

TRAVEL TO GLOSSA OR SKOPELOS VIA ATHENS

In general there are two main routes from Athens to Glossa:

1. From the airport to Kanningos Square in central Athens, from there on an Alkyon Travel bus to **Aghios Constantinos** and from there a Flying Dolphin ferry to Glossa or Skopelos;
2. From the airport to Liossion Street bus station, from there on a KTEL bus to **Volos** and from there a Flying Cat or car ferry to Glossa or Skopelos.

The first route via Aghios Constantinos is shorter and quicker, but there are fewer buses and ferries and the Flying Dolphin is more likely to be cancelled in the event of bad weather. The second route is a longer distance and takes more time, but there are more frequent buses and ferries and the Flying Cat and car ferry are less likely to be cancelled in the event of high winds.

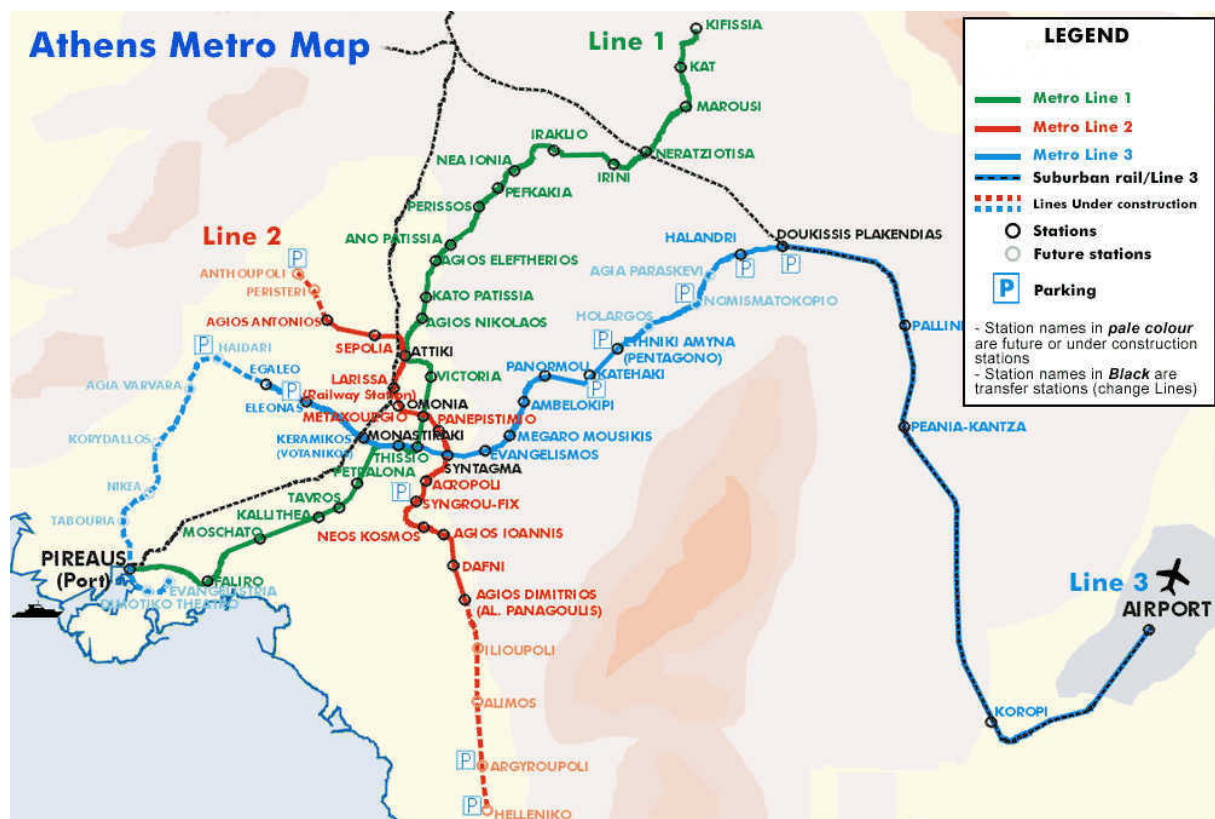
VIA AGHIOS CONSTANTINOS

From Athens Airport, you can get the metro (€8) or a bus (approx €3) or taxi (approx €35) to the city centre.

Metro from the Airport to Central Athens

For the metro follow the signs from the airport to the metro station and buy tickets for Omonia. There is only one line from the airport, line 3, going to Egaleo. Change at Syntagma (journey from the airport to Syntagma about 30 minutes, about 12 stops) and get on to line 2 going north towards Aghios Andonios. Get off at the second stop, Omonia.

From Omonia metro station, towards the top left of the map, you go north across one intersection, and at the second, Veranzerou, turn right to the end of the road which takes you straight to Kanningos Square, where you will find Alkyon Travel. (Turn left at Veranzerou for the Amaryllis Hotel (0030) 210 523 8738 which is across a couple of intersections on your left.)



Bus from the Airport to Central Athens

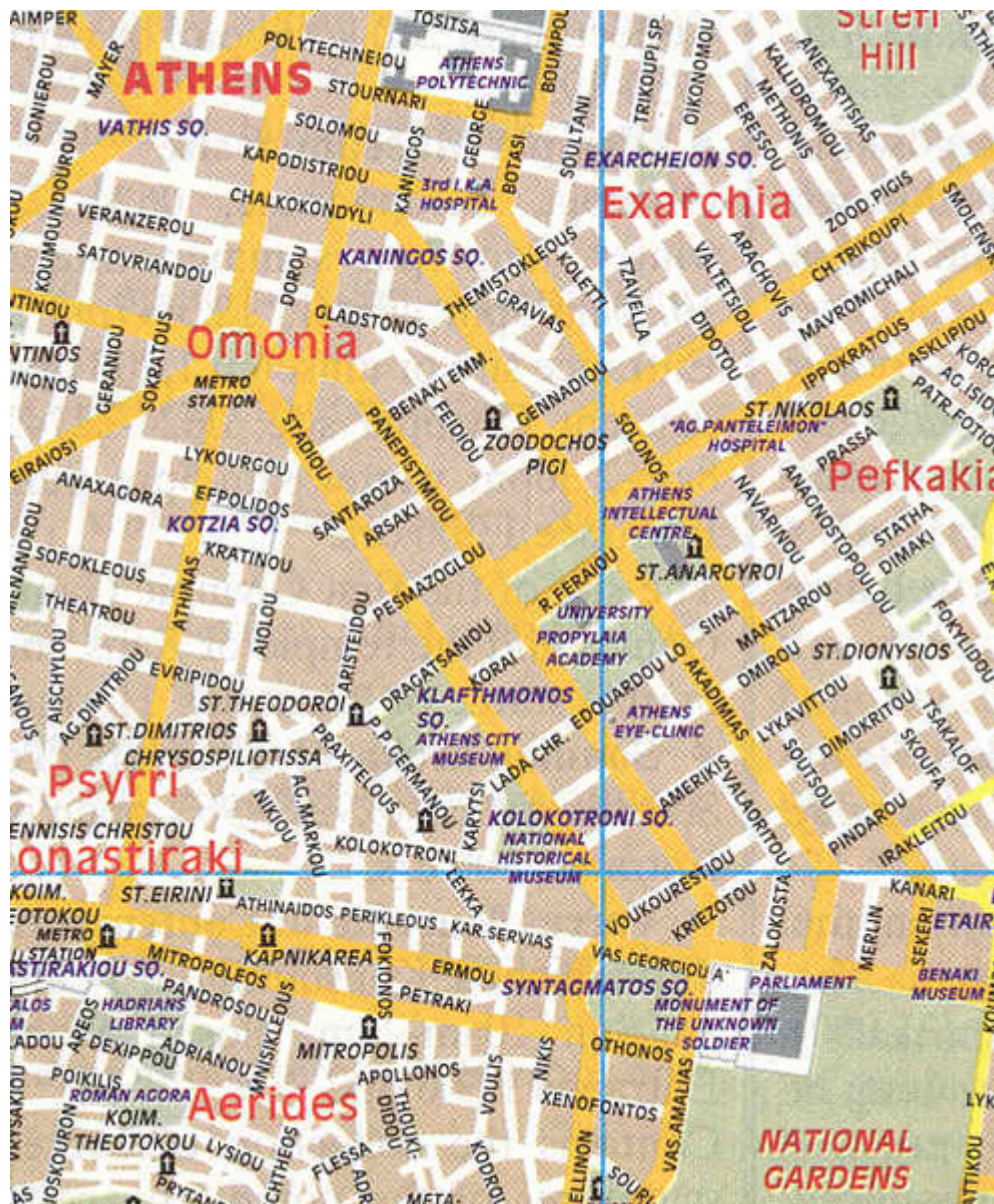
All buses leave from the bus area on the inner kerbside of the arrivals level of the Main Terminal Building outside the exit (doors 4 – 5). Turn right out of the exit and walk to the kiosk selling tickets.

For central Athens, you want the X95 Airport Express bus for Central Athens, which goes to Syntagma Square. This is the end of the line so you can't miss your stop. You buy tickets at the kiosk before you get on the bus and when you're on it you put the tickets into a little box in the middle of the bus to validate them.

For the return journey X95 Syntagma Square - Airport Express departs from Syntagma Square across the park from the Grande Bretagne. Buses run every 10-30 minutes, but every 40 minutes after midnight, 24 hours a day.

From Syntagma to Kaningos Square or Amaryllis Hotel

When you get off the bus at Syntagma, you need to find your way to Kaningos Square, or if you are staying overnight there is a good cheap hotel at 45 Veranzerou, the Amaryllis Hotel. (Not the Amaryllis Inn, which is different.) This is a 25-minute walk with luggage, so you can get a taxi or get the Metro to Omonia. The map below shows Syntagma Square towards the bottom right corner. You need to turn right across the side of the parliament building, then north up Akademias, which ends in Kaningos Square, where Alkyon Travel is just off the corner.



At Alkyon Travel you can buy a combined bus / ferry ticket from Athens to Aghios Constantinos and onward by ferry to Glossa. The fare is about €15 for the bus and €39.00 for the ferry, per person. Buses leave around 6.45 am to link with a ferry direct to Glossa – buses later in the day link with ferries to Skopelos, from where you need a bus to Glossa. If you are staying overnight it's a good idea to get the tickets the night before – the office will be open from 5pm to 8pm in low season and until about 10pm high season. The bus takes about two and a half hours including one break at a cafe where everyone has to get off the bus for about 20 minutes. The end of the line is Aghios Constantinos and the bus drops you on the quayside where the ferry leaves.

Seats on Alkyon Travel buses are not numbered, so sit anywhere.

Alkyon Travel, 97 Akademias Street, Kaningos Square, Athens

Tel: 0030 210 3843202, 0030 210 3832545 or 0030 210 3843220

(there is always someone there with good English. You can't book tickets online, but you can phone and ask them to keep tickets for you.)

E-mail: athens@alkyontravel.com

URL: <http://www.alkyontravel.com>

VIA VOLOS

From the Airport to Liossion Street bus station

You need to get a bus direct from the airport to Liossion Street. You could take the metro to central Athens, but it is an awkward link to Liossion Street and there is no metro stop close by.

X93 connects the Airport (door 5) with the bus terminal at Liossion Street. Buses generally run every 35 minutes (65 at night). Liossion Street bus station is not the end of the line, so you need to ask the driver to tell you when you get there. When you get off at the bus-stop you turn back the way you came for about 20 metres, then turn left and you will see the bus station ahead of you. You get tickets for Volos (Remember the sign over the ticket counter will look like **ΒΟΛΟΣ**). Buses run frequently, at 06.30, 08.00, 09.30, 11.00, 12.00, 13.30, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, 18.30, 20.00, 22.00. Journey time is 4 ½ hours including one 20-minute rest break.

The seats on KTEL buses are numbered. Look for the seat number in tiny letters on the side of the seat itself (not the back) or sometimes on the side of the luggage rack above the seats.

When you arrive at the bus station in Volos, it is five minutes by taxi to the Hellenic Seaways office opposite the port entrance. (Ask for the Dolphin office). From there you buy tickets to Glossa or Skopelos.

You can check the times of the ferries at <http://www.hellenicseaways.gr/>

A THIRD OPTION!

From Athens you may be able to get a flight with Athens Airlines from Athens to Skiathos.

<http://www.athensairways.com/cgi-bin/airkiosk/I7/I81002i?ZF=2&LANG=EN>

If you do this, you can get from London to Skiathos in a day and travel to Glossa by ferry the next morning.

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