

IAMIC Annual Meeting in Greece, 21-25 June 2012
Practical Information

Conference Hotels in Greece:

<p>Hotel in Athens: Hotel Astor in Syntagma square 6, Karagiorgi Servias 10562 Athens - Greece Tel: (+30) 210 3351000 Fax: (+30) 210 3239742</p>	<p>Hotel in Aegina: Hotel Apollo Aegina Agia Marina - Aegina island - Greece Tel.: (+30) 22970 - 32271 0030 - 22970 - 32272, 3, 4 Fax: (+30)22970 – 32688</p>
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The Hotel Astor is in the Syntagma square, the most central (and famous) square in Athens, opposite to Parliament, very ease accessible.

The Hotel Apollo is in Aegina island close to Athens, at Agia Marina vacation village.

Venues

22/6: Conference [Onasis Cultural Center](#), 107-109 Syngrou Avenue, Athens 11745 (see [map](#))

24-25/6: [Hotel Apollon](#), Agia Marina, Aegina (see [map](#)).

[IEMA – Greek Music Information Center](#), Adrianou 105, Plaka ([map](#))

Time: EET = GMT + 2 (+3 in Summertime)

Currency: Euro (still)

Temperature: Good and a little hot (24°-30° C). Slightly windy (about 25 km/h)

Phone home: for international call just dial 00 before your country code.

Mobiles: You can by if you want local mobile card for 5€ or more at any kiosk providing your personal data from ID or password.

Smoking: Theoretically is forbidden in all closed public areas. Practically is allowed in most places except open transports and public buddies.

Signs are usually in Greek and English. If it is only in Greek, the following tips were useful.

H, Y, EI, OI (η, υ, οι) are all pronounced "i"

AI (αι) is pronounced "e"

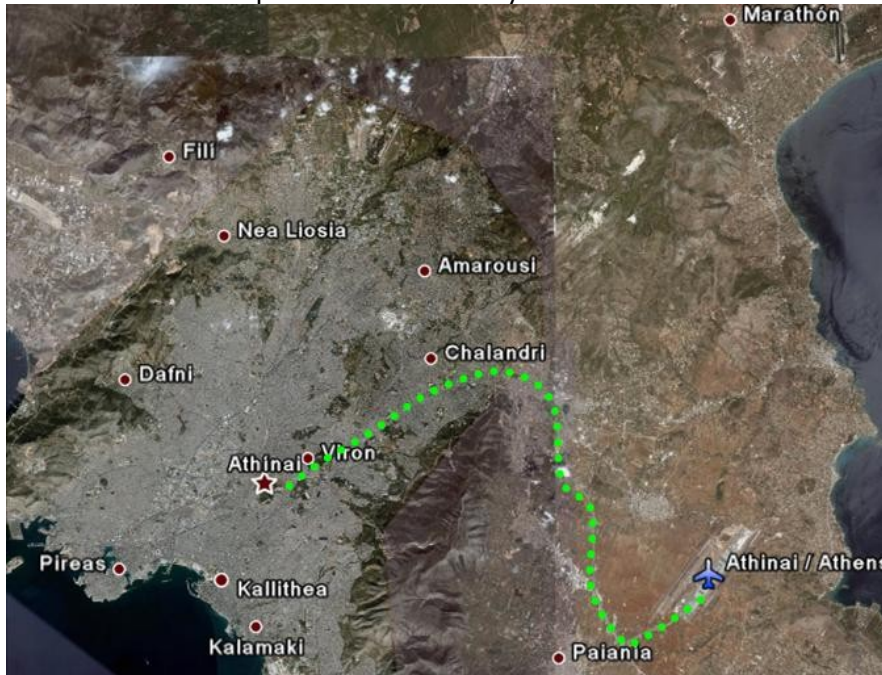
Ω (ω) is pronounced "o"

P (ρ) = "r",

The rest is easy: Σ (σ, ς) = "s", Γ (γ) = "gh", Δ (δ) = "th" (like that), Θ (θ) = "th" (like think), Ξ (ξ) = "ks", Φ (φ) = "f" and Ψ (ψ) = "ps".

Arrival to Athens

Athens has only one international airport named Eleftherios Venizelos (<http://www.aia.gr/>). The location of Athens International Airport related to the city of Athens can be seen in the following map.



Airport - Hotel Astor

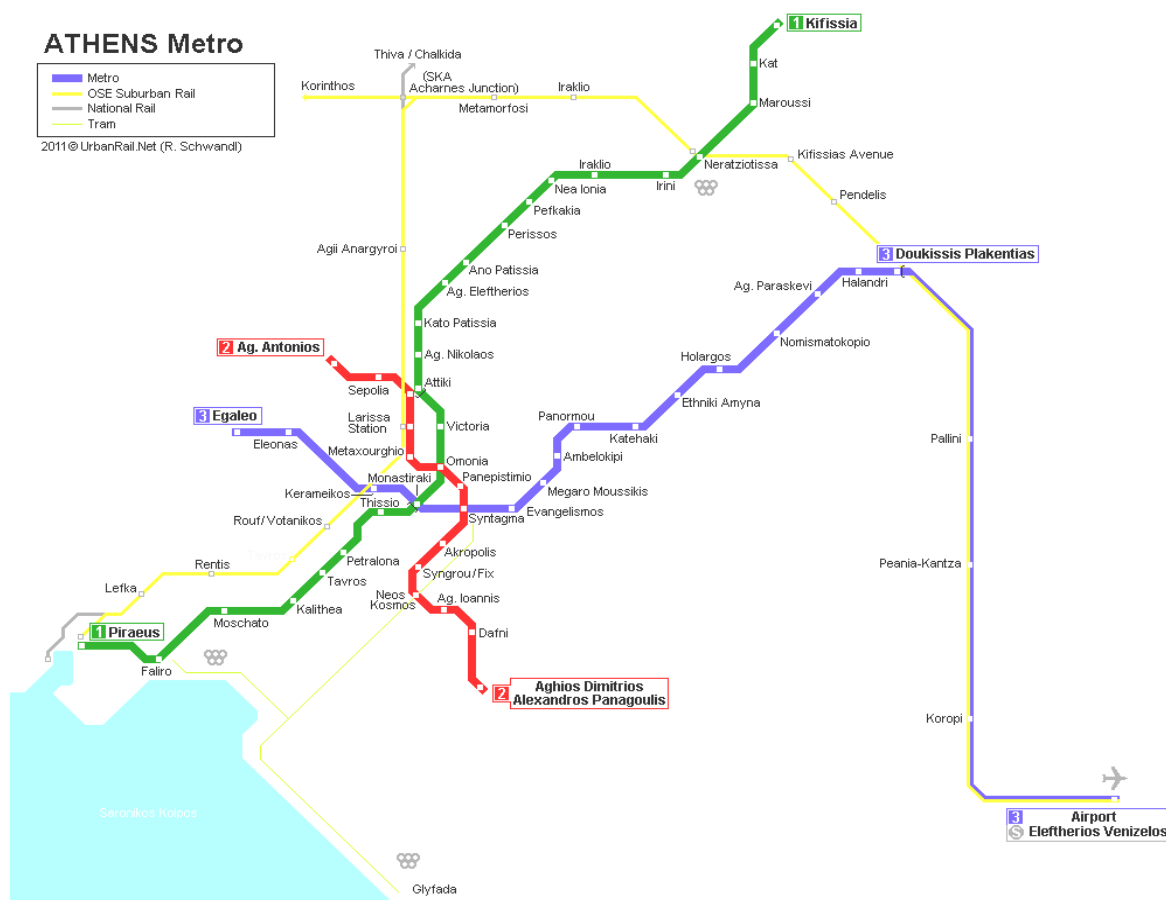
The airport is effectively connected to Athens by bus, metro, suburban rail or taxi.

a) By Bus

The hotel can very easy accessed by bus **X95** Athens International Airport – Syntagma square (24 h. every 15-20 min). The ticket (5€) is validated inside the bus. Tickets can be bought at the kiosk outside. The departure is right outside the arrival of Intra Schengen area, between Doors 4-5. The journey from Athens International Airport to Syntagma has a mean time of 50-70 minutes depending of the traffic. (Time plan <http://www.oasa.gr/xmap.php?id=px95&lang=en>). From the terminal the Hotel is 5 minutes walk (see [map](#)).

B) By METRO – Line 3

You can take also the Metro **Line 3-blue**: "Athens International Airport - Egaleo". The Metro terminal station is located opposite the airport arrival terminals building. Time: from 6:33 to 23:33, every hour at 3' and 33' (timetable: <http://www.amel.gr/index.php?id=363&L=1>). The airport ticket price is €8.00 (14€ for two persons group), it is valid for 90' in the entire metro network and can be bought in any metro station. The ticket must be validated in the station before embarkation. The journey time from Athens International Airport to Syntagma is 40 minutes. From the metro to the Hotel it is 5 minutes walk (see [map](#))



C) By Taxi

All taxis are collared yellow and in the airport are next to exit 3 at the level of the arrivals. Transportation to the city centre will cost you about 35-40€ (from 23:30-6:30, tariff 2, 50-55€). Just say "Hotel Astor Syntagma". Duration 40'-60'.

The transportations are safe. (As in any big city, you should be aware of pick-pockets in public transport)

Athens - Airport

You must be at the airport at least one hour before your flight.

By bus. The terminal ("Afetiria") of line **X95** Athens (Syntagma square - International Airport), is in the upper right corner of Syntagma square. (Duration 50'-70')

By metro. The metro station is un the upper side of Syntagma square. You take **Line 3-Blue** direction "Airport" («Αεροδρόμιο») twice an hour. From 5:37 to 23:03, every hour at 3' and 33'. (Duration 40')

By taxi. There is a taxi station at the lower position of Syntagma square. (*It is faster to walk there instead to call a taxi at the Hotel, as from the Hotel the Taxi has to do a round through the center of Athens*). Duration 40'-60'.

Access to venue

Conference [Onasis Cultural Center](#), 107-109 Syngrou Avenue, Athens 11745 (see [map](#))

The transfer to and from the venue is organized. If you want to go alone:

By Taxi: From Syntagma square 5 -10 minutes. 4€

By Tramway: From Syntagma square (upper right corner): Take any tram (T3, T4 or T5) and after 4 stops (15') you step down at "Kasomouli" station. Then you walk 5 minutes to the Onasis Cultural Center (see route <http://goo.gl/maps/OU3p>) Ticket price 1.40€. (see also [tramway map](#)).

Transportation from Airport to Aegina

The transportation to Aegina is organized for all group the 23/6 at 7:30 from the Hotel Astor and at 8:00 from the cruisers harbor "Trocadero" close to Piraeus. In case you come directly to Aegina alone you should first go to Piraeus (the harbor of Athens) and then take the boat to Aegina at Gate E8.

Airport - Piraeus

a) By Bus

There is a Airport Express bus (**X96**) directly from Airport to Piraeus on a 24-hour basis every 20 minutes (5€). (time plan: <http://www.oasa.gr/xmap.php?id=px96>). It takes about 70'-90' minutes depending on traffic. You should step down five stops before the terminal at "Plateia Karaiskaki" witch is 3 minutes walk from the boat Gate (E8).

b) By suburban railway

From: Airport (Suburban railway [Airport - Ano Liosia]), Direction: Ano Liosia At station: Ano Liosia change to: Suburban Railway [Piraeus - Kiato] (Direction: Piraeus) To: Piraeus Ticket price: 8.00€ Duration 80' or

From: Airport (Suburban railway [Airport - Ano Liosia]), Direction: Ano Liosia At station: Neratziotissa change to: **Line 1 green** (Direction: Piraeus) To: Piraeus. Ticket price: 8.00€. Duration 80' or

b) By metro

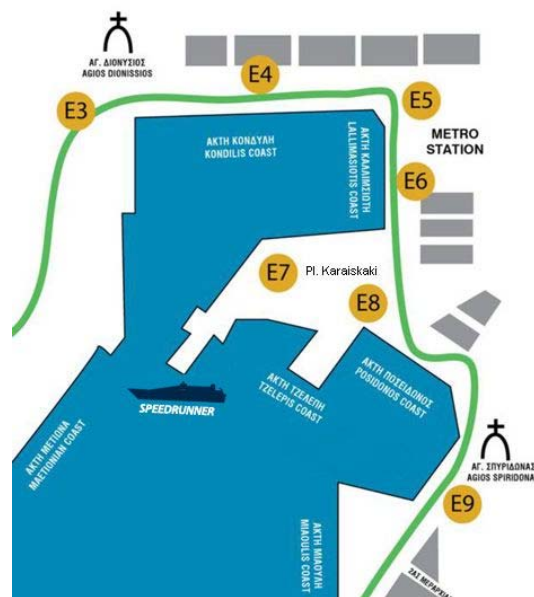
From: Airport (Line 3), Direction: *Egaleo*, at station Syntagma change to **Line 2 – Red** From: Direction: *Aghios Antonios*. At station [Omonia](#) change to **Line 1-green** Direction *Piraeus*. (Price 8€, group of two 14€) Total duration ca. 80'

c) By Taxi

Taxi takes about 60-70 minutes and cost about 50€. You say to the taxi Piraeus, Gate E8, boats to Aegina.

From Piraeus to Aegina (alone)

In Piraeus you go to Gate E8.



There is one boat named "Alexandros" going directly to Agia Marina three times a day where the conference Hotel Apollo is. The travel duration is 1 ½ hour, price 10€. The timetable is available here: <http://www.alexcruses.gr/> (it is updated every week).

Tickets you can buy directly in the kiosk at the dock.

Alternatively you can go to the city of Aegina with the other boats, either normal (1 hour 15 min, 8,5€) or speed boats "Flying Dolphins" (40', 13€). See timetable here for every day:

<http://www.openseas.gr/> (select From: 'Piraeus', To 'Aegina' and the date you wish).

From the city of Aigina, Agia Marina is 15 klm far and you can go there by bus or taxi. (Please contact us we may have available a mini bus).

Departure from Aegina

It is scheduled for the group the 25/6 at 18.00 with the cruiser arriving in Athens at 19:30. You can take the cruiser boat even if you will not participate to the one-day-cruise.

Alternatively you can take the boat "Alexandros" from Agia Marina (the 25/5 10:45 and 18:15) or go to Aegina city and take any boat (see timetable: <http://www.openseas.gr/> (select From: 'Aegina', To 'Piraeus' and the date you wish)).

From Piraeus to the Airport alone you can go:

By metro. (recommended) You walk to metro terminal (5'), there you buy ticket for Airport (6€), take the metro **Line 1 - green**, direction "Kifissia", change at "Monastiraki" station **to Line 3 – blue**, direction "Airport". Duration 70'.

By Bus. Take Airport Express bus (**X96**) at Pl. Karaiskaki (across the street from Gate E8). Duration 70'-90'.

By Taxi. There is a taxi station directly opposite gate E8. Duration 80', price 50€.

For any trouble or info you can contact:

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