

LANGUAGE AND CURRENCY

The official and national language of Greece is [Greek](#). It is written in the [Greek alphabet](#). In some tourist areas, you will also find street names and signs transliterated into the Latin script. Most Greeks speak English, French, German or Italian as a foreign language.

Greece uses [Euro \(EUR\)](#) as currency. Major cards are accepted in larger cities and tourist areas in Greece. When shopping, however, you may get better deals with merchants with cash than debit or credit cards. You can withdraw Euros from ATM machines.

If you have a permanent non-EU residence and are planning to do some shopping during your stay in Greece, you may be interested to learn some [tips and guidelines for tax free shopping](#).

ELECTRICITY, PLUGS AND SOCKETS

Electrical supply is 230 V, 50 Hz AC. Greece uses the standard European (round-pronged) [plugs and power sockets](#). In technical terms, sockets are “type C” or “type F” (also known as “Schuko”), and they work with corresponding plugs (type C, E, F).

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Greece is a member of the European Union (EU) and one of the Schengen Area countries – the world’s largest visa-free zone, see [the list of Schengen area countries](#) for details. Citizens of some countries need an entry visa for Greece. For more information, check out the detailed [visa information page](#). If you need a visa, make sure to apply for one well in advance.

The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides detailed information on [current visa requirements](#) or find [the nearest Greek Embassy or Consulate](#).

DO I NEED A VISA?

To find out whether you need a visa to travel to Greece, check the page on [Visas for Foreigners travelling to Greece](#). If you have trouble opening the link, follow the steps:

1. Go to the [Hellenic Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs web page](#).
2. In the menu, find *Services*.
3. Click on *Visas*.
4. Click on *Visas for Foreigners travelling to Greece* and follow instructions.

INVITATION LETTERS FOR VISA ASSISTANCE

The Conference Organizers will provide a detailed invitation letter to all registered participants who need to apply for a visa.

TRAVEL TO ATHENS, GREECE

Athens may typically serve as a first stop when traveling to **Corfu** from international and non-Schengen destinations. Check with your local airlines for the most up to date flight schedules.



ARRIVING IN ATHENS BY AIR

The **Athens International Airport** is serviced by all major airlines, offering direct non-stop flights from/to most of the major European cities, Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Montreal/Toronto, North Africa, Gulf States, South Africa, and easy connections to the rest of the world. ATH is also serviced by low-cost and/or charter airlines that offer attractive packages.

Visitors arriving by air to Athens will arrive to the [Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos”](#) (IATA code: ATH). This award-winning airport is one of the world’s leading airports in overall passenger satisfaction and was first named the Airport of the Year (2014) in the 10-30 million-passenger category by internationally acclaimed web portal Air Transport News. It is being currently innovated and expanded to accommodate more passengers.

CORFU

Corfu is located north of the Ionian Sea, far away from the other Ionian islands. It is named ‘the countess of the Ionian Sea’, <https://greeceinsiders.travel/corfu-the-countess-of-the-ionic-sea/>, while others consider the island to be the ‘Queen of the Ionian’. Corfu attracts even the most demanding travelers and welcomes everybody with the amazing views it offers, in the middle of the sea and with the sun reflected in the clear blue waters, between the Old and the New Fortress, two of the jewels of the island. Corfu is the “gateway” of Greece to the West. It is a major touristic destination and is worth visiting for many reasons, see <https://www.visitgreece.gr/islands/ionian-islands/corfu/> for details.

ARRIVING IN CORFU BY AIR

Corfu Airport (IATA code CFU), <https://www.cfu-airport.gr>, is located near Corfu Town and has a single terminal building. It operates domestic flights throughout the year, and international seasonal flights during the touristic period (April to end of October). **Aegean Airlines** (www.aegeanair.com) and **SKY Express** (<https://www.skyexpress.gr>) offer several flights each day from **Athens International Airport** (IATA code **ATH**), <https://theathensairport.com/>. In addition to these two airlines, the following airlines operate mostly seasonal flights to Corfu: Aer Lingus; Air Baltic; Air France; Air Serbia; Austrian Airlines; British Airways; Brussels Airlines; Condor; EasyJet; Edelweiss Air; Eurowings; Finnair; FlyDubai; Iberia; ITA Airways; Lot Polish Airlines; Lufthansa; LuxAir; Norwegian Air Shuttle; Norwegian Air Sweden; Ryanair; Scandinavia Airlines; Smartlynx Estonia; Smartwings; Sundair; Swiss; Transavia; TUI; TUS Airways; Volotea; Vueling, among several others.

ARRIVING IN CORFU BY FERRY BOAT

Corfu may be reached by Ferry Boat from mainland Greece, mainly from the ports of Igoumenitsa and Patras, as well as from other Greek islands like Paxi and Lefkada. The Ferry Boat from Igoumenitsa takes about 1.5 hours, and it offers the most frequent and shortest daily route to Corfu. The trip from Patras takes about 7.5 hours. Igoumenitsa may be reached by car, driving from Athens, or any other city in Greece.

Ferry Boat services are also available from Italian ports like Bari, Ancona, and Venice. These trips are longer, ranging from about 9 hours to over 25 hours.