

Travel Guide

Understanding Drug Addiction: Prevention, Treatment and Recovery — Athens, 4–5
December 2026

Getting to Athens

Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH) is 33 km east of the city centre and is served by direct flights from most European capitals. The Metro Line 3 runs from the airport to Syntagma in about 40 minutes and is the cheapest reliable option. The X95 express bus runs 24 hours to Syntagma Square. Licensed taxis use a fixed flat fare to the city centre; agree it before you set off.

Getting around the city

The Metro, tram and bus share a single ticket. A 24-hour or 5-day tourist ticket covers all three and is the simplest choice for a two-day visit. Validate paper tickets at the gate or on board. The venue is a short walk from the nearest Metro station and is step-free throughout.

Entry requirements

Greece is in the Schengen Area. EU, EEA and Swiss nationals need only a valid identity card or passport. Many other nationalities enter visa-free for short stays, but requirements change: check with your nearest Greek consulate well before you travel. If you need a letter of invitation for a visa application, email the organisers at least eight weeks in advance and include your passport details and registration reference.

Money and essentials

The currency is the euro. Cards are accepted almost everywhere, though small kiosks and some taxis prefer cash. The standard electrical supply is 230V with the two-pin Type C or F plug. Tap water in Athens is safe to drink. Emergency number is 112 across the EU.

Weather in December

Expect daytime highs around 15°C and evenings near 8°C, with a reasonable chance of rain. Bring a light waterproof jacket and comfortable shoes; the pavements around the historic centre are marble and become slippery when wet.

Accessibility

The venue has step-free access, accessible toilets on every floor and a hearing loop in the main auditorium. If you need a reserved seat, a personal assistant place, dietary accommodation or quiet-space access, tell the organisers when you register or at least two weeks before the event.

Staying safe and well

Athens is a safe city, but take the usual precautions with bags on the Metro and in crowded squares. If you are in recovery and would like to know about local meetings during the symposium, the delegate desk holds a confidential list of English-language meetings within

walking distance of the venue.

Contact

For anything travel related, email the organising team through the Contact Us page on the event site. The delegate desk opens at 08:00 on both days in the main foyer.