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Athens Travel and Accommodation Guide



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Welcome Message

Welcome to [NICE Academy 2026 in Athens](#), Greece.

This premium edition booklet provides all essential conference information including schedule, venues, speakers, and logistics.

We are delighted to host you in one of Europe's most historic cities.

Conference Overview

Dates: 16 – 19 September 2026

Location: Athens, Greece Theme: Green Guidance: Interpretations and implications

Venue: The Conference will take place in four different University buildings, all within walking distance in the center of Athens.

Guidance Participants: International educators, leaders and partners

Programme Highlights

Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address

Academic Workshops & Panel Discussions

Networking & Partnership

Sessions Cultural Evening Experience

About Athens

Athens is a historic Mediterranean capital of Greece, known for its unparalleled cultural heritage, dynamic urban life, and strategic position at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa.

As one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, Athens seamlessly blends ancient history with modern vibrancy.

Home to iconic landmarks such as the Acropolis, recognized as a [UNESCO World Heritage monument](#), and the Parthenon, the city offers a rich combination of archaeological sites, world-class museums, lively neighborhoods, and contemporary cultural experiences.

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

[The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens](#) (NKUA) is the oldest and one of the most distinguished universities in Greece, with a long-standing tradition of academic excellence and international engagement. Founded in 1837, the University played a central role in the intellectual, scientific, and cultural development of the country, while maintaining strong collaborations with academic institutions and research centers worldwide. According to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025–2026, NKUA has significantly improved its global position, ranking within the 401–500 range worldwide, following a rise of 100 places compared to the previous year. It is ranked first among Greek and Cypriot universities included in the ranking, highlighting its continuous progress and growing international visibility. Located in the heart of Athens, NKUA combines historic academic heritage with a dynamic and modern research environment, offering a vibrant setting for international scholars, researchers, and conference participants.

Laboratory of Counseling Science and Vocational Career

[The Laboratory of Counseling Science and Vocational Career](#) at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) is a dynamic research and practice center within the Department of Secondary Education in the School of Philosophy.

Established in 2020, the Laboratory advances the scientific study and practical application of counseling and career development, integrating theory, intervention techniques, and educational research. The Laboratory is directed by Associate Professor Katerina Argyropoulou, who's academic and research work focuses on Career Guidance and Career Decision-Making process. Its mission encompasses the provision of counseling and guidance services to school-aged youth, adults, and diverse social groups, the development of training and educational programs for counselors and related professionals, and the production of high-quality research and educational material.

The 2026 Academy Venues

The NICE Academy 2026 will be held from Wednesday 16th until Saturday 19th of September at four different buildings: The Athens University History Museum, The Central Building of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Old Chemistry Building, and the "Kostis Palamas" Building. The above are landmarks of intellectual life and architectural heritage in modern Greece. All are in the very heart of Athens' historic center, within a vibrant urban landscape where scholarship, culture, and daily life have intersected for generations.

Please consult the Conference Program for the specific venue and scheduling of your preferred sessions or workshops.

[The Athens University History Museum](#) (5 Tholou St., Plaka) is housed in the historic "Old University," the first home of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Situated beneath the sacred rock of the Acropolis, this emblematic 19th-century building stands as a testament to the birth of modern higher education in Greece. Through its unique collections of scientific instruments, rare manuscripts, and archival treasures, the Museum preserves the intellectual legacy and the scientific milestones that have shaped the nation's academic identity for nearly two centuries.

Metro station: Akropolis (10 min walk) or Monastiraki (10 min walk)

This venue will be used for the Conference only on Wednesday 16th.

[The Central Building of the University of Athens](#) (Panepistimiou 30 St., Athens) forms part of the renowned Athenian Trilogy, alongside the Academy of Athens and the National Library of Greece, three neoclassical edifices that collectively symbolize

knowledge, education, and the spiritual aspirations of the modern Greek state. Since the 19th century, the University's central building has embodied Greece's enduring commitment to learning, humanistic values, and academic excellence.

Metro station: Panepistimio (1 min walk)

[The Old Chemistry Building](#) (104 Solonos St., Athens) is closely associated with the development of the natural sciences in Greece. Its halls have witnessed the emergence of scientific inquiry and research, reflecting the University's role in shaping critical thought and scientific progress.

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Metro station: Panepistimio (10 min walk)

[The "Kostis Palamas" Building](#) (48 Akadimias St. & 1 Sina str., Athens), named after one of Greece's, most influential poets and intellectuals, has long served as a space of dialogue and creative exchange. It hosted lectures, cultural gatherings, and moments of reflection where academic discourse meets literary and artistic expression.

Metro station: Panepistimio (4 min walk)

Athens Accommodation

You can find a list of local hotels and guesthouses in Athens, catering to a variety of budgets and preferences. This list is not exhaustive, and delegates are encouraged to research other accommodation options in Athens using platforms such as [Airbnb](#), [Booking.com](#) and [VacationRenter](#). It is advisable to check recent reviews on websites such as TripAdvisor to verify the latest information directly on the accommodation's websites before making a reservation.

Central Hotels at the Historic Athens City Center

Accommodation	Star Rating	Distances
Classic Hotel by Athens	4 Star	5 min walk to Panepistimio

Prime Hotels		metro station (<i>5-7 min walk to Academy Venues</i>)
COLORS Hotel Athens	4 Star	5-7 min walk to Omonoia metro station
Hotel Achilleas	3 Star	5 min walk to Panepistimio metro station (<i>5-7 min walk to Academy Venues</i>)
Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel	5 Star	Right at Syntagma metro station
Hotel Plaka	3 Star	5-7 min walk to Monastiraki metro station
Moxy Athens City	3 Star	5-7 min walk to Omonoia metro station
NOOS Acropolis	4 Star	10–12 min walk to Acropolis metro station
The Vault Athens Hotel	4 Star	8–12 min walk to Monastiraki & Syntagma metro station
Titania Hotel Athens	4 Star	5 min walk to Panepistimio metro station (<i>5 min walk to Academy Venues</i>)

More Hotel choices at Athens City Center

Accommodation	Star Rating	Distances
Amalia Hotel Athens	4 Star	5-7 min walk to Syntagma metro station

Athenaeum Grand Hotel	4 Star	10 min walk to Syggrou metro station
Athens Tiare Hotel	4 Star	10-15 min walk to Omonoia metro station
Athens Tower Hotel by Palladian Hotels	4 Star	5-8 min walk to Monastiraki metro station (<i>10-15 min walk to Academy Venues</i>)
Golden City Hotel	3 Star	10 min walk to Syntagma metro station
Hotel @ Syngrou Fix	3 Star	2 min walk to Syggrou metro station
Novotel Athens	4 Star	5 min walk to Larissis metro station
NYX Esperia Palace Hotel Athens	5 Star	7–10 min walk to Monastiraki & Syntagma metro station (<i>10-15 min walk to Academy Venues</i>)
Oniro City	4 Star	10 min walk to Syntagma metro station
Praxitelous Luxury Suites	4 Star	8–12 min walk to Monastiraki & Syntagma metro station

Airbnb choices at Athens City Center

Accommodation	Distances
Airbnb Athènes 25	7–10 min to Kerameikos metro station
Athens Center Panoramic Flats	3 min walk to Panepistimio metro station

Athens city center cozy apartment	5 min walk to Larissis metro station
Central Athens Loft	5 min walk to Panepistimio metro station <i>(within 15 min walk to Academy Venues)</i>
Mango Apartment-Athens Center	10 min walk to Omonoia metro station
Modern Apt. Next to Metro Panepistimio	3 min walk to Panepistimio metro station
Navitas House Athens	8–10 min to Kerameikos metro station
OASIS IN 25 m² IN THE CENTER OF ATHENS	5 min walk to Panepistimio metro station
Orange Apartment - Athens Center	10 min walk to Omonoia metro station
Triple A - Apartments Accommodation Athens	5 min walk to Monastiraki metro station
Cosy apartment in Metaxourgeio	5-8 min walk to Larissis metro station

Athens Metro: Moving Through History and Modernity

The Athens Metro is a modern, efficient, and user-friendly transportation system that connects key areas of the city while offering visitors a unique journey through history. Many metro stations function not only as transport hubs but also as small archaeological museums, showcasing artifacts discovered during construction.

Metro Lines Overview

The Athens Metro consists of three lines:

Line 1 (Green Line): Piraeus – Kifissia

Line 2 (Red Line): Anthoupoli – Elliniko

Line 3 (Blue Line): Dimotiko Theatro – Athens International Airport

All lines intersect at central stations, making navigation through the city easy and efficient.

Stations in the Historic Center of Athens

The historic center of Athens is exceptionally well served by the metro, allowing quick access to major landmarks, museums, and cultural sites:

Syntagma (Lines 2 & 3):

The heart of Athens, located next to Syntagma Square and the Greek Parliament. Ideal for access to the National Garden, Ermou shopping street, and major hotels.

Monastiraki (Lines 1 & 3):

A key station near the Ancient Agora, Plaka, flea markets, and traditional tavernas. One of the most vibrant areas of the city.

Acropolis (Line 2):

The closest station to the Acropolis, the Acropolis Museum, and the historic district of Makrygianni.

Panepistimio (Line 2):

Located on Panepistimiou Avenue, near the University of Athens' historic buildings and important cultural institutions.

Omonoia (Lines 1 & 2):

A major interchange station connecting multiple parts of the city.

Athens Public Buses

Athens has an extensive public bus network that connects the city center with surrounding neighborhoods, coastal areas, and major transport hubs. Buses are operated by OASA (Athens Urban Transport Organisation) and include regular buses, trolleybuses, and express airport routes.

To plan your journey, you can use the OASA Journey Planner, which provides information on bus routes, stops, and timetables. Real-time arrival updates are also available.

You may also download the [OASA Telematics](#) or [Moovit](#) mobile apps, which offer real-time bus tracking, route planning, and service updates in English.

Athens Taxi Services

Taxis are widely available throughout Athens and offer a convenient option for short trips or late-night travel. Licensed taxis are yellow and operate with taximeters.

For easier booking and cashless payments, several digital platforms such as [FREE NOW](#), [Uber](#) and [Bolt](#) are available.

Taxi services can also be booked directly through hotels or by phone and are available 24/7.

Athens Car Rentals

For visitors who prefer flexibility and independence, car rentals are widely available throughout Athens. Major international companies such as [Hertz](#), [Avis](#) and [Sixt](#) operate in the city, including locations at the airport, central city areas, and major hotels.

Exploring Beyond the City

Reservations can be made online in advance for convenience, and most agencies offer GPS and English-speaking assistance. Renting a car is ideal for exploring areas outside the city. For example, the Athens Riviera stretches along the southern coast and includes seaside suburbs such as [Glyfada](#), [Vouliagmeni](#), and [Varkiza](#), famous for beaches, marinas, and waterfront dining. Visitors can also drive to nearby ancient sights like the [Temple of Poseidon](#), [the ancient theater of Epidaurus](#), or [Delphi](#), as well as day trips to nearby islands such as [Aegina](#) (Aegina pistachios, a PDO-Protected Designation of Origin-product, [ranked among the best nuts in the world in global culinary guides](#)), [Agkistri](#), [Poros](#) or [Hydra](#) accessible via short ferry rides from the port of Piraeus. To plan trips to the islands, visitors can book ferry tickets quickly and easily through the [Ferryhopper app](#), which provides schedules, prices, and real-time availability.

Drivers should be aware of local traffic regulations and parking restrictions in the city center, and plan for tolls or ferry schedules when visiting islands.

Closing Note

Welcome to Athens, a city where history, culture, and innovation meet. As you navigate its historic streets, vibrant neighborhoods, and coastal beauty, we invite you to reflect on the core themes of this conference: Social Justice and Eco-Wellbeing in Career Guidance.

Athens' legacy of civic engagement and learning provides the perfect backdrop to explore how ethical, inclusive, and environmentally conscious practices can shape the future of career guidance. We hope these discussions inspire collaboration, critical reflection, and practical action that extend far beyond the conference halls.

May your stay be inspiring, enriching, and memorable!





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