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MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

Marina Zeas

Berthing Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Marina Zeas in Piraeus: the Athens yacht charter base
Destination: Athens
Ecosystem: Greece
Gateway: ATH
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Overview

Marina Zeas sits in Piraeus, the port city that has served Athens since antiquity and remains the practical heart of Greek yacht chartering. Set inside the protected circular harbour of Pasalimani, south-east of the main ferry port, it gives yachts a rare combination: urban immediacy, established marine infrastructure and a fast exit to the Saronic Gulf. From here, captains can shape itineraries towards Aegina, Poros, Hydra and Spetses without first negotiating the longer run from the Athenian Riviera, while guests can step aboard within easy reach of Athens International Airport, the Acropolis and central hotels. The marina is busy, functional and unmistakably metropolitan, with cafés around the waterfront, chandlers and provisioners close by, and the ferries, fishing boats and naval history of Piraeus all in the background. For luxury charters it works best as a confident embarkation point: efficient, atmospheric and deeply connected to the sea.

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QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA **approx. 80 m**	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT **approx. 6 m**
BERTHS **675**	FUEL **Available**
POWER **Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA**	WATER **Available**
WASTE **Pump-out on request / by arrangement**	WI-FI **Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred**

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Approach Marina Zeas with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Confirm fuel, shore power amp rating and waste before arrival.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths around Marina Zeas typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

Door to deck

Primary gateway ATH. We choreograph chauffeur or helicopter into the gangway window.

AIRPORT	ATH

EMBARK UTILITY

Embark at Marina Zeas

Door-to-deck for Athens: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

MEETING POINT	Meeting point: Marina Zeas - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.
ARRIVAL BUFFER	Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.
PEAK LEAD TIME	Peak berths around Marina Zeas typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

Captain notes

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Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

ATH

Primary gateway ATH.

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SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

Varoulko Seaside

A leading Mikrolimano address for polished seafood, elegant plating and harbour views. Reserve well ahead for weekend dinners and larger yacht parties.

Papaioannou

Known for high-quality fish, shellfish and a classic Piraeus sense of occasion. It is a strong choice for a substantial pre-charter lunch.

Istioploikos Omilos Piraeus

Set by the yacht club with broad sea views, cocktails and an easy all-day menu. Useful for mixed groups who want atmosphere close to Zea.

Margaro

A famously simple Piraeus institution for fried fish, prawns and salad. Go for authenticity rather than ceremony.

Yperokeanio
Relaxed, lively and well suited to shared plates after a long provisioning day. The mood is local and unpretentious.

Belle Amie
Housed in an attractive neoclassical building, good for brunch, dinner or drinks away from the quay. It works well for guests staying locally.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Vouliagmeni Bay
A convenient first or last swim stop on the Athenian Riviera with beach clubs and sheltered coastal scenery nearby.

Varkiza Bay
Yachts use it for an easy coastal pause south of Athens when conditions suit and guests want a relaxed swim.

Moni Island, Aegina
Clear water, wooded shores and a quick island feel make it a popular first Saronic anchorage from Piraeus.

Perdika, Aegina
The fishing-village setting, tavernas and access to Moni give charter guests a gentle introduction to island cruising.

Sounion Bay
Anchoring below the Temple of Poseidon delivers one of the most memorable sunset backdrops close to Athens.

Russian Bay, Poros
Sheltered water, pine-covered hills and historic ruins create a classic Saronic anchorage for relaxed overnight planning.

TIMING

Seasonal note

The Athens charter season runs broadly from April to October, with the strongest demand from June through September and peak pressure around July and August. Marina Zeas is busy on summer weekends, especially during charter handovers, so berth planning, fuel slots, provisioning and guest transfers should be confirmed early. The Saronic Gulf is generally more forgiving than the central Cyclades, but weather still needs respect. The meltemi can blow strongly in the Aegean in July and August, and although Piraeus is relatively sheltered, its effects may shape onward routing, particularly if a charter plans to cross towards Kea, Kythnos or the Cyclades. Southerly systems can bring chop and less comfortable harbour approaches. May, early June, September and early October are excellent shoulder periods, with warm water, easier restaurant reservations and a calmer quay atmosphere. For premium yachts and fixed Athens embarkations, begin planning many months ahead.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ

How do I embark at Marina Zeas?

Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your ATH arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at Marina Zeas?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for Athens.

What does berthing cost at Marina Zeas?

What berthing costs at Marina Zeas depends on length overall, peak weeks and power amp rating. Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

Is yacht charter available from Marina Zeas?

Private yacht charter from Marina Zeas is common for Athens weeks. Captains confirm approach and tender logistics; we hold the quay or an anchorage fallback.

How far ahead should we book a berth at Marina Zeas?

For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. We start the berth conversation when the yacht shortlist is open.

What is the practical embarkation airport for Marina Zeas?

Primary gateway ATH. We choreograph chauffeur or helicopter into the gangway window.

Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

Vouliagmeni Bay is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

What services should we expect at Marina Zeas?

We confirm fuel, shore power, water and waste against your LOA with the marina agent before contract.

Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

ENQUIRE

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