

Visitor Info Kit



29-30 July 2025

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to the Aviation Twin Transition Cluster (ATT) event in Athens. This guide contains useful information to help you plan your trip and enjoy your stay in the Greek capital.



1. Event Overview





Dates: 29–30 July 2025

Venue: <u>П55 Coworking Space</u>, Athens, Greece

Address: Plateon 55, Athina 104 35

Website: refmap.eu/clustering-event-in-athens

2. How to Reach the Venue

From Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) by Taxi:

~50 minutes

Popular Taxi apps:

- FREENOW
- TAXIPLON
- 18300 (radio taxi service)
- <u>UBER</u> (less popular)



From Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) by Metro:

Take Blue Line (M3) to Monastiraki
Transfer to Green Line (M1) or walk 10–12 minutes to Plateon 55
Alternate route via Red Line (M2) to Metaxourgio for a 7–10 min walk

Local Transport Tips:

- Use the <u>Google Maps app</u> for suggested routes and ways of transport, and <u>OASA Telematics app</u> for real-time public transport updates.
- Taxis are the most efficient way to move around in Athens if a convenient Metro Station is not available for your destination, and will not cost about €10 for a 15' ride.
- Purchase an <u>Ath.ena Card</u> for metro/bus access (available at stations).
- Athens Metro Map

3. Accommodation

Athens offers a range of accommodation. We recommend staying in:

- Keramikos
- Monastiraki
- Kolonaki (central and elegant)
- Syntagma / Plaka (historic city centre)

Recommended hotels:

• Electra Hotel Athens (Syntagma Square)

Website: www.electrahotels.gr

Perfect central location on Ermou Street, right on Syntagma Metro Station (Line 3).

Electra Palace Hotel (Plaka Area)

Website: www.electrahotels.gr

Luxury option in the heart of Athens' old town (Plaka), walking distance to major sites.

O&B Athens Boutique Hotel

Website: www.oandbhotel.com



Elegant boutique hotel just a 13-minute walk from P55; ideal for business travelers looking for modern comfort in the heart of Athens.

• Thission Luxury Homes & Spa

Website: http://www.thissionluxuryhomes.com

Stylish serviced apartments with spa amenities; located in the Thissio area, an 12-minute walk from the venue, combining business convenience with luxury.

Hotel Jason Inn

Website: www.jasoninn.eu/

Budget-friendly hotel 11-minute away from the venue; comfortable and centrally located, with a rooftop restaurant offering views of the Acropolis.

Phidias Hotel Athens

Website: m.phidias.gr/

Centrally located near Thissio Metro Station and a 17-minute walk from P55; great value for business stays with easy access to historic Athens.

Additional Tourist info http://www.cityofathens.gr

4. Meals and Dining

- Light lunch and coffee will be provided during the event.
- Dinner and networking opportunities will be organised (details to be shared on-site).
- Athens is full of excellent restaurants. Try local favourites: *souvlaki*, *moussaka*, Greek traditional pies (*pites*), and fresh seafood. For dessert, don't miss *baklava* or *loukoumades* (Greek honey doughnuts).

5. Event Language

All sessions will be conducted in **English**.

6. Weather in July

Expect **hot and sunny** weather. Daily highs: 32–36°C. Bring light clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses, and stay hydrated.



7. Currency & Electrical Info

- Currency: Euro (€). Most shops and restaurants accept cards and contactless payments.
- Electricity: Standard voltage is 230V. Socket type is European (two round pins).

8. Time Zone

Athens follows Eastern European Summer Time (EEST), which is GMT+3 in July.

9. Emergency Contacts

• General Emergency Number (EU-wide): 112

• On-Site Contact: Pavlos Zafeiropoulos

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10. Getting Around Athens

- Metro: Fast and convenient. Red (M2) and Blue (M3) lines are most useful.
- **Bus & Tram**: Useful for areas not served by metro.
- Taxi: Apps like FREENOW and TAXIPLON
- **Bike rental**: Limited options in Athens; not the most bike-friendly city.

11. Optional Activities

A guided **Acropolis tour** will be organised. Sign-up form will be shared by email.

While you're in Athens, consider exploring:

- Acropolis of Athens iconic ancient citadel with spectacular views
- Acropolis Museum world-class modern museum at the base of the Acropolis
- Plaka charming historic district with shops and cafés
- Monastiraki known for its flea market, street food, and vibrant squares
- National Garden peaceful park near Syntagma Square
- Lycabettus Hill take a funicular or hike for panoramic city views
- Benaki Museum showcasing Greek history and art across centuries





For those staying longer, consider exploring:

- National Archaeological Museum
- Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre
- Athens Riviera (coastal walk, cafes)

12. Additional Cultural Tips

- Greeks are very hospitable. English is widely spoken.
- Tap water is safe to drink.
- Tipping is not obligatory but appreciated (5–10%).

We look forward to seeing you in Athens!

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