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# The history of our city

# Athens - Petroupoli

Europe



Greece



Athens



*How Athens got its name*



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- It is well-known that Athens was the most powerful and glorious town of ancient Greece. Its residents managed to develop a wonderful civilization that is admired till today. It is also known that the city got its name from Athena, the goddess of wisdom and courage. But how did Athens got its name? Here is a charming little story about the origin of the city's name.

*Athens was the area that classic art was created and affected every other artist and helped arts to evolve*

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# *Climate*

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- The climate in Greece has the characteristics of both that of the continent and the Mediterranean. The weather is most frequently sunny and dry and thus it is ideal for good health.



## *Athens and The birth of democracy*

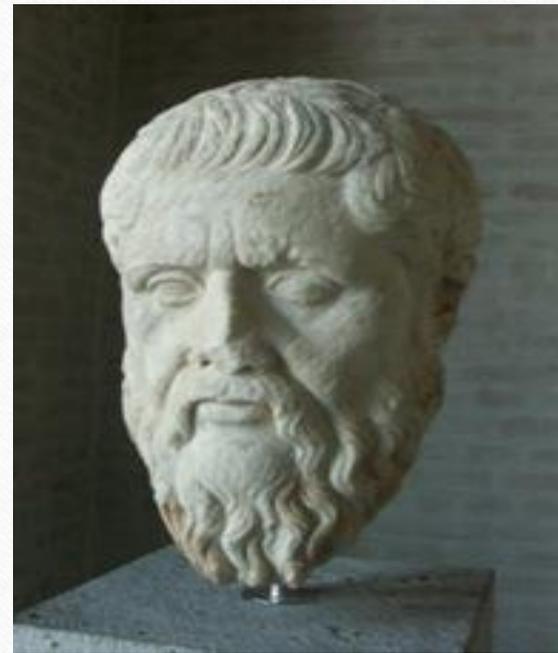
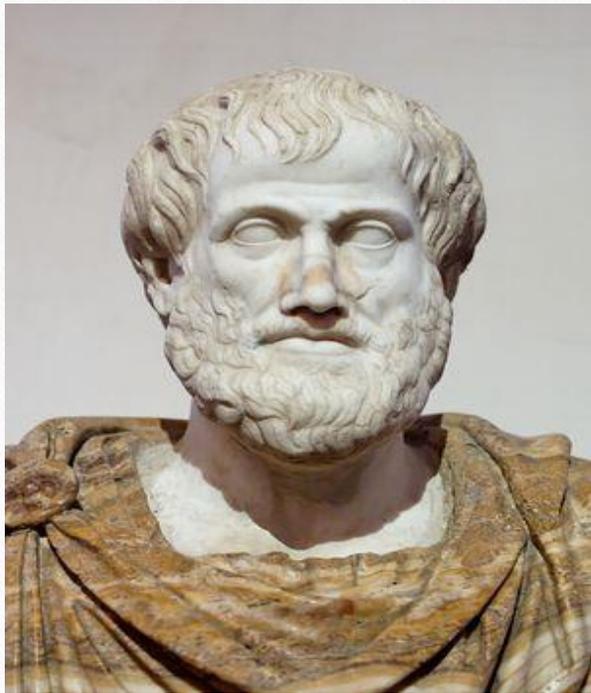


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- The Athenian democracy developed around the 6th century BC in the Greek city-state (known as *polis*) of Athens, comprising the city of Athens and the surrounding territory of Attica.



*Athens is a place where some of the greatest philosophers taught, laying the foundations of philosophy since then*

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*Athens hosts some great pieces of art from  
different civilizations*

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Ηρώδειο Herod Atticus Odeon



Πύλη Αδριανού - The Arch of Adrian

## *The Acropolis of Athens*



- The Acropolis of Athens is an ancient citadel located on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens and contains the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historical significance, the most famous being the *Parthenon*.

- The word *Acropolis* originates from the Greek words “*ἄκρον*” (akron, "highest point, extremity") and “*πόλις*” (polis, "city"). The term acropolis is generic (i.e. it refers to many similar structures) which means that there are many other *Acropōleis* in Greece. During ancient times it was also more properly known as *Cecropia*, after the legendary serpent-man, *Cecrops*, the supposed first Athenian king.



*During the Ottoman occupation (1801) the British ambassador Elgin, with the permission of the Turkish commander, removed and transported to Britain the famous sculptures of the Parthenon, destroying the monument.*

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- Today these same sculptures are exhibited at the British Museum in London and there is an international race for their return to Athens, at the Acropolis Museum the place where they belong!

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*Most of the remaining  
sculptures are exhibited in  
the Acropolis Museum*





The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on the surrounding slopes, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece.

The museum was founded in 2003, while the Organization of the Museum was established in 2008. It opened to the public on 20 June 2009. More than 4,250 objects are exhibited over an area of 14,000 square metres.



*Athens 12 years after its liberation from the Ottomans becomes the capital of Greece (1833) and is decorated with magnificent neoclassical buildings*

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*National library*

*The Academy of Athens*





*The National Theatre*

*The old Parliament*



*Athens was developed in an urban center during the 19th and 20th century, having a great architectural variety*

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## *Petroupoli*

- Petroupoli is an urban area and municipality of the western sector of Attica. The city has got its name from the word “*stone*” (city of stone) as the subsoil is stony and in the past lots of quarries were operating on Poikilo Oros where Petroupoli is built.



*Petroupoli was developed after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War (1945) as a residential area. It was mostly developed between the decades 1960-2000.*

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*Petroupoli is a suburb of Athens where middle-class citizens reside.*

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*Petroupoli is known as the city of civilization with  
Petra's Theatre(theatro petras) as its most known sight*

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- Petra's theatre hosts the international festival of Petra's during which remarkable concerts and theatrical performances are held every summer,



*Thank you for your time*

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