


Accommodation Guide for Conference Participants

 **Please Note:** *The conference organizers will not make any hotel reservations on behalf of participants, nor have made any special hotel arrangements. Accommodation is the sole responsibility of each participant. We strongly recommend booking early, as July is peak tourist season in Athens and availability fills quickly.*

Introduction

Athens offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit every budget and preference. The conference venue, AUEB (76 Patission Street), is served by **Victoria Station (Metro Line 1 — Green Line)**, which provides fast, frequent, and inexpensive connections to all major areas of the city. The recommendations below are grouped by neighbourhood, prioritising areas with easy metro access to Victoria Station and those considered safe and comfortable for visitors.

Please note: Athens is generally a safe city. As in any major European capital, standard urban precautions apply — be mindful of pickpockets in crowded metro stations and tourist sites, keep valuables secure, and use common sense when walking at night. The neighbourhoods listed below are all considered safe and visitor-friendly.

Recommended Areas & Neighbourhoods

1. Kypseli

Kypseli is one of the most convenient areas for conference participants. The neighbourhood — a residential quarter — is located immediately adjacent to Victoria Square and the AUEB campus, making it possible to walk to the conference venue in approximately 10–15 minutes.

Best value option: Airbnb apartments and short-term rentals in Kypseli offer value for money, with many well-equipped flats at prices significantly lower than equivalent hotel rooms in more central tourist areas. This is the top recommendation for budget-conscious participants who want to be as close as possible to the venue.

- Metro access: Walk to Victoria Station (Line 1, Green Line) — under 10 minutes
- Character: Residential, authentic, multicultural, currently trendy with young Athenians
- Ideal for: Participants seeking proximity to the venue and a local neighbourhood feel

2. Exarcheia

Exarcheia is a historically bohemian “alternative” neighbourhood, home to the National Archaeological Museum. It sits directly between AUEB and the city centre, making it another convenient choice for conference participants.

Best value option: As with Kypseli, Airbnb is the recommended accommodation choice for Exarcheia. The area has a limited number of formal hotels but a strong supply of short-term rentals at very competitive prices. The neighbourhood has a distinctive character and is safe for visitors, although it is advisable to take the usual urban precautions at night, as is the case throughout central Athens.

- Metro access: Short walk to Victoria Station (Line 1) or Omonia (Lines 1 & 2)
- Character: Bohemian, artsy, student-oriented, great food and coffee scene
- Nearby: National Archaeological Museum (walking distance)
- Ideal for: Participants who enjoy a lively, alternative atmosphere

3. Kolonaki – Mavili Square

Kolonaki and the area around Mavili Square form one of Athens' most upscale and cosmopolitan residential neighbourhoods. The area is well connected to the AUEB campus via metro. Hotels in Kolonaki tend to sit at the higher end of the price range, reflecting the neighbourhood's reputation. However, Airbnb and short-term rentals around Mavili Square can offer competitive rates

- Metro access: Evangelismos Station (Line 3, Blue Line); interchange at Syntagma to Line 2 (Red Line) to Omonia, then interchange to Line 1 (Green Line) for Victoria Station
- Approx. travel time to AUEB: 20–25 minutes by metro or 30-40 minutes walk.
- Character: Elegant, cosmopolitan, upscale dining and boutique shopping, leafy streets
- Nearby: National Gallery, Lycabettus Hill, Benaki Museum (all within walking distance)
- Ideal for: Participants seeking a refined, well-connected base with a lively café and restaurant scene

4. Around the Acropolis Museum & Koukaki

These two adjacent, overlapping neighbourhoods are among the most popular for visitors to Athens. They combine easy access to the city's main archaeological sites — the Acropolis, the Acropolis Museum, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and Hadrian's Arch.

- Metro access: Acropolis Station (Line 2, Red Line); interchange to Line 1 at Monastiraki or Omonia for Victoria
- Approx. travel time to AUEB: 20–25 minutes by metro
- Character: Safe, residential, culturally rich, tourist-friendly
- Ideal for: Participants wishing to combine conference attendance with sightseeing

5. Plaka

Plaka is the oldest and most iconic neighbourhood of Athens, nestled at the foot of the Acropolis.

It offers an excellent base for exploring the broader historic centre, including Monastiraki, Syntagma Square, and the Ancient Agora.

- Metro access: Monastiraki Station (Lines 1 & 3); interchange to Line 1 for Victoria
- Approx. travel time to AUEB: 20–25 minutes by metro
- Character: Historic, atmospheric, very tourist-friendly, lively but can be busy
- Ideal for: Participants who want a quintessentially Athenian experience close to the major sites

6. Monastiraki & Psyrri (Historic Centre)

Monastiraki and Psyrri occupy a lively and atmospheric corner of the historic centre, just below the Acropolis. Hotels here range from budget to boutique, often with rooftop views of the Parthenon.

- **Metro access:** Monastiraki Station (Line 1, Green Line & Line 3, Blue Line)
- **Approx. travel time to AUEB:** Approximately 20–25 minutes by metro via interchange at Omonia, or 35–40 minutes on foot through the city centre
- **Character:** Vibrant, historic, touristic, excellent dining and nightlife
- **Ideal for:** Participants who want an authentic Athenian experience in a central and lively setting

7. The Historic Triangle (Stadiou – Athinas – Mitropoleos – Syntagma)

The Historic Triangle is the heart of modern Athens, bounded by the major streets of Stadiou, Athinas, Mitropoleos, and Syntagma Square. This area encompasses Syntagma Square, the Greek Parliament, Monastiraki, the Central Market (Varvakeios Agora), and Ermou Street. Staying here places participants at the geographic and commercial centre of the city, with convenient transport connections in all directions.

Hotels in this area vary from budget options to mid-range and upscale properties. On the minus side, it can be busy and noisy in peak season.

- **Metro access:** Syntagma (Lines 2 & 3), Monastiraki (Lines 1 & 3), Omonia (Lines 1 & 2) — all within the area
- **Approx. travel time to AUEB:** 15–20 minutes by metro on Line 1 to Victoria
- **Character:** Central, busy, excellent transport hub, wide range of dining and shopping
- **Ideal for:** Participants who want maximum connectivity and city-centre convenience

8. Karaiskaki Square (Metaxourgio / Gazi area)

The area around Karaiskaki Square sits between the neighbourhoods of Metaxourgio and the Gazi entertainment district. This part of the city has undergone considerable regeneration in recent years and is well connected to the rest of Athens. It offers a range of affordable accommodation options.

- **Metro access:** Kerameikos Station (Line 3, Blue Line) or Metaxourgio Station (Line 2, Red Line)
- **Approx. travel time to AUEB:** 20–25 minutes by metro via interchange at Omonia
- **Character:** Emerging, creative, good nightlife, improving amenities
- **Ideal for:** Participants looking for more affordable central options with good connectivity

9. Omonia Square & Kanigos Square (Central Athens)

As a convenient in terms of proximity to the conference venue and offering a wide and including budget-friendly options it is worth considering the Omonia and Kanigos Squares, although with some extra caution especially at night. The area is busy with a commercial character, and excellent transport links and easy access to most major sights. A number of mid-range and economy hotels are clustered within a short walking distance of both squares.

- **Metro access:** Omonia Station (Line 1, Green Line & Line 2, Red Line)
- **Approx. travel time to AUEB:** 10–12 minutes by metro (one stop to Pedion Areos / Victoria), or approximately 15–20 minutes on foot
- **Character:** Busy, central, commercial, undergoing renewal

- **Ideal for:** Participants who want maximum convenience and easy metro access at an affordable price

NOTE: Omonia and its surrounding area as well as the area between Karaiskaki square and Omonia, and Karaiskaki Square offer a wide range of accommodation options at competitive prices and are conveniently located for access to AUER. The area is generally safe, though it is advisable to exercise a little extra caution, particularly late at night — stick to the main streets and avoid poorly lit side streets, as you would in any busy urban centre.



Four Hotels very close to the conference venue

Radisson Blu Park Hotel ★★★★★

Location	10 Alexandras Avenue, overlooking Pedion Areos Park
Metro station	Victoria Station (Line 1, Green Line) — approx. 5-minute walk
Travel to AUEB	Walk directly — approx. 5-10 minutes on foot.
Category	5-star full-service hotel; higher price range

Why we suggest it: The Radisson Blu Park Hotel is one of the most comfortable and well-appointed options in the immediate vicinity of AUEB.

Areos Hotel ★★★★★

Location	Next to Pedion Areos Park, Victoria Square area
Metro station	Victoria Station (Line 1, Green Line) — approx. 5-minute walk
Travel to AUEB	Walk directly — approx. 5-10 minutes on foot
Category	4-star boutique hotel; good value for money

Why we suggest it: The Areos Hotel is situated next to Areos Park and is a five-minute walk to AUEB, the Victoria Metro Station and the National Archaeological Museum.

1900 Athenian House ★★★

Location	14 Tinou Street, Kypseli neighbourhood
Metro station	Victoria Station (Line 1, Green Line) — approx. 8–10-minute walk
Travel to AUEB	Walk directly — approx. 5-10 minutes on foot
Category	Boutique guesthouse; excellent value for money

Why we suggest it: This is a historic eclectic mansion built in 1900, renovated in 2021. It is located in the Kypseli neighbourhood, within walking distance of AUEB, the National Archaeological Museum, and Pedion Areos Park.

Athens Zafolia Hotel ★★★★★

Location	87–89 Alexandras Avenue, within walking distance of Pedion Areos Park
Metro station	Ambelokipi Station (Line 3, Blue Line) — approx. 10-minute walk
Travel to AUEB	Walk directly — approx. 15 - 20 minutes on foot
Category	4-star full-service hotel; mid-to-upper price range

Why we suggest it: The Zafolia is one of the very few hotels located on Alexandras Avenue, placing it in the immediate vicinity of AUEB and making it a very practical choice for conference participants.



Some value for money Hotel Suggestions

For participants seeking affordable hotel accommodation, the following suggestions are known to offer competitive rates, good locations relative to the conference venue, and reliable transport connections. Prices in July can vary significantly — participants are advised to book as early as possible and to compare rates across major booking platforms (Booking.com, Hotels.com, Expedia, etc.).

Hotel Athinaiis ★★★

Location	99 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, next to Mavili Square, diplomatic district
Metro station	Megaro Mousikis (Line 3, Blue Line) — short walk
Travel to AUEB	Metro to Omonia (interchange) then Line 1 to Victoria — approx. 20–25 minutes
Category	3-star boutique hotel; good value for money

Why we suggest it: The Athinaiis is a well-regarded value for money boutique hotel in a safe, elegant part of the city. The area around Mavili Square and Vasilissis Sofias is one of Athens' most pleasant and secure neighbourhoods, and the hotel's location provides easy metro access to the broader city. It is particularly suitable for participants who wish to combine conference attendance with exploring the upscale Kolonaki district and nearby cultural venues.

Hotel Exarchion ★★

Location	55 Themistokleous Street, in the heart of Exarcheia Square
Metro station	Omonia Station (Lines 1 & 2) — approx. 10-minute walk
Travel to AUEB	approx. 15 minutes walk
Category	2-star rated; practical budget-to-mid-range option

Why we suggest it: Hotel Exarchion is an economical and well-located option for conference participants, positioned in the heart of Exarcheia Square.

Hotel Xenophon ★★★★★

Location	Patission Street area, near Kato Patissia metro station
Metro station	Kato Patissia (Line 1, Green Line) — approx. 150–200 m from the hotel
Travel to AUEB	2 stops on Line 1 to Victoria Station — approx. 5–10 minutes
Category	4-star rated; practical budget-to-mid-range option

Why we suggest it: Hotel Xenophon is a value for money hotel option located conveniently close to AUEB campus, connected by just two metro stops on the same Line 1 (Green Line). Its proximity to Kato Patissia metro station makes it extremely practical for daily commuting to the conference. Participants who prefer to stay close to the venue without paying the premium prices of the city centre will find this an efficient and economical choice.

Airbnb & Short-Term Rentals

Airbnb and similar short-term rental platforms (Vrbo, Booking.com apartments) are highly recommended for participants seeking the best value, particularly in the Kypseli and Exarcheia neighbourhoods. These areas have a strong supply of well-appointed private apartments at prices that are difficult to match with conventional hotels.

Short-term rentals are also well suited to participants travelling with family, those who prefer self-catering, or small groups wishing to share accommodation. When booking, participants should verify that the property is in one of the recommended neighbourhoods and check its proximity to the nearest metro station.

- **Kypseli:** Top Airbnb recommendation — walking distance to AUEB, authentic neighbourhood feel, excellent value
- **Exarcheia:** Top Airbnb recommendation — vibrant cultural atmosphere, very close to the venue, great cafes and tavernas
- Also available in: Koukaki, Plaka, Monastiraki, Syntagma area, and across the Historic Triangle

Walking to AUEB from Key Locations

For participants staying in or passing through the central areas of Athens, it is worth knowing that AUEB is within walking distance of several major landmarks and transport hubs. Walking is a pleasant option in the early morning or evening, though participants should bear in mind that **July temperatures in Athens can be very high (35–40°C)** — midday walks of more than 10–15 minutes are not recommended without sun protection and water. The main route to AUEB follows Patisision Street (28th October Street), which is flat, straight, and easy to navigate.

Starting Point	Walking Time	Notes & Route
Omonia Square	~20 minutes	Head north along Patisision Street from Omonia Square — a straight, flat route all the way to No. 76. This is the closest major square to AUEB and the most practical starting point for a walk to the venue.
Syntagma Square	~30–35 minutes	From Syntagma, walk west along Stadiou or Panepistimiou Street to Omonia Square (~10 min), then north along Patisision Street to AUEB (~20 min). Flat, well-signposted, and passes through the heart of Athens — pleasant in the early morning, but the metro is recommended in the midday heat.
Monastiraki Metro Station (Lines 1 & 3)	~35–40 minutes	Head north along Athinas Street to Omonia Square (~10 min), passing the Central Market (Varvakeios Agora), then continue north along Patisision Street to AUEB (~20–25 min). A characterful walk in cooler hours. In summer heat, take Line 1 directly to Victoria (one stop from Omonia, or two from Monastiraki).
Acropolis Metro Station (Line 2)	~45–50 minutes	The furthest starting point from AUEB. The route heads north through Koukaki and Exarcheia before reaching Patisision Street. Not recommended in peak summer heat. By metro: take Line 2 to Omonia (interchange to Line 1) then one stop to Victoria — total under 25 minutes.

Navigation tip: All four walking routes converge on Patisision Street (28th October Street), which leads directly to the AUEB main entrance at No. 76. Google Maps and Apple Maps both give reliable walking directions — search for ‘AUEB’ or ‘76 Patisision Street, Athens’.

Getting to AUEB by Metro

The Athens Metro is safe, modern, efficient, and inexpensive. The conference venue is served by Victoria Station on Line 1 (Green Line). A standard single ticket costs €1.20 and is valid for 90 minutes across all public transport modes. Multi-day tourist passes are also available.

Area / Hotel	Nearest Metro Station	Approx. Travel Time to Victoria
Kypseli	Victoria (Line 1)	Walking distance — 5–15 min walk
Exarcheia	Victoria (Line 1) / Omonia (Lines 1&2)	5–10 min metro or walk
Hotel Xenophon	Kato Patissia (Line 1)	5–10 min (2 stops, same line)
Acropolis Museum / Koukaki	Acropolis (Line 2)	20–25 min via interchange
Plaka / Monastiraki	Monastiraki (Lines 1&3)	15–20 min (Line 1 direct)
Karaiskaki Square	Kerameikos (Line 3) / Metaxourgio (Line 2)	20–25 min via interchange
Historic Triangle / Syntagma	Syntagma (Lines 2&3) / Omonia (Lines 1&2)	15–20 min (Line 1 direct from Omonia)
Hotel Athinai (Mavili Sq.)	Megarо Mousikis (Line 3)	20–25 min via interchange at Omonia



Practical Tips for July in Athens

- **Book early:** July is peak tourist season in Athens. Hotel and Airbnb availability is limited, and prices rise significantly as the conference dates approach. We strongly recommend booking accommodation as soon as possible.
- **Heat:** Athens in early July can be very hot (35–40°C / 95–104°F). Ensure your accommodation has air conditioning. When sightseeing, wear sun protection and carry water, especially at open sites like the Acropolis.
- **Metro tickets:** A single ticket costs €1.20 (valid 90 minutes, all modes). 5-day tourist passes are available and excellent value for the duration of the conference.
- **Taxis & apps:** The Beat and Uber apps operate in Athens and offer reliable, metered rides. Always use an app or insist on the meter to avoid overcharging.
- **Safety:** Athens is a safe European capital. Standard precautions apply: keep valuables secure, be aware of pickpockets in crowded metro stations and markets, and use well-lit streets at night. All recommended areas are considered safe for tourists.
- **Platforms to use:** Booking.com, Hotels.com, Expedia, and Airbnb all have strong inventory in Athens. Compare prices across multiple platforms before booking.

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