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## **Weekend before Easter (Palm Sunday) at Mesolongi**

Plan Days 3

*One of the most ideal times to visit Mesolongi. This weekend the representation of the heroic exit of Mesolongi take place.*

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## Day 1

1. Athens  
About region/Main cities & villages
2. Rio-Antirio Bridge  
Culture/Monuments & sights
3. Messolonghi  
About region/Main cities & villages
4. Stone Monument  
Culture/Monuments & sights



## Day 2

1. Windmill  
Culture/Monuments & sights
2. Lagoon of Mesolongi  
Nature/Lakes
3. Alykes  
Culture/Monuments & sights
4. Garden of Heroes (Kipos ton Iroon)  
Culture/Monuments & sights



## Day 3

1. Garden of Heroes (Kipos ton Iroon)  
Culture/Monuments & sights
2. Tourlida  
Nature/Beaches
3. Ancient Plevrona  
Culture/Archaeological sites





## 1. Athens

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

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GPS: N37.99345652844329,  
W23.747162483203056



## 2. Rio-Antirio Bridge

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Απόσταση:**

by car 208.4km

**Χρόνος:**

2h19'

GPS: N38.32048046868646,  
W21.773026148437566

**Note:** Whether you cross it or view it from the boat ... will amaze you!



## 3. Messolonghi

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

by car 36.9km

**Χρόνος:**

33'

GPS: N38.36961601109666,  
W21.429213370361367

**Note:** Welcome to the Holy City of Mesolongi! The town these days is honoring its history. Traditional costumes of unique beauty, heavy atmosphere and philharmonic bands from all over Greece.



## 4. Stone Monument

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Απόσταση:**

on foot 0.7km

**Χρόνος:**

08'

GPS: N38.373984378288924,  
W21.433461691609978

**Note:** Mesolongi motto!



### 1. Windmill

Culture / Monuments & sights



Location:  
Messolonghi

**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

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GPS: N38.363635079777524,  
W21.42630317358021

**Note:** Walking in port will see the windmill, where the historic eruption took place.



### 2. Lagoon of Mesolongi

Nature / Lakes



**Απόσταση:**

by car 21.2km

**Χρόνος:**

32'

GPS: N38.3640625,  
W21.344121200000018

**Note:** Do not be confused by the kilometer distance! The lagoon is huge and part that you will walk in Mesolongi are among the most beautiful. Spend some time observing the birds!



### 3. Alykes

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Απόσταση:**

by car 16.3km

**Χρόνος:**

26'

GPS: N38.39612080920327,  
W21.38852430781253

**Note:** A special attraction! Mountains of salt!



### 4. Garden of Heroes (Kipos ton Iroon)

Culture / Monuments & sights



Location:  
Messolonghi

**Απόσταση:**

by car 5.1km

**Χρόνος:**

08'

GPS: N38.374365453418285,  
W21.431588632540866

**Note:** Here ends the procession and the representation of the explosion on Saturday night take place. The procession starts in the afternoon and it is good to find your position early. The mournful pace and music from the philharmonic bands will amaze you.



## 1. Garden of Heroes (Kipos ton Iroon)

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Note:** Morning procession (starts around 11:00) but this time Kapsalis is missing since he exploded last night.

Location:  
Messolonghi

**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

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GPS: N38.374365453418285,  
W21.431588632540866



## 2. Turlida

Nature / Beaches



**Note:** After the parade, food by the sea in the picturesque village of Turlida.

**Απόσταση:**

by car 5.9km

**Χρόνος:**

1h11'

GPS: N38.32597162371721,  
W21.419004882850686



## 3. Ancient Plevrona

Culture / Archaeological sites



**Note:** One of the most beautiful sunsets with views across the lagoon!

**Απόσταση:**

by car 11.3km

**Χρόνος:**

19'

GPS: N38.4150700538817,  
W21.40983921213376

## Attiki Prefecture

### Access

#### By bus

**Bus station Kifissos (KTEL):** This is the central bus station connecting Athens with most cities of Greece. It is located at 100 Kifissou Avenue Str. and it can be accessed by the bus lines X93 from "Eleftherios Venizelos" airport, 051 from Omonia and 420 from Piraeus.

Tel.: (+30) 210 5124910-11, 5132601

**Bus station Liosion (KTEL):** The station is located at 26 Stratigou Dagkli Str. and there are several itineraries to neighboring prefectures of Attica. It can be easily accessed since there is a large number of bus lines passing by the station, such as X93, 420, 701, 704, A10, B10 et al.

Tel.: (+30) 210 8317186

You can call 14505, where recorded information for all the bus stations (KTEL) and the itineraries are provided.

#### By train

TRAI NOSE and OSE: TRAI NOSE is the suburban railway company and OSE is the traditional railway company. There are itineraries that connect Attica with central and smaller cities.

Tel.: 14511 (recorded messages)

[www.trainose.gr](http://www.trainose.gr) and [www.ose.gr](http://www.ose.gr)

**By boat:** The prefecture of Athens has three ports to service the passengers' wants. The largest one, the port of Piraeus, is located closer to Athens and thence depart most of the ships. Then follow the ports of Rafina (40km from Athens) and Lavrio (60km from Athens), which have less traffic and itineraries only to certain islands of the Aegean Sea.

**Port of Piraeus:** It can be easily accessed due to its close distance from Athens. Moreover, the easiest way to get there is by electric-powered train, whose terminal station is located across the port. The passengers can also take the Suburban Railway, whose terminal station is a few meters away from the station of the electric powered train. Moreover, a large number of buses connect the port with several areas of Athens and the suburbs, while it is connected with the airport via the bus line X96.

Tel.: 14541 (for itineraries, changes or delay information)

[www.olp.gr](http://www.olp.gr)

**Port of Rafina:** To the east of the prefecture of Attica, on the coast Andreas Papandreou is located the port of Rafina. The port can be accessed either by private means or by the itineraries of the bus station (KTEL) of Attica, from where ships depart for Andros, Syros, Tinos, and Mykonos.

Tel.: (+30) 22940 23605, 22840

[www.rafinaport.gr](http://www.rafinaport.gr)

**Port of Lavrio:** Nearly at the southeast part of Attica, shortly after Sounio, lies the port of Lavrio. It can be accessed either by car or by taxi or by bus (bus station (KTEL) Attica). The port of Lavrio is 60km from Athens and 25km from "El. Venizelos" airport. Moreover, this port has several itineraries to Kea, Lesvos, Limnos, Chios and some other islands of the Aegean Sea.

Tel.: (+30) 22920 27711, 22089

[www.oll.gr](http://www.oll.gr)

**By plane:** "Eleftherios Venizelos", the national airport of Athens, is located in Spata and is one of the most modern airports. It can be accessed by the following public means of transport: the Suburban Railway, the Metro (blue line), and the bus lines X95 from Syntagma Square, X96 from Piraeus, X93 from the bus station Kifissos and X97 from the metro station Dafni.

Tel.: (+30) 210 3530000

[www.aia.gr](http://www.aia.gr)

### Domestic transportation

Means of transport in Athens and Piraeus: The public transport in Athens and Piraeus accommodates almost every corner of the city. In particular, there are:

- The buses (ETHEL) and the trolley buses
- The Attic Metro, which is the fastest mean of transport in Athens
- The Electric-powered Railway, which connects the northern suburbs with the port of Piraeus and is also connected with the two Metro lines.
- Moreover, there are two tram lines that connect Piraeus with the center of Athens and the southern coastline from Piraeus till Voula.
- For itineraries information, you can contact the Urban Transport Organization of Attica in the telephone numbers 185 and (+30) 210 8200999  
[www.oasa.gr](http://www.oasa.gr)

**Bus station Attica (KTEL):** The destinations within the prefecture are accommodated by the point of departure in Athens and specifically at Mavromateon in Pedion of Areos (railway station "Victoria") and at the Agion Asomaton Square in Thissio (railway station "Thissio").

Tel.: (+30) 210 8808080

You can also call 14505, where recorded information are provided for all the bus stations (KTEL) and the itineraries.

**Marinas:** If you are traveling by private boat in Attica you will find several marinas

Marina of Flisvos: Trokantero area T: (+30) 210 9871000-2

Marina Zeas: Piraeus (+30) 210 4559000

Marina Vouliagmeni: 77 Apollonos Str., T: (+30) 210 8960012-5

Marina Alimos: Kalamaki area, T: (+30) 210 9880000

Marina Glyfada: 2 Saki Karagiorga, Glyfada T: (+30) 213 2025366, 2025200

Marina Olympic: 77th km Athens-Sounion, Lavrio T: (+30) 22920 63700

## Useful telephone numbers

### Health Services

The number you can call to learn on duty hospitals is the 166 and the 106, which you can also call in an emergency.

Emergency call: 166

Poisons Centre: (+30) 210 7793777

On duty hospitals/pharmacies/doctors: 14944

### Municipalities

Municipality of Athens: 63 Athinas Str., Kotzia Square

T: (+30) 213 2082200, 5277000, 33108261

[www.cityofathens.gr](http://www.cityofathens.gr)

Municipality of Piraeus: Korai Square & 1 Dragatsi Str., Piraeus

T: (+30) 213 2022000, 4127941, 4194000

### Police Authorities

Emergency call: 100

Tourist police: 171, (+30) 210 6977386

All police services: 1033

Traffic police: (+30) 210 5230111

Road service: 10400

### Port Authorities

Port authority of Piraeus: Coast Miaouli 50, Piraeus: (+30) 210 4147800, 4226000

Port authority of Rafina: Coast Andrea Papandreou 1, Rafina: (+30) 22940 22300, 28888

Port authority of Lavrio: (+30) 22920 25249, 26859

Emergency call: 108

### Fire Service, Forestry

Emergency call: 199

Forestry: (+30) 210 60173290, 6395280

### Transportations

Urban buses: 185 [www.oasa.gr](http://www.oasa.gr)

Attiko Metro: (+30) 210 5194001, [www.ametro.gr](http://www.ametro.gr)

Suburban Railway: (+30) 210 5272000, [www.proastiakos.gr](http://www.proastiakos.gr)

Tram: (+30) 210 9978000, [www.tramsa.gr](http://www.tramsa.gr)

Electric Railway: (+30) 210 3248311, 1440, [www.isap.gr](http://www.isap.gr)

Hellenic Railways Organization: (+30) 210 5297777, [www.ose.gr](http://www.ose.gr)

Suburban Buses: (+30) 1440210, 5124910, [www.ktel.org](http://www.ktel.org)

Athens Sightseeing Public Bus N.400: 185

Taxi

Kosmos: 18300, (+30) 210 5200020

Hellas: 801 1157000, (+30) 210 6457000

Enotita: 801 1151000, (+30) 210 6459000

Hermes: (+30) 210 4115200

Ikaros: (+30) 210 5152800

Europi: (+30) 210 5023783

Express: (+30) 210 9943000

Athina 1: (+30) 1203, 210 9212800

Apollon: (+30) 210 3636508

Asteras: (+30) 210 6144000

Protoporia: (+30) 210 2130400

Glyfada: (+30) 210 9605600



## Achaea Prefecture

### Access

**By car:** Achaea is easily accessible by car. Patra, the capital of the prefecture refrains 210km from Athens, 227 km from Ioannina, 195km from Nafplio and 213km from Kalamata.

**By bus:** There are daily frequent departures from Athens bus station at Kifissou 100. Buses also connect Patra to other major capital cities and a dense bus network connects Patra with the villages of the prefecture. The frequency of service varies depending on the season. During the period of Carnival there are buses every 10 '.

Patra Bus station: (+30) 2610 623 888

Athens Bus station: (+30) 210 5136185

Thessaloniki Bus station: (+30) 2310 595 425

Larissa Bus station: (30) 2410 554 111

Lamia Bus station: (+30) 22310 22802

**By train:** Patra is linked by train with Athens, Pyrgos and Kalamata. The route starts from Piraeus / Athens by the suburban railway which reaches Kiato where there is correspondance with other trains that continue up to Patra or rest of Achea.

OSE (train station) of Patra: (+30) 2610 639108-9

OSE (train station) of Athens: (+30) 210 5131601, 5297777

[www.ose.gr](http://www.ose.gr)

[www.trainose.gr](http://www.trainose.gr) (for tickets)

**By boat:** There is frequent connection from the port of Patra to Corfu, Igoumenitsa, Kefalonia, Ithaca as well as to Italian ports Ancona, Bari, Brindisi and Venice.

Patra Port Authority: (+30) 2610 341002

**By plane:** The airport Araxos, receives charter flights from abroad. 45km from Patra.

Araxos National Airport: (+30) 26930-54000

### Useful telephone numbers

#### Health Services

University Hospital, Patra: (+30) 2610 999111

Agios Andreas Hospital, Patra: (+30) 2610 227000

Aegio Hospital: (+30) 26910 22222

Akrata Health Centre: (+30) 26960 22222

Kalavrita Hospital: (+30) 26920 22366

#### Municipality

Municipality of Patra: (+30) 2610 966200

Municipality of Aegio: (+30) 26910 24444

Municipality of Akkrata: (+30) 26960 22710

Municipality of Diakofto: (+30) 26910 41270

Municipality of Kalavrita: (+30) 26920 22390

#### Police

Patra Police station: (+30) 2610 623061

Patra Tourist Police: (+30) 2610 45189

Aegio Police station: (+30) 26910 27457

Akrata Police station: (+30) 26960 22100

Diakofto Police station: (+30) 26910 41203

Kalavrita Police station: (+30) 26920 23333

#### Port Authority

Patra Port Authority: (+30) 2610 341002, 341024, 341046

Aegio Port Authority: (+30) 26910 28888

Rio Port Authority: (+30) 2610 991203, 991679

**Transportation**

Patra Bus station: (+30) 2610 273936

Aegio Bus station: (+30) 26910 22424

Patra Train station: (+30) 2610 639107

Diakofto Train station: (+30) 26910 43206

Kalavrita Train station: (+30) 26920 22245

**Other**

Kalavrita Ski center: (+30) 26920 22174

## Aetoloakarnania Prefecture

### Access

**By car:** It is the largest prefecture of Greece with a relatively good road system and is about 4 hours away from Athens. To get there you have to go towards Patra and cross the bridge of Rio-Antirrio. Of course the distance from Thessaloniki is much longer as you need 405 kilometers to get there. Patra is 80 kilometers away, Arta 85 kilometers and Preveza 100 kilometers.

**By bus:** The buses of Aetoloakarnania with their often timetable can accommodate your needs for transportation to Athens, Patra and other big cities of the country. In addition, there are routes inside the prefecture.

Agrinio buses: (+30) 26410 57371

Thessaloniki buses: (+30) 2310 595432

Athens buses: (+30) 210 5120887

<http://www.ktel-aitol.gr/>

**By boat:** The prefecture has a small harbor in Astakos that is connected with the ionian islands of Ithaki and Kefallinia. The timetable is quite often, especially during the summer months, towards Kefallinia and Ithaki and the distances are short.

<http://www.ionionpelagos.com/el>

**Marinas:** If you travel by your own boat, there are quite a lot safe harbors where you can tie your boat up and get supplies, like those in Astakos, Mytikas, Palairos and Vonitsa. Moreover, during the past few years, there is a modern marina operating in Messolonghi where you can also repair your boat.

[www.messolonghimarina.com](http://www.messolonghimarina.com)

### Useful Telephone Numbers

#### Health Services

General hospital of Agrinio: (+30) 26413 61251

General hospital of Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 27413

Health center of Thermo: (+30) 26443 60000

Health center of Amfilochia: (+30) 26420 23914

Health Center of Ano Chora: (+30) 26340 41344

#### Municipalities

Municipality of Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 55460

Municipality of Agrinio: (+30) 26413 60303/60300

Municipality of Xiromero: (+30) 26463 60536

Municipality of Astakos: (+30) 26463 60500

Municipality of Nafpaktia: (+30) 26340 27239

Municipality of Amfilochia: (+30) 26423 60400-1

#### Police authorities

Police: 100

Police department of Agrinio: (+30) 26410 30184/59717/23143

Traffic police of Agrinio: (+30) 26410 13163

Police department of Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 55715

Touristic police of Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 55739

Police department of Nafpaktos: (+30) 26340 27258

Police department of Amfilochia: (+30) 26420 22222

Police department of Vonitsa: (+30) 26430 22100

#### Port authorities

Port authority of Astakos: (+30) 26460 22340

Port authority of Kefallonia (Sami): (+30) 26740 22031

Port authority of Ithaki: (+30) 26740 32909

#### Fire brigade, forestry

Fire brigade: 199

Fire department of Agrinio: (+30) 26410 28666, 57181, 57183

Fire department of Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 28787 25095

Fire department of Nafpaktos: (+30) 26340 27618

Fire department of Amfilochia: (+30) 26420 22010 22013

Forestry of Agrinio: (+30) 26410 24804

Forestry of Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 28878

Forestry of Nafpaktos: (+30) 26340 22014

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Thessaloniki bus station: (+30) 2310 595432

Athens bus station: (+30) 210 5120887

Patra bus station: (+30) 2610 623888

Taxi

Agrinio: (+30) 26410 61800 62000

Messolonghi: (+30) 26310 22655 39755

Nafpaktos: (+30) 26340 25111

Vonitsa: (+30) 26430 22200 22700