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Day Trip from Corinthia to Athens: The Perfect Route



About

Staying in Corinthia and want to spend a day in Athens? The proximity (80 km from Loutraki, 85 km from Corinth to central Athens) makes it one of Greece's most convenient day trips. Here's how to make the most of it.

Getting There

Ancient Corinth is 80 km from Athens — about 75 minutes on the E94 highway toward Patras. Take the Corinth exit, then follow signs south toward Archaia Korinthos village. The archaeological site and museum are at the edge of the village. Parking is free and easy.

By train: frequent Athens–Patras trains stop at Corinth station; from there, local taxis or the occasional bus cover the 7 km to the site. Buses from Athens Kifissos terminal also run to Corinth city, from where you can arrange a taxi. Renting a car gives you full flexibility for combining the site with Acrocorinth and the Nemea wine region in a single day.

A One-Day Route from Athens

Leave Athens before 9am to arrive at Ancient Corinth when it opens. Spend 90 minutes in the site: the Temple of Apollo, the Roman forum, the bema, the fountain of Pirene, and the museum. Allow extra time if the museum interests you — it contains significant finds from both the Greek and Roman periods, including notable mosaics.

From Ancient Corinth, drive 10 minutes up the winding road to Acrocorinth. Allow two hours for the full circuit of walls — bring water, the sun is fierce on the exposed ridge from late morning onward. The views from the

southwest bastion over the Corinthian Gulf and toward the mountains of Arcadia are among the best in mainland Greece.

Come down in time for a late lunch (2pm–3pm) in Corinth city or in a taverna near the site. In the afternoon, drive 25 minutes to the Corinth Canal: walk across the bridge, photograph the slot of water and limestone below, and watch for passing ships. The canal bridge is free; paid activities (bungee jumping, kayaking) are available from local operators seasonally.

If time and energy allow, add a 30-minute detour to Loutraki for the evening — walk the waterfront as the light drops over the mountains, have dinner at a harbourside restaurant, and return to Athens or overnight for a second day.

Two Days: Combining Corinth and the Wine Country

Add a second day for Nemea: the archaeological site and stadium (open year-round), the wine museum in Nemea village, and a winery visit. Gaia, Papaioannou and Skouras all offer tastings to visitors, usually without advance booking outside high season. The Nemea valley in the afternoon light, with its vine-covered slopes and ancient stadium in the foreground, is one of the better views in the Peloponnese.

Combine the two days and you have covered the main story of Corinthia: ancient commerce, Roman power, Byzantine fortification and the modern wine industry, all within a roughly 30 km radius. Few regions in Greece pack that much historical range into such a small area.

Practical Tips

Ancient Corinth and Acrocorinth share a combined ticket (~€12). The museum closes on Tuesdays. Acrocorinth is free entry and open daily; start the climb no later than 11am in summer if you want to avoid the worst of the heat. Most restaurants near Ancient Corinth village are basic and tourist-facing; for better food, drive into Corinth city or Loutraki. The whole day-trip loop can be done comfortably without a guide, but local guides are available through agencies in Athens for those who want context.

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