely **no need to have a car**. The public transportation is extremely accessible and will take you wherever you need to go throughout the city.

You can even travel to the outskirts of Athens and visit nearby towns and ports, such as Piraeus.

Public Transportation

The public transportation in Athens is run by **OASA**. It consists of three means of transportation; bus, metro, and tram.

To get a ticket for the metro, bus, or tram, you can purchase an **ATH.ENA card** from a kiosk or stand around the city. This card is reloadable at these points too. This public transport card can be anonymous or activated with your personal details to be assigned to you.

You can purchase single tickets, books of tickets, or monthly passes with the ATH.ENA card. A single-ride ticket is valid for 90 minutes and costs 1.20€. You may also purchase day passes for three or five days.

Bus

There is an extensive network of public buses and trolley buses throughout the city. These buses operate from five a.m. to midnight daily.

You can view status updates for bus routes [here](#).

Metro

Three major metro lines run throughout Athens. It's the fastest means of public transportation and will take you to the most popular sites in the city.

The metro operates from five a.m. to midnight daily. However, lines 2 and 3 operate until two a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for those who go out and enjoy the nightlife in Athens.



The metro is ideal for digital nomads who want to explore nearby towns or want to catch a ferry from Piraeus. There is also a metro line that goes directly to the international airport.

Tram

The trams are an excellent way to get to the Athens riviera and seaside. With a major stop in Syntagma Square, you can reach Piraeus and other suburban seaside towns in just an hour on the tram.

The tram also connects to the metro and other bus routes throughout Athens and further beyond the city limits.

Taxis and Rideshare Apps

You'll notice plenty of yellow taxis driving around the streets of Athens. They are honest and very easy to call from the street. Most taxis also accept card payments as well.



However, if you want to schedule your ride, there are some ridesharing apps available. It's important to note that the rides you request from these apps are not from private drivers but from on-call taxis.

- **FREE NOW**
- **Uber**
- **Taxiplon**

It's a good idea to use a rideshare app to call a ride if you prefer to pay with a card directly rather than cash.

Best Ways to Get To and From the Airport

One of the biggest challenges digital nomads face is figuring out the best way to get to their accommodations in Athens from the airport.

The **Athens International Airport** is located about 30 minutes from the center of the city, but is accessible through three easy means of transportation.

Digital nomads can hop on the metro line 3 and be in the center of the city, more specifically Syntagma Square, in just 45 minutes.

There is also bus X95 that runs directly from the airport to the city center. This ride takes a little over an hour.

Lastly, travelers can call a taxi from the line in front of the baggage claim at the airport. There is a flat 40€ rate to get from the airport to the center of Athens.

Walkability

While Athens is large, the center of the city is fairly walkable. There are some pedestrian-only areas that make walking through some of the city's most beautiful neighborhoods very pleasant.

Digital nomads should know that walking around Athens does pose its own challenges, though. The **sidewalks can be very narrow and uneven**, making it difficult to walk during busy times of the day. Of course, this depends on where you are in the city.

There are certain parts of Athens that have very steep hills too, making it a bit strenuous at times.

Pedestrian crosswalks also pose a challenge as they allow a very short window to cross the street. Also, cars will not stop for pedestrians; you must wait for a break in the traffic.

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**Best
Neighborhoods for
Digital Nomads**



With the vast area that Athens covers, digital nomads may feel overwhelmed with choosing a neighborhood to call home for a while. **Athens is full of unique neighborhoods**, each with its own personality.

We've put together a list of the **most convenient, comfortable, and affordable neighborhoods for digital nomads** who want to stay close to the center of Athens.

Syntagma

The most popular and central neighborhood of Athens is Syntagma. It's home to the central square of the city, Syntagma Square. The square sits just before the Old Royal Palace and before some of the most famous neighborhoods in Athens: Plaka and Monastiraki.



There are many luxury hotels and tall buildings in Syntagma. Seen as a more modern part of Athens, digital nomads can dine at fine restaurants, sip coffee in hotel lobbies, and shop at high-end stores.

Syntagma Square hosts plenty of demonstrations, events, and festivities throughout the year, so it's never boring in the neighborhood. There is also a tram, metro, and bus stop.

Monastiraki

For some of the best views of the Acropolis, digital nomads will love staying in Monastiraki. The main square, which sits just below the Acropolis and along the Agora, staying in Monastiraki will feel like you're in tourist heaven.





As the site of many of Athens' main attractions, the neighborhood can feel a bit overcrowded. However, there are plenty of tavernas, restaurants, cafes, stores, and rooftop bars in the area where you can hide out and enjoy a delicious meal or drink.

There is also the daily flea market, which can get quite busy during the weekends but is a great experience nevertheless.

Monastiraki has a metro stop and multiple bus stops, making it easy to travel to other parts of the city.

Plaka

Maybe the most famous neighborhood in Athens, Plaka is a gorgeous little neighborhood at the foot of Acropolis hill. With white sidewalks and streets full of souvenir shops, restaurants, and cafes, Plaka is one of the most beautiful neighborhoods to stay in.





As one of the more tourist-oriented neighborhoods, digital nomads can expect crowded streets and higher rents in this area. However, it is centrally located and within easy walking distance of museums, archaeological sites, and restaurants.

Pangrati

Pangrati is an excellent neighborhood if you want a more authentic feel of Athens. The hip neighborhood is home to local residents, tourists, and students alike. Full of cafes, restaurants, tavernas, and local shops, it's a quiet neighborhood with plenty of greenery and parks throughout.

The main attraction in Pangrati is the Panathenaic Stadium, the largest marble stadium in the world. It was home to the first modern Olympic games and is truly a sight to see.

In just 15 minutes, you can walk through the beautiful National Gardens and reach the Plaka neighborhood from Pangrati too.

Politechnio

A modern and beautiful neighborhood, Politechnio is home to the National Archaeological Museum and local universities. The streets are lined with some of the most elegant buildings in Athens, complete with iconic columns and bright colors.

There are restaurants, green spaces, and shopping that are easily accessible in the area. Located away from the tourist center of Athens, you can expect to get a more authentic experience in this neighborhood.

Politechnio is well-connected with multiple metro stops nearby and the Athens Train Station.

Thiseio

If you want to be near the action, but not in the middle of it, then Thiseio is the neighborhood for you.

Within walking distance of some of the most sought-after attractions in Athens, but far enough away not to be caught in the crowds, Thiseio is an excellent neighborhood for digital nomads.

The streets are beautifully lined with blooming trees, cafes, and tavernas, welcoming guests to enjoy a warm meal. You'll also notice souvenir stands and small flea market-like stores selling used books and little trinkets as well.

How to Find Accommodations in Athens

When you decide to stay in Athens as a digital nomad, it doesn't always make sense to stay in hotels as they can get quite expensive.

Some of the best sites to search for accommodations in Athens are [Airbnb](#), [Vrbo](#), and [Booking](#) if you plan to stay for a month or more.

However, if you are staying in Athens on Greece's digital nomad visa, then you will have to find a lease of at least a year if you plan to apply for the resident permit. Sites like [Spitogatos](#) and [XE.gr](#) are great for finding apartment listings.

You can also use Facebook and expat groups to find rentals. There are real estate agencies around the city happy to help you find an apartment as well.

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**Coworking
Spaces and
Cafes in Athens**



There are plenty of coworking spaces and digital nomad-friendly cafes throughout Athens.

Many **coworking spaces** are located in the **Monastiraki** and **Politechnio** neighborhoods. They offer day, weekly, and monthly passes. Members can also take advantage of other features, such as free coffee, networking events, and more.

As for digital nomad-friendly cafes, it is **very common to see remote workers or students with their laptops** open. Many of these cafes are found in Plaka, Pangrati, and Syntagma.

You can find a full list of digital nomad cafes in Athens [here](#).

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Healthcare in Athens



Greece has a national healthcare system, ESY, which is free and accessible for all Greek citizens and residents. Digital nomads holding a resident permit through the digital nomad visa can access this program.

There are also private doctors and hospitals that you can visit. This is often a better option for digital nomads who are traveling with private international health insurance.

Hospitals

There are many hospitals in Athens, both public and private. Below is a list of private hospitals that are great for digital nomads and expats with their contact information.

Hopefully, you will never need to visit one, though!

Metropolitan General

Address: Leof. Mesogeion 264, Cholargos 155 62

Phone: 21 0650 2000

General Hospital of Athens "G. Gennimatas"

Address: Mesogeion Avenue 154 115 27 Athens

Phone: 21 3203 2000

Elpis General Hospital of Athens

Address: Dimitsanas 7, Athina 115 22

Phone: 21 3203 9000

Central Clinic of Athens

Address: Asklipiou 31, Athina 106 80

Phone: 21 0367 4041 ext. 045

Euroclinic Athens

Address: Αθανασιάδου 7-9, Athina 115 21

Phone: 21 0641 6600

Doctors on Call

Sometimes you just need a quick visit with a doctor to get something squared away. Instead of waiting for hours in an emergency room or clinic, there are on-call doctors that accept same-day appointments and even make home visits in Athens.

Digital nomads can find these doctors on the platform doctoranytime.gr.

They have a large directory of general practitioners as well as specialists. You can also filter them by language.

Pharmacies

There are many pharmacies around Athens. Every neighborhood has at least one!

If you aren't feeling well, you can ask a pharmacist for advice. Sometimes they can prescribe you something. However, if you require an antibiotic, you will need to see a doctor beforehand.

Keep in mind that **pharmacies close on Sundays**.

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Greece Digital Nomad Visa



Announced in the summer of 2021, Greece is welcoming digital nomads to **live in the country for one to two years** if they meet the requirements. Greece has long been a favorite destination for vacationers and travelers, but now it's catering to adventurous remote workers.

Greece's digital nomad visa is valid for one year. If you want to prolong your stay in Greece for more than a year, you may choose to obtain a two-year residence permit, which is renewable. Holding a **residence permit could also put you on a path to obtaining permanent residency** or Greek citizenship.

There are **two ways to go about applying for the Greek digital nomad visa** or residence permit. If you require an entry visa into Greece, then you must apply for the digital nomad visa at a Greek embassy or consulate serving your country of residence.

However, if you can enter Greece visa-free (such as passport holders from the USA, Canada, and Australia), you can simply apply for a two-year residence permit in Greece. This is a quicker and often more affordable method to relocating to Greece as a digital nomad.

Another great benefit of the Greece digital nomad visa is that digital nomads are **not liable to pay local income taxes**. Even if they stay in the country over 183 days, they will not have to file taxes in Greece as long as they work remotely and have no economic ties to Greece.

Since Greece is part of the Schengen Area, visa holders will have **visa-free access to 27 European countries**. It's important to note that you must spend at least six months in Greece for the duration of your visa.

You may bring your spouse and dependents with you to Greece with the digital nomad visa too.



Visa Requirements

- **Valid Passport** – Your passport must be valid for the duration of your visa
- **Earn 3,500€/month** – You must meet the minimum income requirement
- **Earn 4,200€/month** if bringing a spouse
- **Earn 4,830€/month** if bringing a spouse and one dependent
- **15% increase** in the income requirement with each dependent
- **Work Remotely** – Work as an employee, business owner, or freelancer with companies or clients outside of Greece
- **Clean Criminal Record** – A certified copy of your criminal record from your home country (if applying from outside of Greece)
- **Health Insurance Coverage** – You must have health insurance coverage in Greece for the duration of your visa

How to Apply

Step 1: Gather Documents

The easiest way to start the application process is to gather all of the necessary documents and paperwork beforehand. Below is a list of the documents you'll need to submit.

- Passport Copies
- Passport Photos
- Proof of Remote Work
- Proof of Income
- Criminal Background Check
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Medical Certificate of Good Health
- Address of Accommodations in Greece

Be sure to keep copies of these documents when you submit them to the Greek consulate.

Step 2: Submit Application

After gathering your documents, you may submit your application in person.

You can schedule an appointment with the [nearest Greek consulate](#) using an online appointment schedule or call.

Visit the website of the Greek consulate in your country of residence to find the application.

There is also a 75€ application fee plus a 150€ administration fee you must pay.

Step 3: Wait for Approval

Applicants of the Greece digital nomad visa will be notified by the Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum within ten days whether or not their visa application is accepted or rejected.

Once your digital nomad visa has been granted, you can register for a residency permit when you arrive in Greece. You'll need your residence agreement, either a booking confirmation or a residential lease, your visa, and your passport to apply for the permit.





Step 4: Register for a Residency Permit

You must find the closest Aliens and Immigration Department of the Decentralized Administration office in your residence district to submit your paperwork immediately after you arrive in the country.

The residence permit fee is 1,000€.

It's important to note that you do not have to apply for a residence permit if you have been approved for the Greece digital nomad visa. However, the digital nomad visa is only valid for 12 months and is not renewable.

The residence permit is renewable.

If you forego applying for the Greece digital nomad visa from abroad, you will have to register for a residence permit when you enter the country.

You can always get the most updated information about Greece's digital nomad visa on nomadsembassy.com.

Benefits of the Greece Digital Nomad Visa

There are quite a few benefits to obtaining Greece's digital nomad visa.

1. Visa-free access to 27 countries in the Schengen Area
2. Path to permanent residency and even citizenship with the residence permit
3. No obligation to pay local taxes as a digital nomad
4. You only have to spend six months in Greece each year
5. Family reunification is allowed, so you can bring your spouse and children

Not only will you get to experience the beautiful and unique lifestyle in Greece, but you'll get to travel through Europe and have an opportunity to permanently relocate to this gorgeous country.



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**Top
Instagrammable
Spots**

Athens is one of the most unique and largest cities in Europe full of beautiful buildings, stunning parks, colorful homes, and of course, ancient ruins.

For passionate photographers or content creators, there are plenty of spots to show off on social media.

The Acropolis of Athens

Sitting high above the city is the ancient Acropolis, dating back to 525 BC. The citadel features the famous Parthenon temple and other structures, such as the Old Temple of Athena.

Plaka

The Plaka neighborhood has plenty of great content opportunities. With picturesque white paved streets, blooming flowers in the spring and summer, and adorable cafes and restaurants, it's a photo-opp just waiting for you to snap a pic.





The Ancient Agora

Home to the oldest and most well-preserved Temple of Hephaestus, which dates back to 449 BC, the Ancient Agora of Athens is a definite must-visit for content with important ancient ruins.

Hadrian's Library

Sitting just below the Acropolis is Hadrian's Library, dating back to 132 AD. It was built by the Roman Emperor Hadrian and the magnificent columns still stand today.

Little Kook Cafe

Get ready to be overwhelmed by the current theme decorated at **Little Kook**. With each season, the dessert-focused cafe redecorates the two-story restaurant with a particular theme - and boy do they overdo it! It's quite a fun experience and the perfect photo opportunity.



Lycabettus Hill

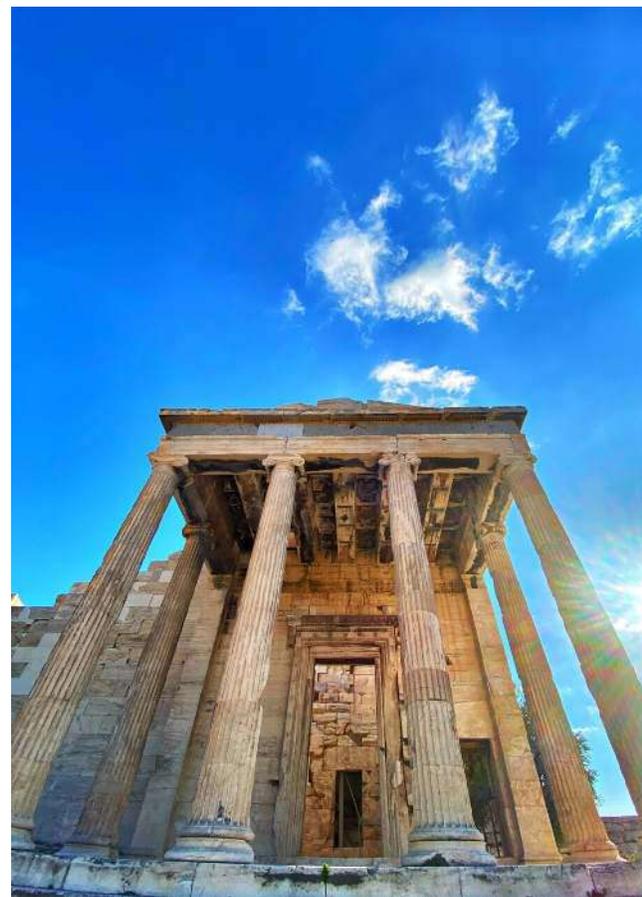
Sitting tall at 277 meters above sea level, Lycabettus Hill is the tallest point of central Athens and offers an incredible view of the city and even the sea beyond it. There is a terrace cafe with comfortable seats on the side of the hill, you just have to be brave enough to walk up there!

National Gardens

The National Gardens doesn't only offer a green escape from the busy city, but also a great opportunity to shoot some content. With lively fountains and wildlife, such as turtles, koi fish, and ducks, it's a great little retreat from the traffic in Athens.

Rooftop Bars in Monastiraki

Surrounding Monastiraki Square are plenty of rooftop bars that have great views of the Acropolis. Grab a drink and watch the sunset until dark to see the Acropolis illuminated over the city.





Areopagus Hill

Not only is this famous hill the site of where democracy was born, but it also provides another stunning view of the Acropolis. It's a great free way to get close to the ruins and watch the sunrise behind them.

Academy of Athens

This stoic building is exactly what most people picture when they think of Ancient Greek architecture. With statues dedicated to Apollo and Athena and a lush green space lined with orange trees leading up to it, the Academy of Athens will surely catch your eye.





Panathenaic Stadium

Said to be the largest all-marble stadium in the world, the Panathenaic Stadium is definitely Instagram-worthy. With the symmetrical design and beautiful representation of the seats, you can expect to get great content and a quick history lesson.

The Temple of Zeus

What used to be one of the largest temples in Greece is now just a few rows of magnificent columns standing tall. To see these majestic ruins can only speak to just how beautiful the full temple was thousands of years ago.

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Athens for Digital Nomads

With great, reliable wifi, plenty of cafes to work from, a large international and remote worker community, and so many things to see and do you'll never get bored, Athens is an excellent destination for digital nomads.

Thanks to the Greece digital nomad visa, remote workers can relocate to Athens for one to two years and even get permanent residency!

Fall in love with the culture, delicious cuisine, stunning views, and incredible travel opportunities in Greece when you stay in Athens as a digital nomad.

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