

BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS

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ATHENS: ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Arrival at the School:

If first arriving at the School between **09.00 and 15.00 Monday to Friday**, please ring the bell on the lower gate at 53 Ioannou Patera Street (formerly Alopekis Street) immediately behind the Evangelismos Hospital. **Outside of these hours** please identify yourself to the security guards at the upper side of the compound at the American School gate (54 Souedias Street, on the corner of Souedias and Gennadion). You **must** inform the administration of the British School of your expected time of arrival so that the guards can be informed accordingly.

Arrival from the Airport:

Athens airport 'Eleftherios Venizelos' is situated to the north-east of the city and the journey time by bus, taxi or Metro is approximately 40 minutes. There are three options of arriving at the School:

1. There is a regular Metro service from the airport ("El. Venizelos-Aigaleo" line) from 06.30 am until 23.30 pm. Be careful not to take the Proastiakos train ("suburban railway"). The ticket costs €6.00 one way and there are also group tickets (€10.00 for 2 persons or €15.00 for 3 persons). Tickets must be validated before getting onto the trains. The Metro runs directly to the Evangelismos Station just below the School. From the station, walk up the hill along Marasli Street and then turn right two streets up along Ioannou Patera Street.
2. There is a regular 24-hour bus service from the airport to Syntagma Square (X95). The tickets, available at the bus stop, cost €3.20 one way. There is a bus stop at "Evangelismos" just past the Hilton Hotel and the School is a 5-minute walk up Marasli Street and then right along Ioannou Patera Street.
3. Taxis are also available at the airport. Ask for 'Kolonaki' (the area) and then 'Evangelismos' (the hospital). Ask to be taken at No 53 Ioannou Patera Street or No 54 Souedias Street depending on the time and date of your arrival (check 'Arrival at the School'). It is usual for taxi drivers to take more than one person travelling in the same direction. Whether you share or not, you still pay your individual/group total. The correct fare from the airport to the School is in the region of €25 depending on time of day, traffic, baggage, etc. (Note: The taxi-driver is entitled to add €3.00 [from and to airport fee] plus €0.30 per bag over 10 kg., plus the toll fee on top of the fare shown on the meter). Between midnight and 5am the meter operates on a higher rate.

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

Accommodation (B&B) is available in single or shared rooms. Costs include access to all facilities of the School, including 24hour access to the Library and the Computer Room. A tennis court is shared with the American School. There are self-catering and laundry facilities available to residents.

When corresponding with the School, it is worth bearing in mind that while the Greek postal service delivers most post from Europe within one week, overseas mail and mail sent at peak periods can take several weeks. Urgent correspondence should therefore be faxed or e-mailed as well as posted.

Library. New members must make themselves known to the library staff for orientation. This is a reference library and no books are allowed out of the building. Residents have 24hour access to the Library and its facilities during the session. The Library office is open from 10-7 Monday to Friday. There are photocopying, drafting, scanning and photographic facilities in the library/Computer room. The drawing/map room houses an extensive map collection of Greece and adjoining areas. Members are entitled to use the

libraries of other Foreign Schools in Athens and of the Greek Archaeological Society. Further information can be obtained from the Librarian, Mrs Penny Wilson-Zarganis, on Tel: (+30) 210 7246134. E-mail: library@bsa.ac.uk

Archives. The School has a rich collection of research, institutional, and personal archives. Of special interest are the following collections: BSA excavation records; the George Finlay papers; the Byzantine Research Fund Collection. Researchers wishing to study or publish material from the archive collection should send an application to the Archivist, stating exactly what materials they wish to consult and for what purpose. If publication, the name of the publication should be included. Requests or enquiries should be addressed to: Amalia G. Kakissis, BSA archivist on Tel: (+30) 210 7210974 ext.24, or e-mail: archive@bsa.ac.uk

Fitch Laboratory. For information about working at the the School's Fitch Laboratory for archaeological science, contact the Laboratory Director, Dr Vangelio Kiriatzi, on Tel: (+30) 210 7217482. E-mail: fitchlab@bsa.ac.uk

Knossos. Library and Hostel facilities are available at Knossos for those engaged in Cretan studies. At certain times of the year, particularly in the summer months and when fieldwork projects are in progress, it may be full. Information can be obtained directly from the Curator, The Taverna, Villa Ariadne, Knossos, Herakleion 71409, Crete. Tel: (+30) 2810 231993. E-mail: bsaknoso@otenet.gr

N.B. The School session runs from late September to mid-August each year, but dates should be checked as they vary slightly annually. The library continues to open for an additional three weeks and members are entitled to use it as outside readers between the hours of 9-7, Monday to Friday. The library is then shut for two weeks for the annual maintenance before opening with the rest of the school for the new session. During the closure the offices will continue to deal with urgent matters (permits, accommodation booking etc.), but access is by appointment only. Members are not allowed to use the facilities during this time.

General Information

1. Money: Cashpoints are widely available in Greece. Visa, Mastercard, and other credit cards (though not Eurocheque cards) are accepted in most shops. Cash and other small valuables may be deposited in the School's safe.

2. Insurance: Residents must have full health insurance (Students must obtain a European International Health Certificate). Residents' belongings, while in the School, are insured to a value of £1000. Individual items valued at over €580 must be declared.

3. Electricity: The electricity supply in Greece is potentially more prone to variations than that in the UK. Those members intending to bring out sensitive electrical equipment such as a computer are advised to bring a surge suppresser. Adapters for British plugs are available in Athens, but it is usually more convenient to purchase them in the UK.

4. Telephone: A cardphone is available for use of members. Cards may be purchased from most kiosks "peripteros" and some small shops. The Hostel number is (+30) 210 7245951. The office number should only be given out for emergency contact.

5. Post: Post sent to the School for residents and members will be put in the pigeon-holes outside the Front Office. Please note that mail not collected within one month will be redirected and therefore will take some time to catch up with you.

6. Kitchen: Kitchen area is to be used by residents only. Non-resident members may leave packed meals in the refrigerators in the dining room and use the microwave if needed (Please check notices in kitchen area and dining room).

Museum and Site Information: <http://www.culture.gr/>