



## A MATTER OF TASTE

### DINE LIKE THE STARS

Ithaki is a little way out of town, but occupies a breathtaking location by the sea. It's upmarket gastronomic menu specialises in fish and seafood and the impressive guest list includes Leonardo di Caprio, Athina Onasis and Sean Connery.

### SOMETHING UNIQUE

Tiny restaurant Edodi is a dining experience with a difference. Cuisine is Greek/Continental, but there is no menu, and the waiters present the raw ingredients of each dish and explain its preparation to you. Edodi is only open September to May.

### A LOCAL SECRET

Duende is a cosy little bistro-bar in the heart of Athens, with simple food, good wine and a great atmosphere. Although not particularly well-known, it's popular with artistic types (and a few celebrities) so as it's small, get there before 11pm.



## A SIGHT TO BEHOLD

### ESCAPE THE CROWDS

You can't come to Athens without seeing the Acropolis, but if you'd prefer to admire it without the hordes, walk up Philopapou Hill, opposite. It's not frequented by the tourists, and has some of the most breathtaking views of this ancient wonder.

### ISLAND LIFE

For a different day out, take a 40-minute hydrofoil to Aegina Island. Once there, enjoy sandy beaches, explore the archeological sites or simply find a spot for lunch and enjoy island life. Don't forget to sample the locally grown pistachio nuts.

### METRO ARCHAEOLOGY

Take the Athens Metro to see some of the many ancient artefacts that were discovered when it was built. Several of the stations have them on display, and the most impressive collection can be found at Syntagma Station.



## A PARTING GIFT

### BEADS OF WISDOM

Kombologadiko is small shop where you can find a large range of komboloi (worry beads) in a variety of materials from traditional amber to glass, coral or semi-precious stones. Plain, carved or inlaid, their stories are fascinating.

### GO SHOPPING

Kolonaki (Little Column) is one of Athens' oldest districts, and its most fashionable shopping district. International and Greek designer boutiques jostle with, galleries, antique shops, bars and restaurants. Visit Voukourestiou Street for the most famous Greek jewellery shops.

### SOMETHING UNUSUAL

Mastiha (Mastic) is a natural gum found only on the island of Chios, which is said to have many nutritional and pharmaceutical benefits. This little shop stocks all kinds of cosmetics, sweets, liqueurs and chewing gum. Try the bitter-chocolate sweets.

## Contacts

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 80 Veikou Street, Koukaki

### Duende

<http://www.athenskey.com/acropolis-makryianni.html>

3 Dion Areopagitou Street,  
 Makrygianni

### Acropolis

<http://www.athensinfoguide.com/wtsphilopappou.htm>

### Aegina Island

<http://www.aeginagreece.com/aegina-island/>

<http://www.aeginagreece.com/aegina-island/how-to-get-to-aegina-island/>

### Athens Metro

<http://www.athenstransport.com/english/>

<http://www.athensinfoguide.com/gettingaround.htm>

### Kombologadiko

<http://www.kombologadiko.gr/historyen.html>

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### Kolonaki

<https://whyathens.com/a-shoppers-guide-to-kolonaki-athens/>

### Mastiha

[https://www.mastishop.com/static/EN/home\\_en.html](https://www.mastishop.com/static/EN/home_en.html)

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