

Your way to Piraeus, Greece

A short guide for our incoming
students, teaching & training staff



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Purpose of this guide:

This guide aims to facilitate the Erasmus+ exchange experience of our incoming students & teaching/training staff by providing them a short description on Piraeus, the city that the University of Piraeus is located and by giving them practical information & tips about life in general in Greece.

Although this guide attempts to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, please always keep in mind that data are always subjected to changes. Therefore the International Relations Office bears no responsibility for any errors or omissions. This guide was first created in September 2014 from the staff of the International Relations Office of the University of Piraeus.



Piraeus is a city in the region of Attica and it has the largest port in Greece and one of the largest ports in Europe. The city of Piraeus is located approximately 10km from the city center of Athens –the capital and of Greece and it lies along of Saronic Gulf –the gulf includes the islands of Salamis, Aegina, Agistri, Poros, Hydra, Spetses. Piraeus plays an important role in the Greek maritime industry, since it is the largest shipping center and commercial hub of Greece.



Total population: 163.688 inhabitants (2011)

Dialing code: (+30) 2104xxxxxx

You can find the Piraeus port gates and destinations [here](#)

City points of interest



- **Center of Piraeus**

Korai Square, the main of square of Piraeus. It is located near the Public Theater. It is also located very close to the port of Piraeus.

Public theater (“**Dimotiko Theatro**”), a neoclassical architecture building that was recently renovated

- Nowadays, many cultural events such as opera, theatrical plays , conferences are taking place there.



Sotiros Dios Street, a walkway and one of the commercial streets of Piraeus, having many stores for shopping (clothes, jewelries).



- **Pasalimani-Marina Zeas-Freattyda**

Pasalimani, also known as Zea is a beautiful area where most Piraeus residents go for a walk or go jogging or just for a coffee.

There are also impressive yachts and cruise ships anchored and a vibrant “nightlife”.

The Piraeus Archaeological Museum and the Hellenic Maritime Museum, one of the biggest ones in Greece, are located in that area of Piraeus.



- **Peiraiki – Hadjikiakio**

Walking in the coast of Peiraki you will discover the ruins of ancient walls that were connecting the part of Piraeus with the ancient city of Athens (« Makra Tichi » -Long walls). Natural small bays formed at various spots at Peiraiki coast, traditional fish taverns and cafeterias and a unique seaside landscape form the most beautiful & picturesque scenery of Piraeus.



- **Profitis Ilias**

In a walking distance from the University of Piraeus you can discover the highest spot of the city, the hill of **Profitis Ilias** (Prophet Elias). You can have a panoramic view of Piraeus, Athens (from distance you can see Parthenon and the Lycabettus Hill) as well to all the Saronic gulf. An outdoor Municipal theatre named Veakio is located in Profitis Ilias. During the summer time, lots of cultural events and performances take place there. Going down the hill of Profitis Ilias, you will reach Mikrolimano and then from the coast of Dilaveris you walk up the small bridge and end up to the Peace and Friendship Stadium.

- **Neo Faliro**

Two spectacular stadiums are located in **Neo Faliro** area of Piraeus : a) the Peace and Friendship Stadium (SEF) where popular sport events, concerts ,conferences, and exhibitions take place during the whole year , b) the Karaiskaki Stadium, a football stadium of the home stadium of Olympiakos FC club.



- **Kastella/ Votsalakia /Mikrolimano (Tourkolimano)**

Reaching the **Alexandras square**, a square located on the east side of Pasalimani, and then turning towards picturesque **Kastella** region, you can take a beautiful walk through the coast of “**Pavlos Kountouriotis**”. On your way you will find a beach called “**Votsalakia**”, claimed to be one of the best beaches in Attica in terms of its distance from the city center of the Greek capital. Kastella has all these narrow streets and neoclassical building worth seeing.



After Kastella, you will move towards **Mikrolimano** which one of the most beautiful natural port of Piraeus. You will have the chance to find many taverns serving fresh and lots of modern cafeterias & nightclubs. Mikrolimano definitely combines traditional elements of the old Piraeus with modern ones.





Shopping:

Main food market:

The main market of Piraeus is located between Akti Poseidonos, Dimosthenus street and Gounari street. You can find fresh fish, meat, spices, fruits and other things you need for your home.



Laikes Agores (public markets):

In Greece, there are street markets called “laikes agores” and everyday they are located in a different street in each municipality. There is a useful [website](#) that you can check which public market is closer to your place. It is always updated but you have to use a translate tool to find the one you need.

>Every Sunday morning, there is a beautiful **Flea Market** located at Ippodameas Square, near Piraeus railway lines. <

*This [website](#) is useful so you can get informed about an estimated cost of living in Greece and you can compare prices on several items/services with the ones in your home country.



Means of transport:

The main means of transport in Piraeus/Athens are the buses, the yellow trolleys, the tram, the isap (electric railway) & the underground metro.

You can check information about the itineraries and passenger services in [OASA](#), [ATTIKO METRO](#) and [STASY](#) website.

From 01.09.2014, the full fare ticket costs 1,20 € (the reduced one costs 0,60 €) for a 70-minute duration. The purchase of monthly tickets costs 30 € (the full fare) and 15 € (the reduced fare). These tickets are not valid for the Airport lines and the bus x80. As a student, you are entitled to get the reduced price upon showing your student card (university ID) plus passport/ID.



NOTE: Schedules/Prices are subjected to changes, so please note that the International Relations Office is not responsible for any changes occurred.

*There are also the Suburban Railway, called [“Proastiakos”](#) and the [“Ktel Attikis”](#) that they serve more remote areas of Attica region and other cities near Piraeus such as Corinth.





Transportation tips :

(For Piraeus)

- There is the bus “040” (Syntagma Square – Piraeus – Syntagma Square) that works 24/7 . More about its schedule [here](#).
- There is the night bus “500” (Kifisia – Piraeus – Kifisia) that runs every night and make almost the exact stops as the electric railway’s stops (green line).

(In general)

- The metro runs until 12 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday and until 2 a.m. on Friday & Saturday.
- The electric railway runs until 12.a.m. on a weekly basis.
- The buses usually run until 11 p.m. or 12 p.m. (it depends on the bus line).

Click on the map to find more about the metro/electric railway lines.

M1: ISAP-electric railway

M2, M3: Metro lines

P1: Proastiakos





If you wish to travel to other cities in Greece it is advisable to consult the following links:

- By train. Useful information could be found [here](#).
- By bus. You should check [this website](#), making a choice among the KTEL companies to the one that refers to the region you wish to travel.
- By boat. There are several ferry companies that you could take in order to visit Greek islands. You should make a research via internet in websites like this [one](#).

Phone number of Piraeus Port Authority: 14541



Other useful information:

Hospitals in DUTY: Find which hospital is in duty today [here](#).

Pharmacies in DUTY: Find a pharmacy in duty near your place [here](#).

Embassies: Find information about your embassy [here](#).

Police stations: Find information about police stations [here](#).



Other information:

- * Check this [website](#) if you would like to listen to Greek radio stations.
- * Some Greek newspapers provide their online version in English. Check: [EKathimerini](#) & [ToVima](#) if you would like to read news about Greece.
- * About events in Piraeus/Athens click on the following links:
 - 1) [AngloInfo](#)
 - 2) [This is Athens](#)
 - 3) [EICulture](#)
 - 4) [AllEvents](#)
 - 5) [10times](#)
- * What is the weather like? Please check [here](#).