



VII. VERTIGO ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

4th VIRTTM Vestibular Implant Related
Technologies Sessions

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VII. VERTIGO ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

INVITATION

Vertigo Academy International Meetings are scientific and educational meetings organized under the auspices of the **International Vestibular Society**. Its academic programs and learning objectives provide outstanding opportunities for fellows and healthcare professionals interested in vestibular science and related disciplines.

Following six successful meetings held in Türkiye, Russia, India, Belarus, Serbia, and Hungary, **the VII Vertigo Academy International Meeting** will be held **Athens, Greece**.

The scientific impact of this meeting is expected to be substantial, as many internationally renowned experts in the field will participate as faculty members. The scientific program has been carefully designed to match and surpass the high standards established by previous VAI meetings, offering participants an exceptional educational and professional experience. Vestibular Implant-related technologies will once again be featured as an important component of the scientific program, continuing the tradition of previous meetings.

A series of instructional courses will be organized on the day preceding the main meeting, providing participants with a unique opportunity to interact directly with leaders in vestibular science and clinical practice.

Participants will also be invited to submit their own scientific presentations. Selected presentations will have the opportunity to compete for prestigious awards.

We look forward to welcoming you to Athens for this exciting scientific event.

Prof. Osman Nuri ÖZGİRGİN, M.D.
Chairman

Prof. Bülent SATAR, M.D.
Scientific Secretary

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ORGANIZING INSTITUTION

International Vestibular Society



<http://www.intvest.org/>



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VII. VAI MEETING INFORMATION

Vertigo Academy International Meetings is a Scientific Organization of International Vestibular Society. It is academic program and learning objectives offer substantial opportunities to the fellows interested in the topic. Following six successive meetings in Türkiye, Russia, India, Belarus, Serbia and Hungary the VII. Vertigo Academy International Meeting will be held in Greece.

I. Vertigo Academy International, 16-17 November 2013 – Antalya, Türkiye.

II. Vertigo Academy International, 22-23 May 2015 – Moscow, Russia.

III. Vertigo Academy International, 02-04 March 2017 – Mumbai, India.

IV. Vertigo Academy International, 25-28 April 2019 – Minsk, Belarus.

V. Vertigo Academy International, 09-11 March 2023 – Belgrade, Serbia.

VI. Vertigo Academy International, 03-06 April 2025 – Budapest, Hungary.

Meeting Dates: March 11-13, 2027.

Official Website: Please bookmark this website: www.vai2027.org

Primary importance will be given to the website, on every stage of preparation and operation of the meeting, including the scientific program, registration and accommodation.

Official Language: Official language of the meeting and of correspondence is English.

Certificate of Attendance: Certificate of attendance will be available at the Meeting Registration and Information Desk.

Important Dates:

Deadline for Online Abstract Submission	December 18, 2026
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	January 15, 2027
Deadline for Early Meeting Registration	January 22, 2027
Deadline for Cancellation of Meeting Registration	February 8, 2027

Sponsorship and Exhibition: An area for exhibition booths will be provided for the industry and publishers. For exhibition and industry related inquiries, please contact Serenas Tourism at info@vai2027.org

CME ACCREDITATION



An application will be made to the EACCME for CME accreditation of this event.

The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS),

<https://eaccme.uems.eu/>



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SCIENTIFIC PLAN

DAY 1 (March 11, 2027-Thursday)					
	Main Hall Olympia A 500 pax	Parallel Room-I Olympia B 500 pax	Parallel Room-II Vergina 120 pax	Course Hall-I Mycenae 150 pax	Course Hall-II Pella 100 pax
13:30-14:00	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 1	Instructional Course 2	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 3
14:00-14:30	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 4	Instructional Course 5	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 6
14:30-15:00	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 7	Instructional Course 8	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 9
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30-16:00	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 10	Instructional Course 11	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 12
16:00-16:30	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 13	Instructional Course 14	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 15
18:30-19:30	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Addresses				
19:30-21:00	Welcome Reception Olympia Foyer				
DAY 2 (March 12, 2027-Friday)					
	Main Hall Olympia A 500 pax	Parallel Room-I Olympia B 500 pax	Parallel Room-II Vergina 120 pax	Course Hall-I Mycenae 150 pax	Course Hall-II Pella 100 pax
08:00-08:30	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 16	Instructional Course 17	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 18
08:30-09:00	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 19	Instructional Course 20	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 21
09:00-09:30	Plenary Lecture 1				
09:30-10:45	Plenary Panel 1				
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break				
11:15-12:30	Round Table 1	Keynote Lecture 1-5	Debate Session 1	RT - Artificial Intelligence	Workshop 1
12:30-13:30	Lunch / IVS International Executive Committee Meeting				
13:30-14:45	Sponsored Session				
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break				
15:15-16:30	Round Table 2	Round Table 3	Keynote Lecture 6-10	RT - Acute labyrinthitis	Free Papers 1-8
16:45-17:45	Debate- Vestibulotoxicity	Round Table 4	Invited Lecture 1-5	IVS - General Assembly	Free Papers 9-16

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DAY 3 (March 13, 2027-Saturday)					
	Main Hall Olympia A 500 pax	Parallel Room-I Olympia B 500 pax	Parallel Room-II Vergina 120 pax	Course Hall-I Mycenae 150 pax	Course Hall-II Pella 100 pax
08:30-09:00	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 22	Instructional Course 23	Instructional Course	Instructional Course 24
09:00-09:30	VIRTM Session				
09:30-10:45	VIRTM Session				
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break				
11:15-12:30	VIRTM Session	Keynote Lecture 11-15	Invited Lecture 6-10	RT - Vestibular injuries	Workshop 2
12:30-13:30	Lunch				
13:30-14:45	Plenary Panel 3				
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break				
15:15-16:30	Round Table 3	Keynote Lecture 16-20	Debate Session 2	RT - Downbeating nystagmus	Free Papers 17-24
16:45-17:45	Plenary Lecture 2	Invited Lecture 11-15	Invited Lecture 16-20	RT - Virtual Reality	Free Papers 25-32
17:45-18:00	Closing Remarks / End of the Meeting				

Other Meeting Rooms

Speaker Ready Room	: Inside of Olympia Hall
IVS Society Room	: Lobby Suit
Serenas Group Room / Storage Room	: Florina

Scientific Program Sessions:

Vestibular Implant Related Technologies Sessions

24 Instructional Courses

2 Plenary Lecture

3 Plenary Panels

20 Keynote lectures

20 Invited Lectures

2 Workshops

4 Debate Sessions

3 Round Tables



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PROSPECTIVE FACULTY LIST

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TOPICS

BASIC SCIENCE

- Otolithic system
- Gravity & balance
- Vestibular system and posture control
- High frequency versus low frequency patterns of Vestibular system

DIAGNOSTICS

- Vestibular Function: HIT & VHIT; FHIT
- Otolith Function: SVV, oVEMP,
- Balance: DVA, Dynamic Posturography
- Evaluation of Nystagmus remotely
- New vestibular tests and what is needed in vestibular system?
- Virtual reality
- Artificial Intelligence

ACUTE VESTIBULAR DISORDERS

- Acute vestibular syndrome
- Vestibular evaluation in ER
- Acute stroke syndromes
- Meniere's attack,
- Vestibular neuritis
- Acute labyrinthitis

PERIPHERAL VESTIBULAR DISORDERS

- Vestibulotoxicity
- Perilymph fistula
- Membranous or Hypermobile Stapes Footplate
- Clinical and molecular subtypes in Meniere's disease spectrum

MENIERE'S DISEASE

- Syncope and Tumarkin Attacks
- Comorbidities
- Bilateral disease
- Vestibular Schwannoma

BPPV

- Canal based occurrences
- Atypical cases: Multicanal, Canalith jam, Light cupula
- Downbeating nystagmus
- Residual dizziness



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CENTRAL DISORDERS

- When the ear and brain overlap
- Vestibular Migraine
- PPPD
- Sea sickness and mal de barquement disease

PHOBIC VERTIGO

- Vestibular dysfunction in neurodegenerative disorders
- Central vestibular disorders:
- Central positional nystagmus: mechanisms and differential diagnosis
- Brainstem & cerebellar vestibular syndromes
- Ocular motor syndromes in vertigo patients

IN CHILDREN

- Vestibular Disorders in Children.
- Vestibular function in children with cochleo-vestibular malformations
- Cochlear implantation and vestibular interaction

TRAUMA

- Vestibular injuries
- Post traumatic BPPV

MANAGEMENT

- Intratympanic treatments
- Medical treatment
- Betahistine & selegiline
- Vestibular Suppressants
- Bilateral disease
- Surgical treatment
- Vestibular rehabilitation
- Personalized vestibular rehabilitation: protocols and predictors
- Role of neuromodulation in vestibular rehab
- Virtual Reality

ADVANCED RESEARCH

- Emerging Biomarkers in Vestibular Disorders: From Molecules to Digital Phenotypes

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ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION



For online abstract submission, please visit the “ScienceNext” Online Abstract Submission System section in the official web page of the Meeting.

Online Abstract Submission System for Oral and Posters

- Detailed information is provided in the system.
If assistance needed, please send an e-mail to vertigo@serenas.com.tr
- Please carefully read the instructions before submitting your abstract through the online submission module “ScienceNext” system.
- Once you sign up, you can also continue working on abstract until you finally decide to submit before the deadline.
- This is an automated system that will allow you to put the information online for the authors, affiliations, abstract text (if required with special characters etc.) and keywords in a series of different windows.
- You can track the whole submission and evaluation procedure either within the system or by e-mail notification.
- In case of submitting more than one abstract you can use the same login and password for each abstract via online submission module.

Instructions for Online Poster and Oral Presentations

- All Abstracts should be submitted in English only.
- Abstracts submitted by e-mail, fax or post will NOT be accepted.
- The abstracts have to be structured as follows:

Introduction (Background & Aim): Hypothesis

Material & Methods (or Case study): Study design, Subjects, Setting, Intervention(s), Outcome measurement(s), Independent variables, Analyses

Results: Main outcome(s) of the study, including confidence levels or p values

Conclusions: Supported by the results, both positive and negative.



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- The abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted until **December 18, 2026**.
- All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The abstracts scheduled for oral presentations will be announced on **January 15, 2027**. The rest will be displayed as posters.
- The Scientific Committee will select the first five to be presented in Prize session.
- These finalists will present their studies to the Jury during the prize session and the winner will be awarded with **"IVS Prize Certificate"** and 1.000 EUR.
- A certificate will be delivered to all finalist presentations.

All accepted abstracts presenters must be registered for the congress

For the meeting registration, please visit the online registration and accommodation system section in the meeting official web page.

If not, their presentation will not be allowed in the meeting scientific program and not printed in the Program and Abstract Book.

Poster Presentation Guidelines

The posters will be 50 cm (width) and 70 cm (height) and will be mounted vertically. (Double-sided tape will be available for mounting the Posters)

Graphics and digital photos should be at least 100-150 dpi in their final.

VAI PRIZE SESSION

The best study will be elected among the prize submissions (made by the authors below 40 years old.) (by March 11, 2027) will be awarded with **"IVS Prize"** 5 finalists will be selected among the prize submissions.

These finalists will present their studies to the Jury during the prize session and the winner will be awarded with **"IVS Prize Certificate"** and **1.000 EUR**.

The Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted until **December 18, 2026**. This date will NOT be postponed.

* Prize candidates must declare their age is below 40 (the presenter).

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For online registration and accommodation, please visit the Reservia System section in the official web page of the Meeting.

REGISTRATION

Meeting Registration Fees	Early Registration Fee Before January 22, 2027 * Payments by bank transfer possible until January 8, 2027.	Late Registration Fee Starting January 22, 2027 * Payments by bank transfer NOT Possible after January 8, 2027
	600 EUR	700 EUR

* The rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.

The registration fee includes;

- * Participation to all scientific sessions.
- * Printed materials (Bag, name badge, mini program).
- * Certificate of attendance.
- * Lunch and beverage on March 11-12-13, 2027.
- * Morning and afternoon coffee breaks with cookies on March 11-12-13, 2027.
- * Opening ceremony dinner with beverages on March 11, 2027.

- VAT taxes are included in the above rates.

Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

- Payments can be made by bank transfer or credit card.

All cancellations must be sent to vertigo@serenas.com.tr

- Until **January 22, 2027** : Full refund (handling fee may apply)
- Handling Fee: 50 € per person (VAT included)
- **January 22 – February 08, 2027**: 50% refund
- After **February 08, 2027**: No refund
- Name change accepted up to 72 hours before the meeting
- All refunds will be processed after the meeting.



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ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE FEES

Accommodation **Package Fees** for **3 nights** at the Divani Caravel Hotel (Congress Venue)

HOTEL NAME	3 nights' Accommodation and Services Package Fee per room (*) Check- in: March 11, 2027 Check- out: March 14, 2027 (Bed&Breakfast Basis)		Additional nights' accommodation fee per night / per room (Bed&Breakfast Basis)	
	Single Room (1pax)	Double Room in Per Person	Single Room (1pax)	Double Room in Per Person
Divani Caravel Hotel 5* Address: 2 Vassileos Alexandrou Ave 16121, Athens - Greece	870 EUR	555 EUR	290 EUR	370 EUR

* The room rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.

The 3 Nights Package Divani Caravel Hotel Accommodation Fee Includes:

- * 3 nights' accommodation at the standard room,
- * American breakfast buffet each morning at the Divani Caravel Hotel Restaurant.
- * VAT, municipality tax, and the resilience tax of €4 per room per night, all included in the accommodation fee.
- * The room rates are in Euro (€)
- * No refunds will be made for no – shows.

Important Note: Roundtrip transfer [Athens Elefterios Venizelos International Airport -Divani Caravel Hotel - Athens Elefterios Venizelos International Airport](#) can be provided for participants who received the accommodation service from **Serenas Group (Official Agent)** together with above accommodation fees.

Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

- The full payment is required in order to confirm your hotel reservation.
- Payments can be conducted either by bank transfer or credit card.
- All rates are subject to amendments without prior notice.
- Name change will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to the Meeting.
- All refunds, if any, will be processed after the Meeting.

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Method of Payment for Registration and Accommodation

Full payment in EUR (euro) is required at the time of registration, without any deduction for any currency conversion, VAT, bank charges or any other transaction charges. Your registration will only be completed when the specified fee is credited or received in full.

By Credit Card : Payments are accepted in Euro (€). Visa and MasterCard are accepted. AMEX and Diners are not accepted.

 For online registration and accommodation, please visit the Reservia System section in the official web page of the Meeting.

By Bank Transfer: Please note bank details mentioned below. Please ensure that the money remitted is in full and that all transfer and bank fees are covered additionally.

Information of Bank Transfer

ACCOUNT NAME	SERENAS ULUSLAR ARASI TURİZM KONGRE ORGANİZASYON A.Ş.
BANK NAME	GARANTİ BANKASI
BANK SWIFT CODE	TGBATRISXXX
BANK EFT CODE	62
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Purpose of Payment: VAI2027 registration/accommodation fee + Name and Surname of the Participant/s

To ensure that the full payment amount is received by us, please select “OUR” as the charge option when initiating your bank transfer.

Payments made under the OUR (All Charges to Sender) option ensure that:

- All bank and intermediary bank charges are covered by the sender.
- No deductions are made from the amount received by our organization.

Please note that payments made under the SHA or BEN options may result in bank charges being deducted from the transferred amount. This may lead to an underpayment and could cause delays in completing your registration or accommodation process.

Participants who pay their balance with a bank transfer are required to send the bank receipt copies to SERENAS Tourism via e-mail: vertigo@serenas.com.tr



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LOCATION

Meeting Venue (Headquarter Hotel)



» DIVANI CARAVEL HOTEL

Divani Caravel Hotel & Congress Center

2 Vassileos Alexandrou Ave 16121, Athens-Greece

Divani Caravel Hotel & Congress Center is located on a tree-lined street in the city center, this magnificent hotel is 3 km from both the famous Acropolis of Athens and the Parthenon Temple.

Venue Location (Google Maps)

Scan to open Google Maps. (<https://maps.google.com/?q=Divani+Caravel+Hotel+Athens>)

OR

Scan for Directions

Direct Search Link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Divani+Caravel+Hotel+Athens>

Navigate to the Venue

 Scan for Google Maps



Located in one of Athens most vibrant neighborhoods, Divani Caravel is just minutes from Syntagma Square, the city's focal landmark, and a short stroll from the trendy Kolonaki district, filled with fashionable boutiques, popular cafes, and restaurants. With all major cultural sights within easy reach, this is the perfect starting point for exploring Athens and its top attractions.

The distance between the Hotel and the Athens Elefterios Venizelos International Airport is 33 km.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Languages of Greece: The official language of Greece is Greek. However, English is widely spoken, particularly in hotels, restaurants, shops and tourist areas. International visitors will generally have no difficulty communicating in English.

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Weather: Athens enjoys a Mediterranean climate. In March, the weather is generally mild and pleasant. Average daytime temperatures range between 15°C and 20°C, while evening temperatures may drop to around 9°C–12°C. Occasional rain showers may occur, but sunny days are common, making it a comfortable time to explore the city.

Electricity: The electricity supply in Athens follows the European standard:

Voltage: 230 V, Frequency: 50 Hz, Plug Types: Type C (Europlug) and Type F (Schuko), Visitors from countries using different standards should bring an appropriate travel adapter.

Emergency Numbers: The main emergency numbers in Greece are:

European Emergency Number: 112, Ambulance: 166, Fire Department: 199, Police: 100

All emergency numbers are toll-free and can be dialed from any phone.

Taxi Stands: Taxis are widely available throughout Athens.

Taxi Stands: Located at airports, metro stations, major squares, and busy areas.

Street Hailing: Licensed taxis can be hailed directly from the street.

Booking: Taxis can also be booked via phone or mobile applications.

GETTING TO ATHENS

By Plane

Athens is served by Athens International Airport, also known as Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (ATH).

The airport is located approximately 33 km from the city center and offers direct flights from many major international destinations.

Carriers:

Turkish Airlines: <https://www.turkishairlines.com/>

Aegean Airlines: <https://www.aegeanair.com/>

Lufthansa: <https://www.lufthansa.com/>

British Airways: <https://www.britishairways.com/>

Air France: <https://www.airfrance.com/>

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines: <https://www.klm.com/>

Emirates: <https://www.emirates.com/>

Qatar Airways: <https://www.qatarairways.com/>

Swiss International Air Lines: <https://www.swiss.com/>

Austrian Airlines: <https://www.austrian.com/>

Finnair: <https://www.finnair.com/>

Brussels Airlines: <https://www.brusselsairlines.com/>

Ryanair: <https://www.ryanair.com/>



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International Airports

- Athens International Airport (ATH): Located about 33 kilometers east of Athens city center. It is the main international gateway to Greece and serves millions of passengers each year.
- Flights to Athens: Direct flights are available from major European cities such as London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Madrid, and Barcelona, as well as intercontinental flights from North America, the Middle East, and Asia.

Airport Transfer Options:

- **Airport Shuttle / Private Transfer:** Shared shuttle services and private transfers are available from the airport to the city center and major hotels.

Important Note: Roundtrip transfer Athens Elefterios Venizelos International Airport-Divani Caravel Hotel-Athens Elefterios Venizelos International Airport can be provided for participants who received the accommodation service **from Serenas Group (Official Agent of the VAI Meeting) together with announced accommodation fees.**

- **Public Transport:** Athens Metro Line 3 (Blue Line) connects Athens International Airport to the city center, including Syntagma Square, in approximately 40 minutes.
- **Airport Bus:** Express bus routes (X95, X96, X97, X93) operate 24 hours a day between the airport and key locations in Athens.
- **Taxi and Ride-Sharing:** Licensed taxis are available at the airport arrival area, and ride-sharing services can also be used.

By Train

International Trains

- From Thessaloniki, Greece: Direct train connections are available between Thessaloniki and Athens (duration approximately 4–5 hours).
- From Sofia, Bulgaria: Train connections are available via Thessaloniki, although schedules may vary and transfers may be required.
- From Belgrade, Serbia: Train connections to Athens are available with transfers via Thessaloniki.

Please note that international rail connections to Athens may require transfers and schedules should be checked in advance.

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Domestic Trains

- From other Greek cities: Athens is connected by rail to major cities within Greece, including Thessaloniki, Larissa, Volos, and Patras.

Rail services are operated by Hellenic Train, which provides intercity and regional train services across the country.

Train Stations in Athens

- Athens Railway Station (Larissa Station): The main railway station in Athens, serving both domestic and international routes.
- Piraeus Railway Station: Located near Port of Piraeus, serving regional routes and connections to the Athens metro network.

By Car

From Nearby Countries:

- From Sofia, Bulgaria: Drive via the A1/E79 and E75 highways, approximately 7–8 hours.
- From Skopje, North Macedonia: Take the E75 highway, approximately 7 hours.
- From Tirana, Albania: Via the SH2 and E86 highways, approximately 8–9 hours.
- From Istanbul, Türkiye: Drive via the O-3 / E80 and E90 highways, approximately 10–11 hours.

Distance from Athens to the main European cities:

- 1.Sofia, Bulgaria:** Approximately 790 kilometers (490 miles) to the north.
- 2.Skopje, North Macedonia:** Approximately 700 kilometers (435 miles) to the northwest.
- 3.Tirana, Albania:** Approximately 720 kilometers (447 miles) to the northwest.
- 4.Istanbul, Türkiye:** Approximately 1,090 kilometers (677 miles) to the northeast.
- 5.Rome, Italy:** Approximately 1,050 kilometers (652 miles) to the west (including ferry routes).
- 6.Vienna, Austria:** Approximately 1,400 kilometers (870 miles) to the northwest.
- 7.Berlin, Germany:** Approximately 2,100 kilometers (1,305 miles) to the northwest.
- 8.Paris, France:** Approximately 2,100 kilometers (1,305 miles) to the northwest.
- 9.London, United Kingdom:** Approximately 2,400 kilometers (1,490 miles) to the northwest.

These distances are approximate and can vary depending on the specific route taken and mode of transportation (e.g., car, train, or plane).



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VISA INFORMATION

Visa Regime for Entering to Greece:

Please click for Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic (Greece):

<https://www.mfa.gr/en/>

Visitors to Greece must obtain a visa from one of the Greek diplomatic missions unless they come from one of the visa-exempt countries.

Embassies in Greece:

United States: Vasilissis Sofias Avenue 91, 10160 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 721 2951
- Website: <https://gr.usembassy.gov>

United Kingdom: 1 Ploutarchou Street, 10675 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 727 2600
- Website: <https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-athens>

Germany: Karaoli & Dimitriou 3, 10675 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 728 5111
- Website: <https://griechenland.diplo.de>

France: 7 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, 10671 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 339 1000
- Website: <https://gr.ambafrance.org>

Italy: Sekeri 2, 10674 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 361 7260
- Website: <https://ambatene.esteri.it>

Canada: Ethnikis Antistaseos 48, Chalandri, Athens

- Phone: +30 210 727 3400
- Website: <https://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/greece-grece>

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Australia: 5 Loukianou Street, 10675 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 870 4000
- Website: <https://greece.embassy.gov.au>

Spain: Dionysiou Areopagitou 21, 11742 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 921 3123
- Website: <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/atenas>

Russia: 28 Nikiforou Litra Street, 15232 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 672 5235
- Website: <https://greece.mid.ru>

China: 10 Dimokratias Avenue, Paleo Psychiko, Athens

- Phone: +30 210 672 3282
- Website: <http://gr.china-embassy.gov.cn>

Japan: 46 Ethnikis Antistaseos Street, Chalandri, Athens

- Phone: +30 210 670 9900
- Website: <https://www.gr.emb-japan.go.jp>

India: Kleanthous 3, 10674 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 721 6227
- Website: <https://www.indianembassy.gr>

Brazil: Ploutarchou 28, 10675 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 721 0107
- Website: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-atenas>

South Korea: 19 Dimokritou Street, 10673 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 698 4080
- Website: <https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/gr-en>

Türkiye: Vasilissis Sofias Avenue 46, 11528 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 726 3000
- Website: <https://atina.be.mfa.gov.tr>



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Bulgaria: 33 A Vas. Sofias Avenue, 10675 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 674 8105
- Website: <https://www.mfa.bg/en/embassies/greece>

North Macedonia: 2A Dimokritou Street, 10671 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 729 6115
- Website: <https://mfa.gov.mk>

Albania: Vekiareli Street 7, Filothei, 15237 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 687 6200
- Website: <https://ambasadat.gov.al/greece/en>

Sweden: Vasilissis Sofias Avenue 64, 11528 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 726 6100
- Website: <https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/embassies/greece-athens>

Netherlands: Vasilissis Sofias Avenue 5, 10671 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 725 4900
- Website: <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/greece>

Switzerland: Iassiou 2, 11521 Athens

- Phone: +30 210 723 0364
- Website: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/greece>

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ABOUT ATHENS, GREECE



Greece, located in southeastern Europe at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, is a country celebrated for its ancient history, rich cultural heritage, and breathtaking landscapes. From the historic city of Athens, the capital of Greece and one of the world's oldest cities, to the picturesque Greek islands scattered across the Aegean and Ionian Seas, Greece offers a remarkable diversity of experiences for visitors.

Historically, Greece is widely regarded as the cradle of Western civilization and democracy. The country's legacy is reflected in its extraordinary archaeological sites, including the Acropolis of Athens, home to the iconic Parthenon, which has stood for over two millennia overlooking the city. Ancient philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle shaped the foundations of philosophy, science, and political thought, leaving a lasting influence on the world.

Greek culture continues to thrive through its traditions, festivals, music, and art. Visitors can explore vibrant neighborhoods, world-class museums, and historic monuments while experiencing the famous Greek hospitality known as *philoxenia*. Greek cuisine is also a highlight, featuring dishes such as *moussaka*, *souvlaki*, fresh seafood, olives, and world-renowned Mediterranean flavors.

Nature lovers are drawn to Greece's diverse landscapes, which include sun-drenched islands, rugged mountains, and crystal-clear seas. From the white-washed villages of the Cyclades to the dramatic cliffs of Santorini and the lush mountains of northern Greece, the country offers endless opportunities for exploration and relaxation.

Today, Greece is a member of the European Union and plays an important role in regional politics, tourism, and culture. With its unique blend of ancient history, vibrant city life, and stunning natural beauty, Greece remains one of the most fascinating destinations in Europe.

Top Attractions in Athens



Acropolis and Parthenon:

One of the most famous ancient landmarks in the world, the Acropolis dominates the skyline of Athens and is home to the Parthenon, a masterpiece of classical Greek architecture.



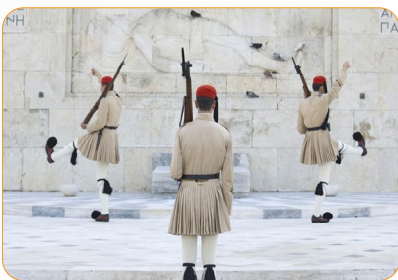
Acropolis Museum:

A modern museum showcasing priceless artifacts and sculptures discovered at the Acropolis archaeological site.



Plaka District:

The historic neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis, known for its narrow streets, traditional tavernas, and charming shops.



Syntagma Square and the Hellenic Parliament:

The central square of Athens, where visitors can watch the ceremonial changing of the guard in front of the Parliament building.



Temple of Olympian Zeus:

One of the largest temples of the ancient world, dedicated to Zeus, the king of the Greek gods.

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HISTORY AND CULTURE IN ATHENS

Athens, the historic capital of Greece, stands as one of the most influential cities in the history of Western civilization. Located in southeastern Europe and surrounded by ancient monuments and modern urban life, Athens has been a center of culture, philosophy, and political thought for more than three thousand years.

The history of Athens dates back to ancient times, when it emerged as one of the most powerful city-states of classical Greece. During the 5th century BC, often referred to as the Golden Age of Athens, the city flourished under the leadership of Pericles. This period witnessed the construction of magnificent structures such as the Acropolis and the Parthenon, symbols of ancient Greek architecture and artistic achievement.

Athens is widely recognized as the birthplace of democracy, where citizens first participated directly in political decision-making. It was also the home of some of the most influential philosophers in history, including Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, whose ideas continue to shape philosophy, science, and political thought around the world.

Throughout its long history, Athens experienced Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman rule, each leaving its mark on the city's architecture and culture. Following Greece's independence in the 19th century, Athens became the capital of the modern Greek state and developed into a vibrant cultural and political center.

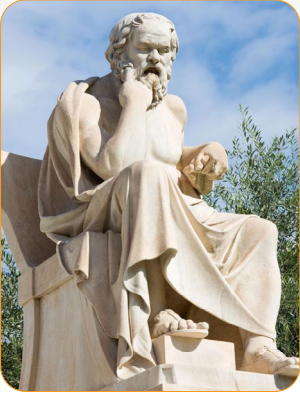
Famous People from Greece



Hippocrates

Often referred to as the Father of Medicine, Hippocrates laid the foundations of modern medical practice and medical ethics. The famous Hippocratic Oath, still relevant today, is named after him and continues to influence medical professionals worldwide.

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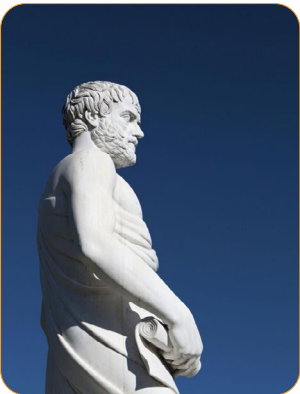
Socrates

Socrates is considered one of the founders of Western philosophy. His method of questioning and dialogue, known as the Socratic Method, has influenced philosophy, education, and critical thinking for centuries.



Plato

A student of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle, Plato founded the Academy in Athens, one of the earliest institutions of higher learning in the Western world.



Aristotle

Aristotle, a student of Plato and teacher of Alexander the Great, made groundbreaking contributions to philosophy, science, ethics, and politics. His works shaped Western intellectual thought for more than two thousand years.



Mikis Theodorakis

Mikis Theodorakis was one of Greece's most influential composers and cultural figures. He is internationally known for composing the music for the film "Zorba the Greek." His work combines classical music with Greek folk traditions and has become an important symbol of Greek culture.

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