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# **Local Information**

Transportation, Venue and Accommodation

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# **Overview**

Dear 3rd ATTRACT TWD participant,

together with our colleagues from CERN we have put in our best efforts to make your visit in Tripolis as easy, pleasant and fruitful as possible. In the following pages we provide you with some information regarding the way to get to Tripolis, how to move in the city, where the venue is located etc.

The vast majority of the people in Greece speak English; most stores accept credit cards; most signs are in both Greek and English. Therefore we have no doubt that you will not encounter any problem. But if at any time you feel uneasy, please feel free to contact us for help. Andriana, Victoria and Vaggelis and will be happy to assist you.

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### **Transportation**

Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (IATA code ATH) is located approximately 190 km from Tripoli and is the main entrance to Greece for those traveling to Tripoli. Kalamata International Airport "Captain Vassilis Constantakopoulos" (IATA code KLX) is located considerably closer at 80 km from Tripoli, but it serves flights from fewer destinations and has fewer public transportation options to relay to Tripoli. Kalamata airport is a good choice if you have a convenient flight from your city of departure and are planning to rent a car.

### **Athens International Airport to Tripoli**

In order to facilitate your trip from Athens International Airport to Tripoli and back we have arranged for a bus shuttle (see below). If you wish to travel independently, or the shuttle time plan is not convenient for you, there are many options to choose from. Hiring a taxi is the most convenient, renting a car the recommended and using public transportation the cheapest (but not recommended, as there is no direct connection and there are no quick and convenient combinations of transportation means available).

#### Taxi

Trip time: approximately 2 hours.

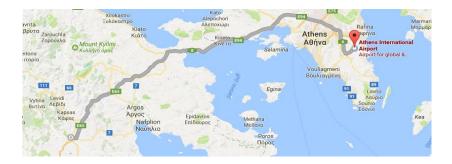
Cost: approximately €175.

A taxi ride from the airport to Tripoli will take approximately 2 hours and could. Taxi ride scams are uncommon, but to be on the safe side we strongly recommend prebooking online in order to have a pre-agreed fixed price. For example, you can use <u>https://www.welcomepickups.com/athens/airport-transfer-book/</u>

#### By car

Trip time: approximately 2 hours.

Cost: &20 - &25 for fuel and approximately &12 for tolls. Please note that toll booths do not support payment with credit card, you will need to be carrying cash. The cost estimation does not include rental costs.



There is only one road leaving the airport. Approximately 6 km later take exit K2 on the right to merge onto Attiki Odos/A6/E94 toward ELEFSINA/ATHINA. You can recognize it by the following logo.



Approximately 45 km later, as Attiki Odos comes to an end, continue to follow E94 on the right towards Korinthos for approximately 60 km. Take Korinthou Tripoleos/A7/E65 on the left (signs for Tripoli/Kalamata) and follow it for approximately 70 km. At the end of the long straight take the exit on the right towards Tripoli. You are now entering the city.



As you exit the highway turn right at traffic lights onto Nafpliou and stay on this road until you reach the third traffic lights, in front of supermarket "AB Vasilopoulos" (Point A on the map). Turn right onto Mountzouropoulou and reach the end of the road (Point B on the map). Turn Left onto Agiou Konstantinou.

If your destination is Tripoli City Hotel of the symposium venue go straight until the second traffic lights (Point D on the map). Turn right joining Karaiskaki. This will take you out of the city, in front of Tripoli City Hotel (Point E on the map). The venue is at the top of the hill. One left turn, one right turn and you are there.

### **Public Transportation**

Trip time: 3 hours or considerably more, depending on choices and connection times

Cost: €26, 50 or considerably more, depending on choices

There is a bus service (called KTEL) that links Athens to Tripolis. KTEL departs from downtown Athens, so you first need to get there from the airport. The simplest way is using a taxi. You should ask to be taken to "KTEL Kifissos Bus Station". It will take around 45 minutes and cost approximately €45. We recommend pre-booking your ride (see earlier section on taxis).

Alternatively you can use the metro. The ticket costs  $\leq 10$ . Metro Line 3 (blue Line) departs from the airport and reaches SYNTAGMA Station in approximately 40 minutes. Change to Metro Line 2 (red Line) with direction to ANTHOUPOLI and get off at Metaxourgeio Station about 5 minutes later. Choose the Plateia Karaiskaki Exit to leave the station. From there you can either get a taxi towards "KTEL Kifissos Bus Station" (trip duration 10 minutes, cost  $\leq 4,50$ ) or walk straight, turn right at the Achileos Street and take Bus Line 051, using the same ticket as for the metro. The final stop is "KTEL Kifissos Bus Station" and it takes 15 minutes to get there.

Once you have arrived at KTEL, you should look for the booth for Tripolis, as there are different ticket selling booths per destination. The ticket costs  $\leq$ 16,50, the bus ride lasts approximately two hours and there are buses departing at 05:50, 07:30, 08:00, 09:30, 11:00, 12:30, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00, 17:00, 17:30, 18:00, 18:30, 19:00, 20:15, 22:00 and 23:00.

### **Bus shuttle**

We have arranged for a bus shuttle to take you from the Athens International Airport to Tripolis. You can recognize the bus by the FAB LAB sign.



The bus will depart on Wednesday May the 31<sup>st</sup> at 17:00 and will arrive at Tripolis at approximately 19:15.

A bus shuttle from Tripolis to the Athens International Airport is also organized for Thursday, June the 1<sup>st</sup> and it will reach the airport at approximately 14:45.

You can register through the following link below. If you are planning to use the bus, please mark it on the form so that we account for the number of seats. You will receive detailed information regarding the exact rendezvous location by email a few days before your trip.

#### **Registration**

# Kalamata International Airport to Tripoli

### **Taxi to Tripolis**

Trip time: approximately 1 hour.

Cost: approximately €95-100.

A taxi ride from the airport to Tripoli will take approximately 1 hour. Taxi ride scams are uncommon, but to be on the safe side we strongly recommend pre-booking in order to have a pre-agreed fixed price. For example, you can call:

- 271026565, 2721090999, 2721021112 ΡΑΔΙΟΤΑΞΙ ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑΣ (Vasilis Gkoulas 6949437331)
- 2721022522 KOINOΠPAEIA TAEI KAΛAMATAΣ (taxi rank) (op 6942228499 Varelas Panagiotis)

### Taxi to Kalamata's KTEL

Trip time: approximately 15min-20min.

Cost: approximately €15.

### By car renting

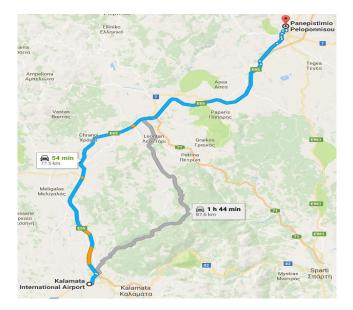
Inside Kalamata's airport you will find 3 available renting car companies and the minimum cost (e.g. 1000 c.c.) for each company is shown below:

Company	24 Hour Cost	48 Hour Cost	Warranty Cost
Hertz	59,42€	113,00€	113,00€
Sixt	38,94€	77,85€	472,00€
Avis	48,72€	90,82€	100,00€

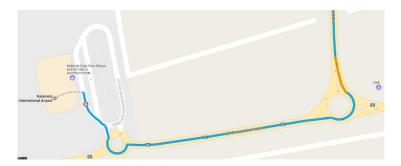
To rent a car you will need your driver's license that is valid for over a year (over 2 years for *Avis*), your identity card or international passport. Also, the warranty cost will be held through your credit card and the refund time is about 15 to 20 days, depending on the bank.

Trip time: approximately 1 hour (77.5 km)

Cost: around  $\leq 15$  for fuel and approximately  $\leq 4$  for tolls. Please note that toll booths do not support payment with credit card, you will need to be carrying cash. The cost estimation does not include rental costs.



Initially, go straight ahead, heading south from Kalamata International Airport. Then go to the roundabout, take the 2nd exit to EO Pilou Kalamatas, continue straight ahead for 0.3 km and at the 2nd roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Enotiki (Ενωτική) A7 EO7 EO82.



Continue straight for about 2.3 km and turn left to merge onto A/D Tripoleos Kalamatas/A7/E65 (partial toll road). Carry on straight for about 65.2 km and take the exit toward Tripoli South for almost 0.7 km until the turn on your right towards EO Tripoleos Kalamatas and then continue for 4.5 km. When you are passed that, continue to Kalamatas about 1, 2 km and turn left to Tapias. Keep left to continue to Themistokleous about 0.8 km and turn right to Gortinas. Then turn left to Davaki. Continue 0.6 km and turn right to Diakou. After 0.5 km, turn left to Karaiskaki and keep going straight for 0.3 km, and keep right for 0.8 km more. Then turn left to Agias Triadas and about 200 meters later turn right. Then you only need 100 metres and you have reached your destination, the University of Tripolis.

### **Public transportation**

Kalamata's KTEL (bus agency) is around a 15 minute drive from the airport. The simplest way is by using a taxi. You should ask to be taken to "KTEL Kalamata's Bus Station". It will take around 15 minutes and cost approximately €15. We recommend pre-booking your ride (see earlier section on taxis).

Alternatively, once you get out of the airport there is a bus station where every half hour a bus passes (after 15:00 it passes every 1 hour), the ticket costs  $\in$ 1.80 and the destination is KTEL Kalamata's where you will need to change a bus and buy a ticket for Tripolis. The ticket costs  $\in$ 8, 90, the bus ride lasts approximately 1 hour and 15 mins and there are buses departing at 06:30, 12:45, 15:00 and 18:30. Once you buy your ticket you should look for Arkadia (Apk\alpha\delta(\alpha) sign, where the bus departs.

# **Getting to the hotel**

# By Taxi (from Tripoli's KTEL)

Cost: approximately €5

Time: 15 mins

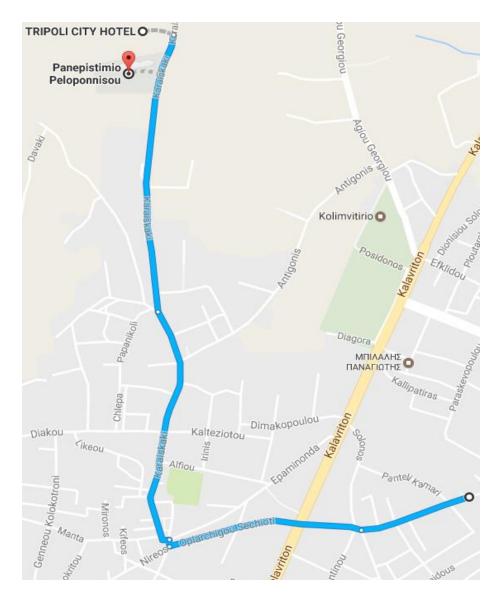
### By car renting

24 hour Hiring Cost: From €38 to €70 depending on car choices Warranty Cost: €250 (cash or credit card), refunded when car is returned

You will need: car diploma (valid for over a year), identity card (Europe) or international passport.

Information about the Company: DESTINO RENT A CAR Website: <u>http://www.destinotours.gr/carclasses/general/</u> Tel: 2710221240, 6936932330 Address: Agiou Konstantinou 69, Tripoli Open: 09:00 – 15:00, 17:00 – 21:00

### Instructions once you rent a car



Head west on Agiou Konstantinou toward Ieras Monis Arkadiou. Continue onto Oplarchigou Sechioti. Turn right onto Agias Varvaras. Turn left onto Karaiskaki. Slight right to stay on Karaiskaki. The hotel will be on the left.

### **By Public transportation**

You can take the university's local bus from inside the Bus Station. You can buy a ticket from KTEL's ticket offices €1.

The bus departs: 08:30, 09:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 13:30.

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# Within the city

Tripolis is a small city, and most points of interest are conveniently located around the city center which is mostly pedestrianized. Therefore walking is the recommended way to move within the city boundaries.

Nevertheless, the symposium venue and Tripolis City Hotel are both located at the university campus, at the city's outskirts. We recommend using a taxi. There are taxi ranks in the city, but you can also ask your hotel reception or the symposium registration to call a taxi for you.

Trip time: 12min.

Cost: approx. €4

If you wish to call a taxi on your own you can use any of the following numbers

- Radio Taxi Tripolis +302710233010, +302710233011, +302710233012
- Taxiplon +30698121822
- Kolokotronis +302710226220, +306974033406

If you wish to take the local bus you (from Areos square to the venue) you will need to walk to the bus station, which is across the Officers Club (Leschi Axiomatikon) at Kalavriton Street, as you can see below. You can buy a ticket from the ticket office next to the station at the corner of the street (or from the bus driver) and the cost is €1.



You can also take the bus from Kolokotroni's Square:



The schedules for the university's bus from the starting post at Kolokotroni's Square (around 5 mins to Kalavriton Street) are : 08:30,09:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 13:30, 15:00, 16:00, 18:00, 19:00.

You can buy a ticket from the kiosk. You will recognize the bus by the sign "University" that will be placed for the days of the Workshop. The bus takes approximately 15 mins to get to the University. (Note: Get off at the bus terminal, the university's second building.)

Alternatively, it is a 30 minute walk between the venue and the city center if you are up for it.

### Accommodation

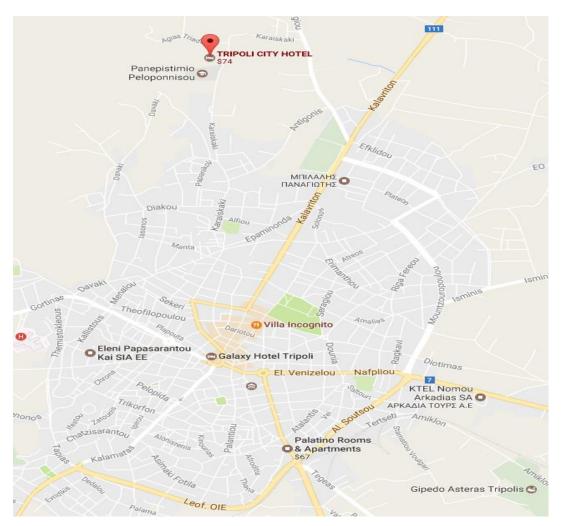
For your stay we recommend the following hotel.

# \*\*\*Tripoli City Hotel



#### http://www.tripolicityhotel.com/

A 3\* hotel located in the area of the university. This is the only accommodation option within walking distance of the venue. Book directly with the hotel mentioning you are visiting  $\Gamma$ AB LAB (or <u>ask us</u> to make a reservation for you) to enjoy a rate of  $\notin$ 50 per day including breakfast.



### Venue

The 3rd ATTRACT TWD Symposium in Detection and Imaging will take place at the main auditorium on the ground floor of the Faculty of Economy, Management and Informatics building at Sehi, which is part of the University of Peloponnese Campus in Tripolis.

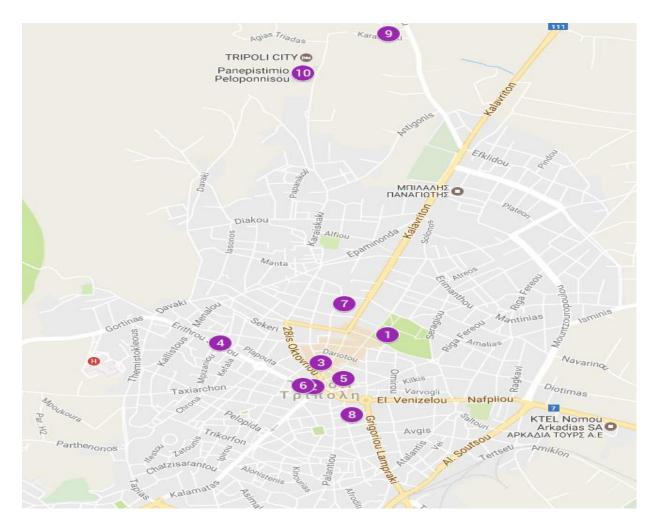


The University Campus is approximately 2 km from the centre of Tripolis and is best reached by bus, car or taxi. Make sure to get to the building at Sehi (commonly referred to as the Economics building) at the top of the hill. Use the gate pictured below to enter the building. The auditorium is on your left.



There will be a secretariat office at the venue at all times during the symposium to assist you with any difficulty or inquiry.

# **Local Attractions**



#### 1. Areos Central Square

Areos Central Square is one of the major squares of Tripolis. The statue of Theodoros Kolokotronis, a hero of the Greek War of Independence is prominent. His bones are preserved on the base of the monument. The square is surrounded by beautiful parks and traditional houses and buildings.

#### 2. Saint Vassileios Square

The imposing byzantine church of St. Basil is the metropolitan church at the center of the square.

#### 3. Malliaropoulion Institution

The Malliaropoulio Town Theater is a beautiful neoclassical building from 1910. Today, it hosts many theatrical events.

#### 4. Poet Kostas Kariotakes 's house

This is the house where the poet Kostas Kariotakes was born. It is located in the city center and it hosts the governing council of the University of Peloponnese.

#### 5. Matzounio Central Public Library

This public library has over 20.000 volumes available for the public.

#### 6. The War Museum of Tripolis

It's on the ground floor of Ioannis Malliaropoulou's house.

#### 7. The Cultural Center

This is also known as the Apostolopouleio Cultural Centre of Tripoli. Many different kinds of exhibitions take place here every year.

#### 8. The Archeological Museum of Tripolis

This museum is housed in a building designed by Ernst Ziller. In the past, it served as the Pan-Arcadian hospital. It includes findings from the surrounding area, covering the period from the Mycenaean times up to 2nd century A.D.

#### 9. Saint George Chapel

The chapel is built in a pine tree forest, near the University of Peloponnese, in the outskirts of Tripolis.

**10.** Department of Informatics and Telecommunications of the University of Peloponnese