

Athens airport is almost an hour from the city centre and around 90 minutes from Piraeus Port by car. It is always a good idea to be back near the airport the night before your flight home but it is often easier and quicker to stay somewhere closer. These are the Athens Airport hotels that we recommend as well as some that are a good compromise.

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### **Athenian Riviera Hotels**

Stay along the Athenian Riviera. Whilst not right near the airport it is actually closer than the city centre and a great place to spend a few days, especially if you are still desperate to grab some time at the beach before heading home.

The main suburbs to stay in are [Glyfada](#), [Voula/Vouliagmeni](#) and Astir. It takes just 30 minutes to get to the Airport from Vouliagmeni which is about a 25 -30 Euro cab drive.

These suburbs are leafy and upmarket and are where many wealthy Greeks live. It's also

where many Athenians spend their weekends.

**Glyfada** — An upscale residential area of Athens, Glyfada offers seaside living complete with trendy restaurants, bars, and many shops. It is also right near the new [Ellinikon Experience Park](#) which is a wonderful attraction that has been opened where the old Athens airport used to be.

If you're a golfer then Glyfada also has the only [golf course](#) in Athens! There is a tram line in Glyfada with connections to Neos Kosmos metro station and Sygrou Fix Metro station (line 2), but note the tram is pretty slow going.

Check out [Glyfada Riviera Hotel](#), [Palmyra Beach Hotel](#) and the spacious and very stylish new [O2 Suites](#).

**Voula and Vouliagmeni** — Voula and Vouliagmeni both have nice beaches and swimming, and both are upscale residential areas with mostly domestic tourists. There is also a wonderful thermal lake here called [Vouliagmeni Lake](#) which is like a wellness sanctuary and leisure centre with an all-day restaurant and day spa.

The “downtown” of Voula has more going on in terms of restaurants and cafés, and Vouliagmeni is the more remote of the two. You will need to catch a taxi or a metro from Glyfada and a taxi from there, which should be less than 10 euro.

We love [Divani Apollon Palace](#), especially for families, and [The Margi](#) is great for couples and singles. We've also had a great stay as a family at [Vouliagmeni Suites](#) who have family rooms and are right across from the beach and next door to the lake.

Most recently I spent my last night before flying home at Athenian Riviera Hotel, which is very comfortable, has a pool, is a short walk to the beaches and is very affordable too given some of the most expensive hotels and beach clubs in Athens are close by.

**Astir** - at the very end of this stretch of Coastline is a small peninsula often referred to as Astir. This is where you will find the only Four Seasons Hotel in Greece, the [Four Seasons Astir Palace](#).

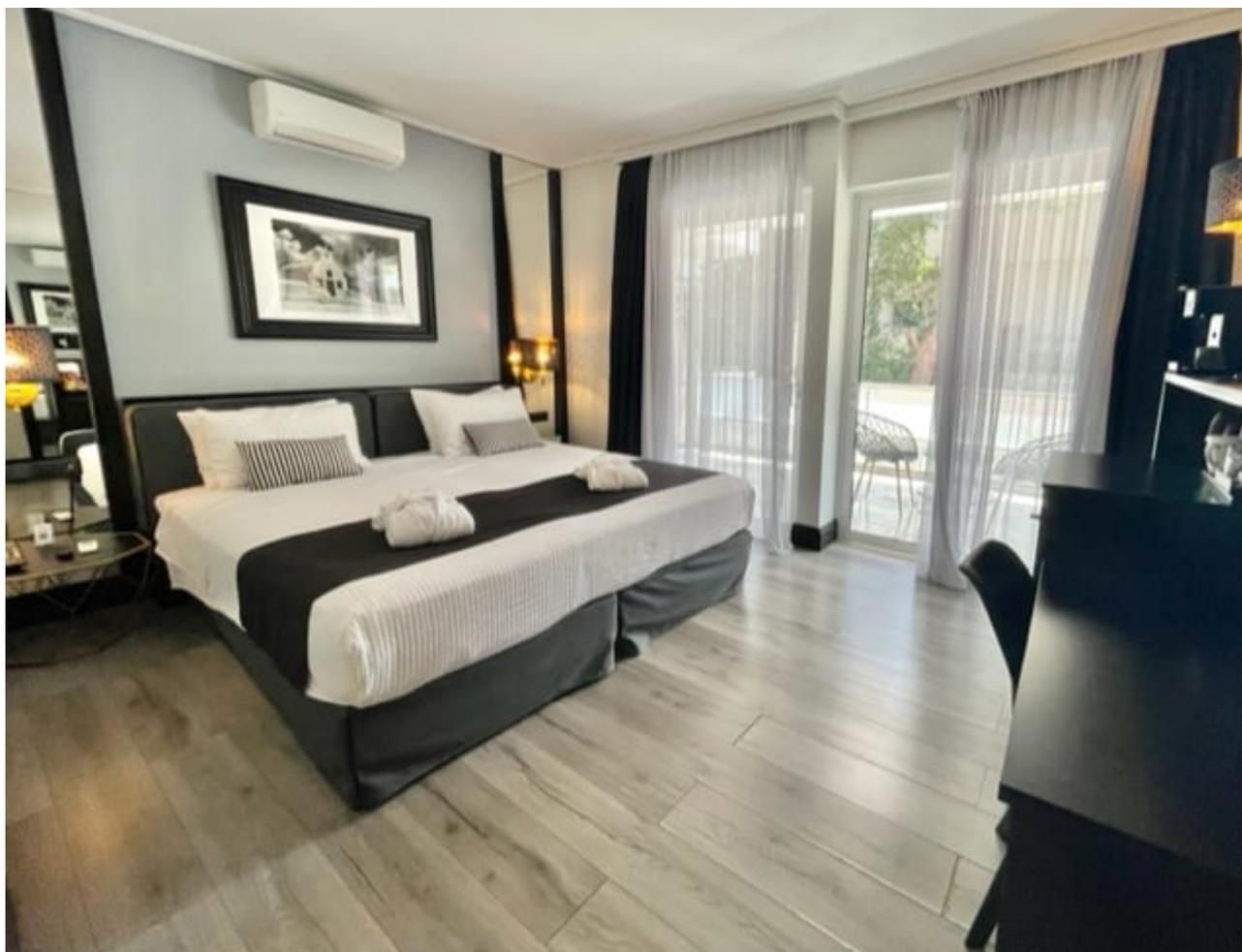


**ASTIR**



**Vouliagmeni Beach**





**other seaside suburbs near athens Airport**



## **RAFINA PORT**

Stay at one of the seaside suburbs like [Rafina](#), a charming seaside fishing village that also services some of the ferries to the Cyclades Islands such as Tinos and [Mykonos](#), making it a great spot if you can co-ordinate those connections. The [Avra Hotel](#) is across from the beach and offers a free airport shuttle.

Also check out the beachside suburbs of [Artemida](#), [Porto Rafti](#) and [Vravrona](#). We especially like the charming [Seasabelle Hotel](#) near Artemida who have stylish beachfront rooms that can sleep up to 4, and at a very reasonable price point too.

Just 7 minutes south there is a [big modern 5 star resort](#) right on the beach at Vravrona Bay

- only 20 minutes from the airport. This is a huge complex with several swimming pools, a day spa, a water sports centre and a poolside restaurant - great for families! It's also very close to the [Archaeological Site and Museum of Brauron](#) (pictured below) which includes the Temple of Artemis and is rather extraordinary ( **TIP\*** Eat at [Taverna Artemis!](#)).



**Stay at one of the 'Airport Hotels'**



There are a couple of good hotels that are very close to, or in one case at, the airport. These can be particularly convenient if you only need to stay very briefly and/or are meeting up with people on other flights who are joining you.

The downside of course if they are located in busy, commercial areas and the district views are pretty ordinary with not much to see or do. The food in their restaurants is good but fairly standard hotel fare and you won't be able to enjoy a local family taverna without travelling.

- The [Holiday Inn Athens](#), Attica Ave is located in Attica Avenue Highway, the new rapidly developing business district of Athens and is a 10-minute drive to the airport. The hotel offers a free shuttle service every hour.

- The [Sofitel Athens Airport](#) is really the only hotel located **AT** Athens airport and is located directly across the road from the main terminal and adjacent to the Metro station. It is not a cheap option but it is certainly convenient and it does have a swimming pool. Make sure to ask for a refurbished room.

Another option is to stay in a rural setting near the airport, which actually is surrounded by quite a few farms. This can be a nice way to enjoy a more personal experience than the other airport hotels and a tranquil rural setting.

[Varaba Country House](#) is our pick , especially in the cooler months when the beachside options aren't as appealing. It has 5 lovely suites (including a family room), beautiful gardens and they can provide delicious home cooked meals at an extra cost. They also have a pick up service.

Our other suggestion is [St Thomas B & B](#), also with a beautiful garden and a swimming pool. Very affordable too.

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