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The Submersible Bridge at Isthmia



About

At each end of the Corinth Canal stands a bridge that works the opposite way round to what you would expect: instead of lifting to let a ship through, it **sinks into the water**.

How it works

The bridge deck descends about **8 metres below the surface** so vessels can pass over the top of it. Once the ship is through, the bridge rises again and traffic resumes. The whole thing takes a few minutes and is one of the most unusual sights in Greece.

Where to see it

There are two of these bridges: one at **Isthmia** (the eastern entrance, on the Saronic side) and one at **Poseidonia** (the western entrance, on the Corinthian Gulf). Both are freely accessible.

Practical notes

- There is no timetable — it submerges whenever a ship passes.
- Cafes and tavernas nearby make the wait easy.
- Combine it with the archaeological site of Isthmia and the Canal itself.

Useful information

Best time to visit	April–June & September–October (mild, uncrowded)

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