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Socializing

If you think that New York is the only city that never sleeps, then you have never visited Athens. Greeks really know how to have fun, and their unique "going out" culture proves it, with entertainment on offer 24/7, from dusk till dawn till dusk again.

Most people have a very particular idea of Greek nightlife, often associated with "partying in Mykonos". Nothing wrong with that, those parties are indeed legendary, but a stopover in Athens will show you that this city has the greatest day- and night-life in Europe (you just need to know the right places and the right people). Plus, "partying" is only one of many things you can do here. Athenians party, rock, drink coffee, sip cocktails, dance, chill, lounge, nibble, stroll, catch a movie and flirt in a way that is pretty much unique. But let's take it from the top. "Going for coffee" is a whole ritual that includes friends getting together and spending hours in all-day café-bars, beginning with a cup of coffee and continuing with drinks and shots until the early-

morning hours. And where is all this happening? The answer is simple: Nearly everywhere in the city, from the stylish bars lining Skoufa Street in the upscale area of Kolonaki to the crowded hangouts on the small streets parallel and vertical to Ermou below Syntagma Square, including Karytsi and Agias Irinis squares, which have become hotspots. At the pavement café-bars around the foothills of the Acropolis, from Monastiraki and Thissio to Petralona and Gazi. Of course in the trendy bar-restaurants of the northern suburbs, particularly Psychico, Halandri, Kifissia and Erythrea. And last but by no means least, in the southern suburbs, where Glyfada, with its open-air nightclubs and cool coastal bars, is the epitome of Athens' summer nightlife.