

LUNCH OPTIONS NEAR AUEB

We list here a few options for lunch within walking distance from AUEB.

- 1) **Greenery café**, 14 Kodrigktonos st. This is 1 block away from AUEB, parallel to Derigny street, which is one of the side streets of the main building. The owner there cooks 1 main dish every day and also makes pasta dishes, salads and sandwiches.
- 2) **Geo café**, at the corner of Patisson and Derigny st. Some sandwich and salad options are available here.
- 3) Victoria square (also referred to as Kyriakou square). There are a few choices on the square such as **Kroskas tavern**, **Palmier Bistro**, **Café des Poetes** (all these are on the left side when you are coming to the square from AUEB). On the right side of the square, there is a pedestrian street (Elpidos st.) which leads to a nice seafood tapas place called **Lakis' Ouzeri** (16 Elpidos st.).
- 4) If you want something really quick, there are plenty of small take-away shops where you can find pizzas, sandwiches and other snacks (especially on Patisson st. and Kodrigktonos st.).

DINNER OPTIONS IN ATHENS

Below we provide some dinner suggestions mainly within the center of Athens. There are several different areas within the city center, each with its own feeling. The suggestions we provide for each area of the center are simply based on our personal taste. We are not affiliated with any of these places. Most places below serve greek cuisine unless we explicitly state otherwise. Bear in mind that some restaurants may not serve you before 8, as Greek people tend to go for dinner much later. For more options, you can also visit the “spotted-by-locals” website: <http://www.spottedbylocals.com/athens/>, with recommendations by local people.

If a restaurant has a greek name, we write its transliteration in English (sometimes, when it is meaningful, we also write its translation) along with its name in Greek.

1) Εξάρχεια (Eksarhia)

This is the closest neighborhood to AUEB, and you can hang out there both for dinner and for drinks. Lots of young people there, and not too many tourists, which means that both prices and quality of food are fairly reasonable.

Αγκλέουρας (Agleouras), 9 Koleti st. Very cute small place, cuisine based on organic ingredients. Very friendly stuff.

Yandes, 44 Valtetsiou st. Slightly modernized greek cuisine, combined with a nice patio for outdoors sitting (located in a former open-air cinema).

Ζάχαρη και αλάτι bistrot bar (Zahari ke Alati, means Sugar and Salt), 47 Valtetsiou st. In the groundfloor you can sit in the patio for dinner. In the first floor you can enjoy a glass of wine (among a quite good collection) as well as nice cocktails.

Mystic pizza, 76 Mpenaki st. In most pizza places, by the time you finish eating, you already feel pretty full and you start regretting for eating so much. Not in this place. Very fresh and tasty ingredients. The dough is made of cannabis, but we assure you, this is not an issue (it is made of the edible portion of the plant) and you will not even realize this. All the pizzas in the menu are really tasty and the ambience is also very pleasant. It is however a small place and it may not be easy to find a table at peak-time.

Αλεξάνδρεια (Alexandria), 13 Metsovou st. Egyptian-based cuisine (and generally middle-eastern dishes). One could also call it Istanbul-based cuisine. Nice food and nice atmosphere.

Λεύκα (Lefka), 121 Mavromihali st. Among the oldest spots in this neighborhood. Classic tavern with a nice patio and with an ambience reminiscent of previous decades.

Ροζαλία (Rozalia), 58 Valtetsiou st. All time classic.

Ριφιφι (Rififi), 69A Mpenaki st. (at the corner with Valtetsiou st.). This is a more modern place with interesting and novel combinations of standard ingredients. The decoration and the friendly staff also make this an attractive choice (clearly however, this is not a place to taste typical greek cuisine).

2) Near the Monastiraki Metro station

This is a very touristy area and a lot of the food places there are not really worth visiting. There are a few good options though.

Φύλημα (Filema), 16 Romvis st. Nice authentic greek food, in a pedestrian street with outdoors sitting. Highly recommended.

Αβησσυνία café (Avissinia cafe), Avissinia square. If you take a walk in the flea market of Monastiraki, this is a great place to stop for lunch. It is located in a square with lots of old furniture stores. In the weekends they also have live music during lunch time.

3) Near the Akropolis metro station

Again this is a touristy area, hence most places are not that great.

Μάνη Μάνη (Mani Mani), 10 Falirou st. Very good quality restaurant, combining traditional and modern aspects. A few dishes are regional and come from the region of Peloponnese (particularly the town of Mani). Very good atmosphere too but a bit on the expensive side.

4) Πλάκα (Plaka)

Among the best areas to take a walk and enjoy a sunny day. Located in the foothills of Akropolis, this is probably the oldest neighborhood of Athens. It is full of beautiful neoclassical buildings and pedestrian streets. There are also plenty of restaurants and cafes, most of them with outdoors sitting. Try to avoid restaurants that hire people to just stand outside and try to lure you in. Other than that, you have many places to choose from. Below we provide just 2 of the most popular choices.

Το καφενείο (To Kafenio), 1 Epiharmou st. (corner with Tripodon st.). Great ambience, lots of locals go there too. It is probably among the least touristy places in Plaka.

Σχολαρχείο (Scholarhio), 14 Tripodon st. This place maybe more popular with tourists than locals but still the food is not bad. The vegetable dishes are quite enjoyable. The seafood not really. Nice patio also, with its top covered with vines.

5) Γκάζι (Gazi) (around the Kerameikos metro station)

An area that became popular in the last 6-7 years. It used to be a run-down place that suddenly became full of restaurants and cafes. Lots of artists live there too. Apart from dinner there are plenty of places to have a drink there. For example Gazarte (32-34 Voutadon st. on the 1st floor) is a good choice for drinks and cocktails with an excellent view of Akropolis.

Κανέλλα (Kanella, means cinammon), 70 Constantinoupoleos, at the corner with Evmolpidon st. Very tasty food, a bit on the modern side but still based on traditional recipes. Among the best choices in this area.

Νέζος (Nezos), 58 Constantinoupoleos st. Good food, with middle eastern influences. Right next door there is also a really good sandwich store by the same name.

6) Θησείο (Thissio, next stop on the green line after Monastiraki)

This area is also nice to take a walk and there are many places where you can enjoy a cup of coffee combined with a view of the Akropolis. If you plan to go there, we recommend that instead of getting off at the Thissio station, get off at Monastiraki and walk towards Thissio on Adrianou st. You will walk past Hadrian's library, the ancient market (agora) and the temple of Hephaestus (the most well preserved temple of Athens from the ancient times, dedicated to the god of fire and metallurgy, known in Latin as Vulcan). Once you reach the Thissio station from Adrianou st. make a left to go towards Apostolou Pavlou st. where most of the cafes and restaurants of Thissio are located.

Το στέκι του Ηλία (To steki tou Elia, essentially means Elias' tavern), 5 Eptahalkou st. and also at 7 Thessalonikis st. This is a more traditional meat-based place. There is sufficient choice of vegetarian appetizers too but lamb chops and liver dishes are among the favorites here. Simple, tasty and with outdoors sitting. Very attractive choice during the spring and the summer.

Φίλιστρον (Filistron), 23, Apostolou Pavlou st. A bit expensive but the food is very good and the view is excellent.

7) OUTSIDE THE MAIN DOWNTOWN AREA

Πετράλωνα (Petalona)

Take the green line and get off at Petralona station. Walk towards Troon street (Τρώων). Once in Troon st., walk towards the direction of Thissio (the previous station). In the last few years, a lot of new restaurants have opened there. Walking on Troon street also gives you a feeling of how Athens was 40 years ago. For more details, you can see the article about Troon st. here: <http://www.spottedbylocals.com/athens/troon-street/>

Καισαριανή (Kesariani):

To go there, we would recommend taking a taxi and getting off at the main square of Kesariani. The main square there along with some side streets have quite a few places. The menu in most of them is tapas-based, with a lot of seafood choices.