



## **7 NIGHT EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN DANCE CRUISE**

### **BALLROOM, LATIN & SWING DANCE CRUISE**

**October 14 - October 21, 2023 – Athens to Barcelona**

#### **AIRPORT AND CRUISE TERMINAL INFORMATION**

*\*Please note prices listed below are approximate and subject to change.*

#### **CRUISE CHECK-IN**

Begins usually around 12:30 pm, depending on how the debarkation of the previous cruise goes. However, you will not be able to go to the cabins until later in the afternoon, as they will need to finish cleaning them. Usually there is an announcement on board when you can go to your cabin.

#### **AIRPORTS**

##### **Athens International Airport (ATH)**

31 Viltanioti Street, 145 64 Kifissia, Athens

<https://www.aia.gr/traveler/>

By taxi: There are taxi queues outside all gates of the airport. A taxi ride from the airport to Piraeus port will take approximately 40-60 minutes, depending on the traffic. The taxi fare (indicative) from Athens airport to the port of Piraeus is 45 euros in the daytime and 64 euros at night (24:00-05:00). You can book your Athens airport transfer online. The average taxi holds 3-4 people and 2-3 pieces of luggage. Local taxis accept US Dollars, however EURO is preferable. Few drivers speak English.

Airport to Group Hotel is about 21 miles, about 25 minutes

Ride Share: Uber is available in Athens, but it is not a popular option yet so ride availability might be scarce. TaxiBeat is a popular transportation app that is like Uber, but not a rideshare service. A TaxiBeat taxi is known to be smoke-free, clean and driven by a courteous and trustworthy English-speaking drivers. Users can download the app, plug in a pickup address and track when a TaxiBeat taxi will arrive in real time.

By metro: The metro connects the airport to the port with a direct line. The metro station is located right outside the airport. You board the blue line, the terminal of which lies right by the Piraeus harbor. The first metro train leaves the airport at 6:10 am, while the last at 23:34 pm. Itineraries from the airport depart every 36 minutes. The entire trip lasts around an hour. The ticket costs 9 euros (one-way).

When you arrive at Piraeus, be sure to locate the gate your ferry departs from, as the port's area is quite wide.

By train: From the Athens Airport station (adjacent to the airport terminal) the Athens Suburban Railway (Proastiakos) operates a direct service between the Athens International Airport and Piraeus port. The journey takes 60 minutes and the ticket costs 9 euros (one-way).

By bus: The bus is the most affordable option. Bus X96 covers the route from Athens airport to Piraeus port directly. Buses operate 24 hours and the drive takes about 90 minutes. Itineraries depart every 40 minutes during the day and every 15-30 minutes from 22:30 pm to 05:00 am.

Ticket price: 5 euros. (can only be used once).

### **Barcelona International Airport**

The Airport code for Barcelona is BCN.

El Prat de Llobregat

<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Barcelona/en/>

6.25 miles outside of Barcelona city

Taxis are widely available and reasonably priced, however be sure to negotiate your fare before making the commitment to secure the taxi's service if they are not metered, although most are metered.

## **PRINCESS CRUISE LINE BUS SHUTTLE TRANSFER SERVICE**

Purchase of transfers can be done through Sundancer. You will need to provide your flight information at the time of purchase. Flight details are provided to the transportation company to assist in expediting your transfer to the pier. It is your responsibility to update Sundancer with any changes to your flight schedule to ensure you are met by the transportation company.

### **Athens - Cost of Transfers:**

Between Athens International Airport (Code ATH) and Athens Port

One Way: \$34.00

Transfer rates are subject to change and any unused services are nonrefundable.

### **Flight Guidelines**

To use this service your flights must follow the following guidelines

10/14/23: Flight must arrive by 3:30 p.m. (Latest international flight arrival: 3 hours, 30 minutes prior to the ship's departure)

Prior to your cruise you will be met at the airport: You will be met and assisted by the cruise line meet & greet service in the baggage claim area and then escorted to your vehicle for transfer to the port.

### **Barcelona - Cost of Transfers:**

Between Barcelona International Airport (Code BCN) and Barcelona Port

One Way: \$29.00

Transfer rates are subject to change and any unused services are nonrefundable.

### **Flight Guidelines**

To use this service your flights must follow the following guidelines

10/21/23: Flight must depart after 9:15 a.m. (Earliest international flight departure: 4 hours, 15 minutes after the ship's arrival)

For availability contact Sundancer at 866-409-7245 (SAIL). Sundancer will also be providing information on private shuttle options.

## **PORT OF ATHENS:**

<https://www.piraeus.org/>

Pier Address:

Cruise Passenger Terminal B (Kanellos)

Port Gate E12

Akti Xaveriou, Lions Gate

Piraeus

Cruise ships typically dock here. One mile from the center of Piraeus and eight miles from Athens. There are 3 terminal buildings. Free shuttles, if you are docked further away will drop you off at the main cruise terminal buildings.

### **Luggage Handling**

Prior to arriving at the pier, please ensure that all Princess luggage tags are attached (additional Princess luggage tags can be obtained at the pier). This is in addition to your personal identification tag. Curbside porters are available at the pier to take baggage to the vessel for delivery to your stateroom by shipboard personnel. It is customary to tip porters for this service. Please be advised that curbside porters are not employees of Princess Cruises. You are responsible for your belongings at all times. For security reasons, we remind you to keep your hand luggage, including laptops, cameras, any medications, all travel documentation (passports, visas, etc.), and other valuables in your possession at all times.

Taxis are readily available at the port, just outside the main passenger terminal. The average taxi holds 3-4 people and 2-3 pieces of luggage. Local taxis accept US Dollars, however EURO is preferable. Few drivers speak English.

Airport to the Port of Athens is about 20 miles, about 60 minutes, and taxi's are about \$54 US.

Airport to City Center is about 15 miles, 50 minutes. Taxi Fare - \$38 US

Pier/City Center is 9 miles, about 30 minutes. Taxi Fare - \$22 US

Group Hotel to Port of Athens is about 8 miles, 18 minutes. -\$25 US

## **PORT OF BARCELONA**

Palacruceros, Terminal D & Terminal E

Muelle Adosado

Port of Barcelona

Port Website: [http://www.portdebarcelona.cat/en\\_US](http://www.portdebarcelona.cat/en_US)

Palacruceros - Terminal D consists of three levels. The 1st level is the luggage hall, arrival area, and security screening. The 2nd level is the check-in area and cafe with an outdoor area. The 3rd level is the seating area including a lounge for preferred guests.

### Luggage Handling

Prior to arriving at the pier, please attach a Princess luggage tag to all pieces of checked luggage in addition to your personal identification tag. Passengers with Princess Transfers should attach their luggage tags prior to boarding their transportation at the airport. Additional Princess luggage tags are available at the pier. Upon arrival, take your luggage to the designated luggage drop-off area. Porter Assistance is available. Luggage is scanned and loaded onboard and delivered to your stateroom. Please be advised that curbside porters are not employees of Princess Cruises. Therefore, we recommend you pack your valuable items in your hand luggage and keep them in your possession at all times.

### Distance and Taxi Information

From/To	Distance One Way	Approx. Travel Time	Approx. Taxi Fare*
Airport / City Center	8.69 miles	30 min	EUR 39
Airport / Pier	7.45 miles	30 min	EUR 39
Pier / City Center	5.60 miles	15 min	EUR 15



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