

The Corinth Canal, on the way. Photo: Gertjan R., CC BY-SA 3.0, via Wikimedia Commons

Arriving via Athens airport

Athens airport has flights all year and from far more cities, so it is the usual way in outside the summer season. The drive to the cottage takes about 3 hours 30 minutes to 4 hours on fast motorways for most of the way, crossing the Corinth Canal and the mountains of Arcadia before the last stretch down to the Mani coast.

Drive to the cottage

About 3 hours 30 minutes to 4 hours, roughly 300 km, plus stops.

Flights

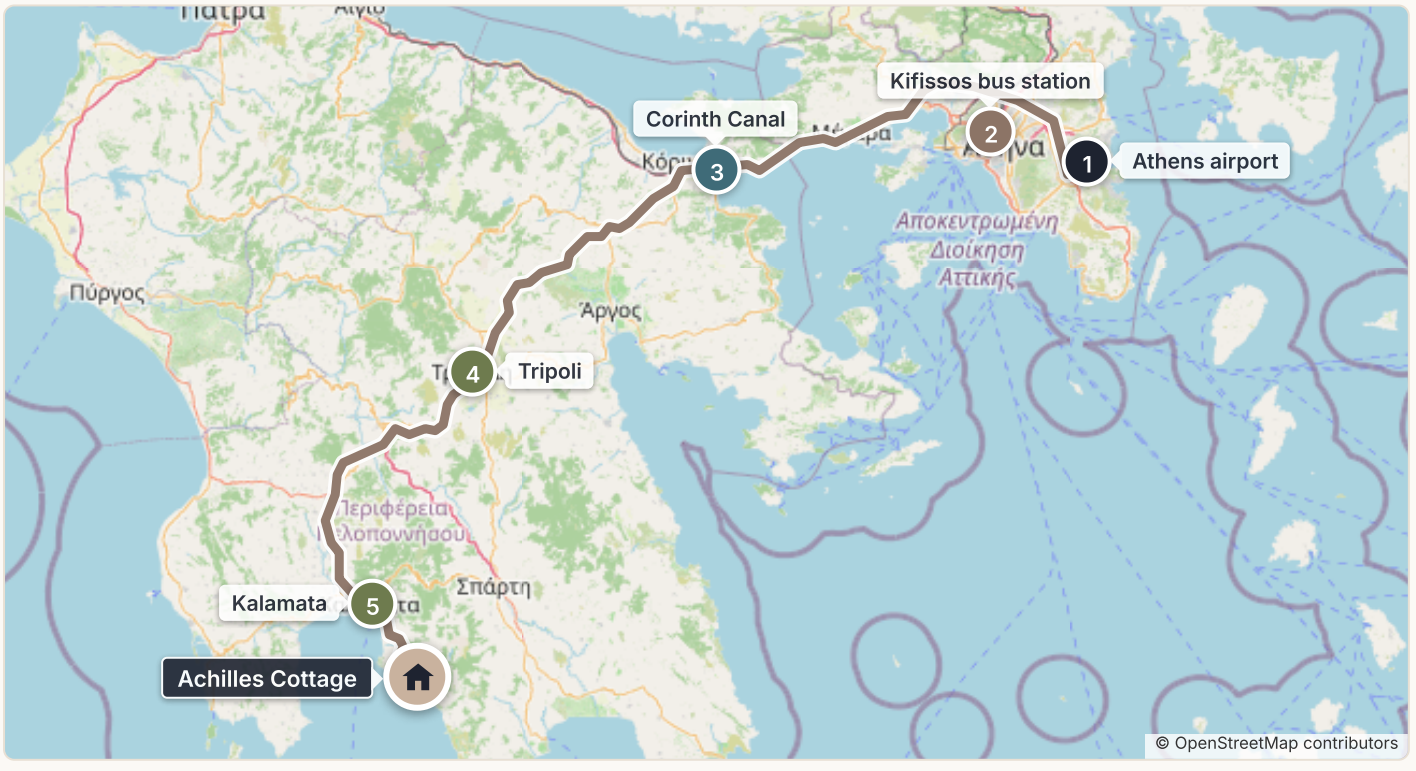
All year, from across Europe and beyond.

Tolls

Several toll booths. Budget roughly €20 to €25 each way by car.

Car

Hire at the airport; buses do not reach the cottage.



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1. Athens airport
2. Kifissos bus station
3. Corinth Canal
4. Tripoli
5. Kalamata

The drive

- **Route.** Attiki Odos around Athens, the A8 to Corinth, then the A7 Moreas motorway past Tripoli to Kalamata, and the coast road south to Kardamyli.
- **Tolls.** Paid at booths in cash or by card; keep some euro coins and notes handy.
- **Stops.** The Corinth Canal is just off the motorway and worth ten minutes. There are service areas with fuel and food along the A7.

Why hire a car

- **You will want one for the stay.** The village, Old Kardamyli and the beaches are all a drive away, and the road from the cottage is busy with no pavement.
- **All the main firms** have desks at Athens airport.
- **One-way hire** to Kalamata is possible with most firms, usually for an extra fee.

Without a car from Athens

- **Coach to Kalamata:** the X93 bus to Kifissos station, then a KTEL Messinias coach, about 3 hours.
- **Then hire a car in Kalamata** for the last hour and the rest of your stay; buses do not reach the cottage and taxis are few.
- **Simplest of all:** hire the car at Athens airport and drive.

Plan your day

- **Land early if you can** so the last hour, on winding coast roads, is in daylight.
- **Late flight?** Many guests spend a night in Athens and drive down the next morning.
- **Shop in Kalamata** on the way: large supermarkets, and the last easy fuel before the coast.

Arriving and leaving

- **Your welcome.** Send us your flight and expected arrival time. Michael, our local manager, meets you at the cottage entrance, walks you through check-in and is a phone call away during your stay.
- **Going home.** Leave the cottage at least 6 hours before your flight.
- **Flying in summer?** Kalamata airport may be closer: see our guide to arriving via Kalamata.



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