

Athens Transport Tickets and Cards

What you need to know!

<https://www.athenstransport.com/english/tickets/>

During 2017 the Athens transport ticket system transitions from paper tickets to modern electronic tickets.

- With the new system, the paper tickets which were in use until today are being replaced by paper and plastic smartcards (similar to London's Oyster cards). Riders of the metro system have to go through turnstiles which have been installed in all stations.
- This page was updated with information about the new system in October 2017. In the following weeks there will be extra information and improvement of the content.
- If you have any questions you can leave the comment and we'll try to answer as soon as possible.



1. What are the different types of tickets and card for Athens public transport?

From 2017 a new electronic ticketing system is being introduced for the Athens public transport network, replacing the older paper tickets and cards.

Fare prices will remain the same for now, however, the way you pay and use the tickets changes.

There are 3 new types of Athens Transport tickets:

- **The Ath.ena Ticket**
- **The personalized Ath.ena Card**
- **The anonymous Ath.ena Card**



[The Ath.ena Ticket at a glance:](#)

- Paper rechargeable ticket that can be used again and again as long as it remains in good condition.
- **Ath.ena Ticket** can be charged and recharged with products varying from “Five 90-minute tickets for all modes” to 5-day tickets.
- Airport transfer tickets and 3-day tourist tickets are available as well.
- When a new **Ath.ena Ticket** is bought, it has to be charged with a bundle of five 90-minute tickets for all modes, or any other ticket product costing at least €4.5.
- **Ath.ena Ticket** can be bought from and recharged at all Athens transport ticket offices as well as automatic ticket issuing machines.
- Half-priced **Ath.ena Tickets** are available but only from Athens transport ticket offices.

Short-term tickets (no airport transfer)

athenstransport.com	ATH.ENA TICKET		ATH. ENACARD Anonymous		ATH. ENACARD Personalized	
	Full	Half	Full	Half	Full	Half
One 90-minute ticket	x	x	€1.40	x	€1.40	€0.60
Five 90-minute tickets	€7	€3	€7	x	€7	€3
Eleven 90-minute tickets (1 free)	€14	€6	€14	x	€14	€6
24-hour ticket	€4.5	x	€4.5	x	€4.5	x
5-day ticket	€9	x	€9	x	€9	x

x = Not available

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- All of the above ticket products can be used for an unlimited number of transfers on: city **Buses** (excluding Airport express buses and X80 line), **Trolley-Buses**, **Tram**, **Metro** (all stations except Airport), **Suburban Railway** (only the urban section, no Airport).
- 90-minute tickets are valid for 90 minutes after the first 'touch in', 24-hour tickets for 24 hours after the first 'touch in', and 5-day tickets for 5×24 hours after the first 'touch in'. For example, if the first time you use the 5-day ticket is at 10:05 am on Thursday it will be valid until 10:05am on Tuesday.

Short-term tickets (including airport transfer)

athenstransport.com	ATH.ENA TICKET		ATH. ENACARD Anonymous		ATH. ENACARD Personalized	
	Full	Half	Full	Half	Full	Half
Express Bus ticket to the airport	€6	€3	€6	x	€6	€3
Metro ticket to the airport	€10	€5	€10	x	€10	€5
Metro ticket to the airport for 2 passengers	€18	x	x	x	x	x
Metro ticket to the airport for 3 passengers	€24	x	x	x	x	x
Metro return ticket to the airport (48 hours)	€18	x	€18	x	€18	x
3-day tourist ticket (includes airport transfers)	€22	x	€22	x	€22	x

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- Express bus tickets for the airport** are valid only for one ride on an airport express bus, and no other transfer.
- Metro tickets for the airport** are valid for 90 minutes after their validation for transportation and transfers on the same modes as the 90-minute tickets, plus a transfer from/to the airport with the metro. They are NOT valid for rides on Airport express buses.
- Same conditions apply for **return metro tickets to the airport**, and **2 and 3 persons tickets for the airport**.
- Metro tickets to the airport for 2 and 3 persons** are only available with an Ath.ena Ticket issue. In this case, one Ath.ena Ticket is issued for each passenger. Passengers must travel together or else the ticket is considered invalid.
- Return tickets for the airport** can be used for a return within 48 hours.
- Tourist tickets** are valid for: 1 round trip from/to Athens International airport by Metro or Express Bus and unlimited travel on all other modes for 3 days, including line X80 (for example from 10am on Friday till 10am on Monday).

Long-term tickets

athenstransport.com	ATH.ENA TICKET		ATH.ENA CARD Anonymous		ATH.ENA CARD Personalized	
	Full	Half	Full	Half	Full	Half
30 day ticket (without airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€30	€15
30 day ticket (with airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€49	€25
90 day ticket (without airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€85	€43
90 day ticket (with airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€142	€71
180 day ticket (without airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€170	€85
180 day ticket (with airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€250	€125
360 day ticket (without airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€330	€165
360 day ticket (with airport transfers)	x	x	x	x	€490	€245

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- Long term tickets are only available through personalized Athe.na Cards.
- Each ticket is valid starting from the first 'swipe', regardless of the day of the month, and until midnight of the last day. For example, a 30-day ticket that is first used at 2:20 pm on October 15 will be valid until 23:59:59 on November 14.
- **Cards for all modes excluding airport**, are valid for unlimited transportation and transfers on city buses (excluding airport lines and X80 line), trolley-buses, tram, metro (excluding travels from/to the airport) and suburban railway (only sections Koropi – Magoula and Piraeus – SKA).
- **Cards for all modes including airport**, are valid for unlimited transportation and transfers on these modes plus trips from to/the airport by metro, suburban railway or bus.

3. What kind of ticket do I need to travel from/to the Athens airport?

To travel from to/the Athens airport and the city of Athens you need one of the following tickets:

- A metro ticket for the airport
- Return Metro tickets for the airport and 2 and 3 persons group tickets for the airport exist as well.
- An express bus ticket for the airport
- A 3-day tourist ticket
- Any long-term ticket (from 30 days) which includes airport transfer

NO other tickets are valid for travelling from/to the Athens airport and the city.

4. I'm flying to Athens for a few days. Any advice on which ticket I should use?

It all depends on how you're going to travel between Athens and the airport, how often you're going to use public transport while in Athens, and how many days you're going to stay.

- **If you plan to stay in Athens for up to 3 days**, you should consider purchasing a 3-day tourist ticket (€22) upon your arrival at the airport. Especially if you travel between the airport and the city center by Metro, and also take a few shorter rides while in Athens, this should be the best ticket for you. However, if you're going to use an express bus for the airport (€6 per route) and then take the metro while in the city just a few times it might be better purchasing 90-minute tickets (€1.40) when you do so or get a 24-hour ticket (€4.5). (Remember, 90-minute tickets, daily, and 5-day tickets are not valid for trips from/to the airport.)
- **If you plan to stay in Athens for longer than 3 days**, you will definitely need separate tickets for your Airport – Athens center (and vice versa) trips and your trips within Athens. Express buses from/to the airport (€6) cost cheaper than taking the Metro (€10), however, there are return Metro tickets for the airport (€18 – return must be within 7 days) and also tickets for 2 (€18) and 3 (€24) passengers travelling together. For your trips within Athens, a 5-day ticket for all modes (€9), or a 24-hour ticket (€4.5) if you don't use

public transport every day, might be cheaper than purchasing a 90-minute ticket (€1.40) every time you get in a metro station or take the bus.

5. Who can use a Reduced Ticket or travel Free of Charge?

Reduced (half) priced tickets for Athens public transport are available for:

1. Children aged 7-12 (regardless of nationality)
2. Teenagers aged 13-18 (regardless of nationality) after showing their passport or ID card
3. Seniors over the age of 65 (regardless of nationality) after showing their passport or ID card
4. Students at public Greek universities and TEI (regardless of nationality, ERASMUS students included) as long as they have an academic ID card (**issued online**) with the indication “ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟΥ”.
5. IEK (state-run or private) students up to the age of 22, with a student pass
6. Students who study at universities outside Greece up to the age of 24 (including those aged 24, regardless of nationality), after showing a Student Card – University ID card and passport or ID card.
7. Members of Greek families with 4 children or more, with a special pass.

Also, **free of charge** travel (without ticket) is available, among others, for:

1. Children under the age of 6 (including those aged 6), regardless of nationality
2. Unemployed citizens of Greece, with a valid OAED card (excluding trips on suburban railway)
3. Disabled persons, citizens of Attica region, with a special pass.

Remember:

If you are eligible for a half-priced ticket, you will have to either buy a half-priced [Ath.ena ticket](#) from a ticket office or issue a personalized [Ath.ena Card](#).

6. How and where can I buy and recharge an Ath.ena Ticket?

Ath.ena Tickets are available at every Athens transport ticket office, as well as on automatic ticket machines. You cannot buy an **Ath.ena Ticket** online. Credit cards are accepted at a number of ticket offices (and soon, at every ticket office and automatic machine).

You don't need to show any document in order to buy a ticket. If you wish to buy a half-priced ticket you'll need to show the document that proves you are eligible (for example, your passport to prove your age.)

You can recharge an [Ath.ena Ticket](#) at all Athens transport ticket offices, as well as on automatic ticket machines.

7. How and where can I buy an anonymous Ath.ena Card?

- You can buy an anonymous **Ath.ena Card** from every Athens Transport ticket office. You cannot buy it on automatic machines or online. Credit cards are accepted at a number of ticket offices (and soon, at every ticket office and automatic machine).
- You don't need to show any document in order to buy an anonymous **Ath.ena Card**.
- You can recharge your anonymous **Ath.ena Card** at all Athens transport ticket offices, as well as on automatic ticket machines.

8. How and where can I buy a personalized Ath.ena Card?

- You can only buy a personalized **Ath.ena Card** from a number of Athens transport ticket offices, located at metro stations.
- To issue a card for the first time, you need your passport (if you are a Greek citizen you need your Greek ID card and an AMKA document). For a half-priced card, you also need to show the appropriate document that proves you are eligible.
- During the issuing process, the clerk will take your photo and will ask you to type an 8-digit PIN code for your card (you'll need to remember it in order to recharge the card)
- You can recharge your personalized **Ath.ena Card** at Athens transport ticket offices, automatic ticket machines, as well as online through a phone or tablet with NFC technology.

9. How do I use an Ath.ena Ticket or Ath.ena Card?

Ath.ena Tickets and **Ath.ena Cards** are made from different materials but use the same contactless technology.

In buses, trolley-buses and the Tram, you use the blue card readers, installed close to all doors. You place your **Ath.ena Ticket** or **Ath.ena Card** close to the 'contact point', under the screen. A sound and message on the screen will let you know that your card is valid (you can also see the time or tickets remaining in the card). You need to touch in every time you get on a bus/trolley bus/tram, regardless of the ticket product you are using. **You don't need to touch in before exiting the vehicle.**



On the metro and suburban railway, you need to pass through the gates installed at every station. Use the card reader on your right side as you're going through the gate. Again, a sound and message on the screen will let you know whether your card was read successfully.

You need to do this as you ENTER AND EXIT every station.

You can see the remaining time of your ticket while touching in the card and also at automatic ticket issue machines and ticket offices.



10. How about Athens Suburban Railway and other Railway tickets?

- **Ath.ena Tickets** and **Ath.ena Cards** are accepted within the urban section of Proastiakos (Suburban Railway) as well as Airport station.
- For journeys from/to Athens Airport to/from any station within the urban section, metro tickets for the airport are valid.
- For other journeys from or/and to any other station outside the urban section, different fares apply. (More info at [TRAINOSE website](#)).