

About Hydra



Hydra lies between the Saronic and Argolis Gulf and is 37 nautical miles from the Port of Piraeus in Athens. Hydra has an area of 50 square kilometres, shoreline of 55 kilometres and a population of only 3000 people. It is probably the only place in Greece where not only cars, but also motorbikes and bicycles are prohibited. All transport is by donkey.



The church right in the centre of the harbour, is the Metropolis of Hydra, Assumption of the Virgin Mary, distinguished by its tall prominent clock tower, with church's bells that announce religious events. There are also other churches with beautiful domes supported by marble arcs, like Agios Ioannis and Ipapanti.



Kaminia, Molos, Palamida and Bitsi are some of the sandy beaches of Hydra. Hydra is better known for its rocky beaches. Swimming in such waters is a unique experience.

Hydra offers a good selection of designer and leather goods. Shops are open seven days a week from 9.00am – 10.00pm.

More information about Hydra can be found at <http://www.hydra.gr>

Workshop Venue

Bratsera Conference Room
Bratsera Hotel
Hydra

An overhead projector and flip chart will be available for participants' use.

Incoming faxes and telephone messages should be marked for the attention of:

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Accommodation

Accommodation has been reserved at the following hotels

Hotel Bratsera - Hydra

Tel: 30 (2) 2980 53971
Fax: 30 (2) 2980 53626

Bratsera Hotel, a former sponge factory established by *Nickolaos Verneniotis* in 1860, has been lovingly restored and turned into one of the most charming small hotels in Greece. The hotel is only two minutes walking distance from the port in a secluded courtyard with swimming pool.

More information can be found at:
www.greekhotel.com/saronic/hydra/bratsera/home.htm



Hotel Orloff

9 Rafalia street - Hydra
Tel: 30 (2) 2980 52564
Fax: 30 (2) 2980 553532

The Orloff is a charming 18th century mansion that has been carefully restored to become a delightful and exclusive hotel. The Orloff is hidden away off one of the cobbled streets, approximately 100 metres from Hydra's bustling waterfront.

More information can be found at <http://www.orloff.gr>

Hotel Miranda**Hydra - Greece****Tel: 30 (2) 2980 52230 – 5393****Fax: 30 (2) 2980 53510**

The Miranda Hotel, originally a wealthy sea captain's mansion, was built in 1810. It has been declared a building of National Heritage by the Ministry of Culture (as has the entire island) as it is considered an especially fine example of characteristic Hydriot architecture.

In 1962 the original mansion was converted into a hotel and in 1990 it was renovated with the loving discrimination of the pure connoisseur to make it one of Hydra's 1st class hotels.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.miranda-hotel.com>

**Hotel Leto- Hydra****Tel +30 (2) 2980 53386****Fax +30 (2) 2980 53806**

Old Hydra home converted into a beautiful and comfortable Hotel managed by original owners. In a quiet backstreet location right in the middle of Hydra town, it features a pleasant leafy central courtyard and spacious reception lounge with antiques.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.sofianos.gr/leto>



Hotel Mistral- Hydra**Tel: +30 (2) 2980 52509****Fax: + 30 (2) 2980 53412**

This delightful converted stone mansion is situated within walking distance of the harbour front (approximately 8 minutes). You can enjoy breakfast every morning in the beautiful flower garden. There is a fabulous view from the roof terrace of the harbour.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.hydra-island.gr/mistral>

**Hotel Ippokambos****18040 Hydra****Telephone: +30 (2) 29805 3453****Facsimile: +30 (2) 29805 2501**

The Hotel Ippokambos is a comfortable hotel situated within walking distance of the harbour.

Local Contact

Should you need any further assistance **during** your stay in Hydra, please contact:

Ioanna Griva**Mobile: +30 6937 244952**

Or leave a message at Bratsera Hotel Reception.

Tel: +30 (2) 2980 53971**Fax: +30 (2) 2980 53626****Meals**

You should take breakfast at your allocated hotel each morning. Lunch will be served at the Bratsera Hotel each day of the Workshop.

For further details with regards to dinner arrangements please refer to Appendix III at the end of the present document.

Special dietary requests can be accommodated **if requested in advance.**

Transportation

Airport to Hotel

The new **Athens Airport“Eleftherios Venizelos”** airport is situated approx. 1 ½ hours from the Port of Piraeus where you catch the Hydrofoil to Hydra. Please take this into consideration when arranging your flights and travel to Hydra.

Please see the appendix I for details of how to reach the port from the airport

Further information on the new airport can be found at www.athensairport-2001.gr.

Hydrofoil: The Hydrofoils (there are 2 companies: Hellenic Flying Dolphin and Saronic Dolphins) depart from GATE (GATE C -Departures to the Saronic Gulf) in the main port of Piraeus, near St. SPIRIDONAS CHURCH (AGIOS SPIRIDONAS). The departure area is located within walking distance from the metro and from Karaiskaki Square (terminal of airport buses). The journey time from Athens to Hydra is 1 hour and 30 minutes. The price of a return ticket is approximately 31 Euros. Tickets can be purchased at the port, at the companies' selling points, right where the hydrofoils depart – advanced reservations are strongly recommended.

You should disembark at the Port of Hydra and walk to your designated hotel. All hotels are within a 5 – 10 minute walk.

You are able to pre-book your tickets for the Hydrofoil.

Please see appendix II for the hydrofoil timetables

Hydrofoil tickets can be pre-booked from the following companies:

1- Hellas Flying dolphins. Telephone for reservations is (0030) 210 41 99 200,
<http://www.dolphins.gr>

2- Saronic Dolphins. Telephone for reservations is (0030) 210 4123447

Please remember to keep all receipts, as it may be difficult to obtain reimbursement without them.

Currency

There are cash machines available in Hydra although it is advisable to bring a small amount of Euros with you.

Weather

The weather in Hydra is typically warm and sunny with an average daily temperature of around 20 - 28°C. However, nights can often be cooler, therefore participants should dispose of some warmer clothing.

APPENDIX I

Bus Transfers to and from Port Piraeus and the Airport

(this information is also available at http://www.athensairport-2001.gr/en/passenger_information/transport/airport_access/body.shtm)

To travel directly from the airport to the port:

Line E96 Piraeus - Airport Express travels between the airport and the center of Piraeus (Karaiskaki Square). The journey takes approximately 1 ½ hours according to traffic.

Detailed information on Line E 96 route from AUTO (Athens Urban Transport Organisation, <http://www.oasa.gr>)

Participants can use this line to get to Piraeus port, and then go to Gate Γ (which is near a church called AGIOS SPYRIDONAS) where the Hydrofoils depart. The gate is within walking distance from the buses and metro.

For Express Lines E96, a ticket costs Euro 2.93 and is valid for 24 hours on all public transport means (buses, trolley-buses and metro).

Bus Transfers to and from the Airport and Athens (for those staying overnight in Athens)

If you are staying over night in Athens and then catching the Hydrofoil in the morning please catch either of the two buses below.

Line E94 connects the Ethniki Amina Metro Station with the Airport. Detailed information on Line E 94 route from AUTO (Athens Urban Transport Organisation, <http://www.oasa.gr>). The journey takes approximately 20 – 45 minutes according to traffic.

To reach the port from Ethniki Station you can catch the Metro (travel to omonia station and then change lines to Piraeus). You should then go to Gate Γ at the Pireus Central Port (which is near a church called AGIOS SPYRIDONAS) where the Hydrofoil departs. The gate is within walking distance from the buses and metro.

Line E 95 Syntagma Square - Airport Express has its departure point at the center of Athens (Syntagma Square) and terminates at the airport. The journey takes approximately 40 minutes – 1 hour according to traffic.

Detailed information on Line E 95 route from [AUTO \(Athens Urban Transport Organisation, http://www.oasa.gr\)](http://www.oasa.gr)

To reach the port from Syntagma Station you can catch the Metro (travel to omonia station and then change lines to Piraeus).

For Express Lines E94-E95, the ticket costs Euro 2.90 and is valid for 24 hours on all public transport means (buses, trolley-buses and metro).

Arriving buses disembark passengers at the designated area of the departure level of the Main Terminal Building.

Express Line E96 Frequency (24hour operation): Piraeus - Airport

From the Airport to Piraeus

Hour	Minutes
01	20
02	00 40
03	20
04	00 40
05	20
06	00 30
07	00 25 50
08	10 30 55
09	15 35 55
10	15 35 55
11	20 40
12	00 25 45
13	05 25 45
14	05 25 50
15	10 30 55
16	15 35 55
17	15 35 55
18	20 40
19	00 20 40
20	00 20 40
21	00 30
22	05 40
23	20
24	00 40

From Piraeus to Airport

Hour	Minutes
01	10 50
02	30
03	10 50
04	30
05	00 25 45
06	05 25 45
07	10 30 50
08	10 30 50
09	10 35 55
10	15 40
11	00 20 40
12	00 20 40
13	05 25 45
14	10 30 50
15	10 30 50
16	10 35 55
17	15 40
18	00 20 40
19	00 30
20	00 30
21	10 50
22	30
23	10 50
24	30

Express Line E95 (24hour operation): Syntagma – Airport**From Airport to Syntagma**

Hour	Minutes			
01	05	20	40	
02	00	20	40	
03	00	20	40	
04	10	40		
05	05	30	55	
06	30			
07	00	35		
08	05	35	55	
09	25	55		
10	25	55		
11	15	45		
12	15	45		
13	15	35		
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15	05	35	55	
16	25	55		
17	25	55		
18	15	45		
19	00	15	30	45 53
20	00	08	15	23 30 38 45
21	05	15	35	
22	05	20	35	55
23	10	25	40	55
24	15	35	50	

From Syntagma to Airport

Hour	Minutes			
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02	00	20	40	
03	10	40		
04	05	30	55	
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06	00	08	15	23 30 38 45 53
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18	05	35		
19	05	30		
20	00	15	30	45
21	00	30	50	
22	05	30	45	
23	05	25	40	
24	00	20	40	

Express Line E94 Frequency: Ethniki Amina – Airport**From Airport to Ethniki Amina**

Hour	Minutes					
06	15	45				
07	10	20	30	40	50	
08	00	10	20	30	40	50
09	00	10	20	30	40	50
10	00	10	20	30	40	50
11	00	10	20	30	40	50
12	00	10	20	30	40	50
13	00	10	20	30	40	50
14	00	10	20	30	40	50
15	00	10	20	30	40	50
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17	00	10	20	30	40	50
18	00	10	20	30	40	50
19	10	20	38			
20	55					
21	20	50				
22	50					

From Ethniki Amina to Airport

Hour	Minutes					
07	30		50			
08	00	10	20	30	40	50
09	00	10	20	30	40	50
10	00	10	20	30	40	50
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19	00	10	20	30	40	55
20	10	30				
21	35					
22	05	40				
23	30					

APPENDIX II

TIME SCHEDULE

VOYAGE DURATION APPROX. 1 HOUR AND 30 MINUTES
FROM PIRAEUS (Ag. Spyridonas)

HELLAS FLYING DOLPHINS*

ATHENS – HYDRA

<i>TUESDAY</i> <i>11/5/2004</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i> <i>12/5/2004</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i> <i>13/5/2004</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i> <i>14/5/2004</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i> <i>16/5/2004</i>
08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00
08:30	08:30	08:30	08:30	08:30
10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00
14:30	14:30	14:30	14:30	14:30
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			18:30	
			20:00	

HYDRA - ATHENS

<i>THURSDAY</i> <i>13/5/2004</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i> <i>14/5/2004</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i> <i>15/5/2004</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i> <i>16/5/2004</i>	<i>MONDAY</i> <i>17/5/2004</i>
07:20	07:20	07:20	07:20	07:20
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:35
11:40	11:30	11:40	11:30	11:40
15:00	15:00	15:00	14:40	15:00
16:30	16:30	16:35	16:30	16:35
17:25	17:25	17:25	17:25	17:25
	19:05		19:05	
			20:55	

- *N.B.: 1. The above timetable can also be found at <http://www.dolphins.gr>
 2. For ticket reservations (with credit card), please send an email to: booking@dolphins.gr or call 0030 210 41 99 200
 3. Extra departures may be added to the schedule closer to the date of the conference