

Explore Marathon & Athens

A short guide for conference
participants



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Welcome to Marathon!

We're so glad you're here for the **8th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles!**

During your stay, take some time to discover the area's coastline, protected landscapes, archaeological heritage and local seaside towns.

This guide brings together easy ideas for a free evening, a few spare hours, or a half-day beyond the conference programme.



YOUR BASE

Golden Coast Hotel & Resort
Marathon, Greece

Enjoy your time here!



2. Practical Information



Athens Airport

34 km
~ 40–50 min by car

Scheduled transfers to the hotel will be available. Pick-up times and details will be shared closer to the conference.



Bus Stop

~ 800 m from the hotel
Regular services to Nea Makri & Athens.



Taxis

Available at the hotel reception or by phone.



Currency

Euro (€)
Credit and debit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are available in Nea Makri and Marathon.



Electricity

230V, Type C & F
Standard European plugs are used in Greece.



Emergency Number 112

For police, fire or medical assistance.
Works across the EU.



Pharmacy

Pharmacies are available in Nea Makri and Marathon.



Tap Water

Safe to drink
Tap water in the area is generally safe and of good quality.



Important Travel Information

Please note that the Authentic Athens Marathon will take place on **Sunday, 8 November**. As the race starts in Marathon, close to the conference venue, road access to the hotel will be severely restricted between **06:00 and 18:00**. If possible, we recommend arriving on Saturday, **7 November**, or scheduling your flight to land after **18:00 on 8 November** to avoid travel delays. A contingency plan for delegates arriving during the road closures will be shared closer to the conference.

3. Around the hotel

Relax, explore, enjoy *Right on your doorstep*



Marathon Beach

Seaside walks, swimming and stunning sunsets.
Just steps from the hotel



Nea Makri 2km

Cafes, restaurants, bars and a lively seafront



Sanctuary of the Egyptian Gods (Brexita) 4km

A unique archaeological site near the hotel

Discover Marathon

A place of great stories



Tomb of the Athenians, 3km



A fascinating monument commemorating the Athenian soldiers of the 490 BC battle.



Archaeological Museum of Marathon, 6km



Finds from the region and the famous Battle of Marathon.



Marathon Run Museum & Starting Point, 7km



Explore the history of the Marathon race and its global legacy.



Archaeological Site of Ramnous, 19km



An ancient sanctuary with stunning sea views.

Nature that inspires

From wetlands to pine forests



Schinias National Park, 13km

A protected coastal ecosystem of great ecological importance. Home to rare species, sand dunes, pine forests and a long, unspoiled beach.



Marathon Lake & Dam, 16km

A scenic spot surrounded by greenery, ideal for a relaxing drive or short hike.

6. A half – day in Athens

A short trip to a timeless city

Only 35km from the hotel



If you have a few hours, don't miss the chance to visit Athens, a vibrant city where ancient history meets modern life.



Acropolis

The iconic symbol of Athens



Plaka

Charming streets, shops and cafes.



Monastiraki

A lively area for shopping and local flavour.



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*Thank you for joining us
in Marathon!*

