

THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT MUSEUMS IN THE COUNTRY

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM ATHENS





One of the largest museums of classic antiquities in the world is housed in an impressive neoclassic building in the heart of Athens, designed by Ernst Ziller and completed in 1889. It has more than 11,000 exhibits, selected from the 200,000 antiquities from its collections. In its 8,000 sq. m., it offers a panorama of the ancient Greek civilization, from the beginnings of pre-history to late antiquity. Its main collections are Prehistoric Antiquities, including the most complete exhibition of Mycenae antiquities, the Sculpture Collection, one of the most remarkable collections globally, the Vase and Minor Objects Collection, which hosts many of the few surviving original bronze statue of the ancient world. It also houses the Egyptian and Eastern Antiquities collection, unique in Greece and one of the most important in the world.



The visitor must not miss the masterpieces of ancient sculpturing, such as the Diadoumenos of Polykleitos, the Phrasikleia Kore, one of the most beautiful specimens of archaic kores, the Aristodicus Kouros, a landmark in the development of sculpture, the famous Aphrodite – Panas – Eros complex or the bronze statue of Artemision Poseidon. Today many visit the museum to see the Antikythera Mechanism, the unique astronomic portable calculator that determined the position of το μοναδικό αστρονομικό φορητό υπολογιστή που προσδιόριζε τη θέση celestial bodies.