

USER ORIENTED QUALITY REPORT

MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES SURVEY

The Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance has been producing results since 1970, based on data collected by the Archaeological Receipts Fund (ARF) of the Ministry of Culture. The ARF collects data on the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the museums and archaeological sites of the country.

The corresponding data for the Acropolis Museum are available from December 2009 onwards.

Since 1970, the present survey is a continuous one and has been producing results on a monthly and yearly basis in compliance with the Joint Ministerial Decision 15189/B379/73. ELSTAT is tabulating data concerning 150 museums and 120 archaeological sites all over Greece.

From January 2002 onwards, the number of museums' visitors includes both the visitors who have bought a ticket and the visitors with free admission. From 16-06-1996 onwards, the museums and the archaeological sites all over Greece have a paid admission for all the visitors, Greeks and foreigners, all over the year, except the following dates, which are free admission days:

1. National Holidays (25th of March and 28th of October)
2. The first Sunday every month during the five month period from 1 November to 31 March,
3. The 6th of March (in memory of Melina Merkouri)
4. The 18th of April (International Monuments Day),
5. The 18th of May (International Museums Day),
6. The 5th of June (International Environment Day),
7. The last weekend of September annually (European Heritage Days)

Free admission for:

1. Young persons from EU-countries under 18 years of age, with current identification card to confirm their age,
2. Students of Universities and of Higher and Technical Education Institutions or equivalent institutions of EU- countries, as well as of Tour Guide Training Institutes, with current student identification card or International Student Identity Card (ISIC),
3. Employees of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture with current working identification card.
4. ICOM and ICOMOS cardholders,
5. Tour Guides with their current working identification card from the Ministry of Development,
6. Teachers accompanying pupils and students on primary, secondary and tertiary education institution tours,
7. Journalists with current journalists' identification card,
8. Members of Associations and Societies of Friends of Museums and Archaeological Sites,
9. Official guests of the Greek Government, after relevant approval,
10. Escorts of blind persons and persons with disabilities,
11. Free admission cardholders,
12. Holders of the Culture Card.

From April 1999 onwards, in addition to the ordinary tickets, a new "flat rate ticket" is established, which is valid for both some museums and the nearby archaeological site. More information on the Museums and Archaeological Sites Survey are available on the website of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr). In addition, more detailed data, current and past time series are also available on the website of ELSTAT.