

Dear Delegate,

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Greece! In order to assist you with your travel arrangements to Skopelos Island, please read the following information.

A. Meeting us in Athens

The Organising and Executive Committees and Secretariat will be meeting in Athens on **Friday 17th June** and travelling together to Skopelos on Saturday the 18th of June. **We encourage and invite you to join us!** On June 17th, we are organizing a Welcome reception in Athens; followed by (optional) welcome dinner by the Acropolis. On June 18th we will take the bus from Athens to Ag. Constantinos harbour and then the hydrofoil to Skopelos. For your return to Athens, we will assist you and you should follow the same way back. In this case, your extra expenses include accommodation in Athens (paid by you) and the (optional) dinner on June 17th, and the bus and hydrofoil to and from Skopelos (costs £130/per person, paid directly to RJ4All when register).

In order to assist you in finding and booking your accommodation in Athens, we will try to seal some good deals on hotel rooms in Athens down town located in the Syntagma and Plaka area, easy access, very close to the Syntagma metro station which links to the airport.

Transport Information Athens airport – Syntagma:

From the Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" you may:

- get a taxi [costs 35 Euro to Athens center during the day but this rises to 50 euros after midnight (Toll cost, luggage fee, VAT, airport charge, meter start are ALL included. Do not fall for any taxi driver that may tell you "it's 35 euros + toll cost etc)] -the route is about 40-45 minutes
- take the metro (costs 8 euros/person, the frequency of routes is every 30 minutes, This is metro line 3-the blue line) -the route is about 45 minutes, get off at Syntagma station
- take the bus X95-Syntagma Square (depart from the Arrivals Level – between Exits 4 and 5, costs 5 euros/person, the frequency of routes is every 15-20 minutes) -the route is about 60-70 minutes

B. Making your own way to Skopelos

Skiathos island airport (JSI) serves travellers who wish to visit Skopelos. Skiathos Alex. Papadiamantis airport (JSI) receives domestic flights from Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH) and some charter flights from abroad. Then from Skiathos airport, travellers get a taxi to the harbour of Skiathos and take the first available ferry or hydrofoil to Skopelos.

There are limited charter flights from UK to Skiathos that unfortunately none travel agency in Greece can book. Finding a charter flight from UK to Skiathos is a very

convenient option. But there might be a chance that you will have to spend the night in London or elsewhere (depending your choice and flights time) in order to fly with a charter flight.

In case you wish to fly from your origin to Athens and then to Skiathos, please advise the timetable of domestic flights from Athens to Skiathos before booking to Athens. You will have to be careful when booking the flights from your origin to Athens and return not to book a flight close to the time of the flights from Athens to Skiathos and return (at least two hours are needed between the flights).

Flights from Athens to Skiathos are operated by Olympic air <http://www.olympicair.com> and/or Aegean airlines <http://en.aegeanair.com/>. Flights' timetable from Athens to Skopelos has not been scheduled yet, but we will let you know about timetable and prices as soon as it is released by the airlines.

For information regarding transportation from Athens International airport to Athens center (Syntagma), please see above.

Traveling from Skiathos to Skopelos:

When you arrive in Skiathos, take a taxi from the Skiathos airport to the harbour that costs about 10 euros. Ferry and hydrofoil timetable from Skiathos to Skopelos has not been scheduled yet, but we will let you know about timetable and prices as soon as possible. Since, no travel agency here in Greece can assist us booking the flights, you are kindly requested to book the flights yourself or advise your travel agency. Please be careful when booking your flights. Skiathos airport IATA code is JSI, and Athens airport IATA code is ATH, when booking flights. **Flights tickets are paid by you.**

For more information please email RJsymposium@rj4all.info. We look forward to welcoming you to Skopelos.
