

Directions to Methana by road from Athens airport. (Print a copy and bring it with you)

Not allowing for stops, it is a drive of around 3 hours.

After picking up your car join the motorway initially direction Athens. After about 3 km. the road divides. Keep right direction Athens and Elefsina. You are now on the that bypasses Athens and you will continue on this road until you turn off at Korinthos (Corinth), a run of around one hour. It is a toll road, with two toll booths, payment around 2-3Euros each.

As you approach Korinthos, soon after passing the toll area (no toll to pay in this direction) look for the turn off signed Epidavros. Take this slip road, and at the bottom turn left signed Epidavros.

Continuing on this road you pass initially through built up areas for a few kilometres – Isthmia, Kekries, Loutra Eleni, Almiry - and the road follows the Peloponnese coast. After roughly an hour you reach firstly Nea Epidavros then in the next bay Epidavros (Epidaurus). As you approach do not take the left turn signed Epidavros but look out for signs for a slip road right further on signed Poros / Galatas. Take this and at the bottom turn sharp left under the bridge. At the roundabout continue straight ahead up the hill.

The road climbs steeply up the hill side (spectacular views over the town, citrus orchards and the sea). Keep a good lookout for signs for a left turn – Poros, Galatas – as this is easy to miss. Take this road for perhaps 10 km. then you will descend towards the coast, through the village of Kalloni. After you leave Kalloni about a further 2-3 km. turn sharp left for Methana. Follow this road through the villages of Metamorphosi and Takticopouli and on to Methana town, about 10 km..

DIRECTIONS FROM METHANA TOWN to KOUNOUPITSA.

Proceed along the waterfront, with the sea on your right. When you come to a small stony beach with sunshades, and the road narrows, continue on about another 2-300m. and take the first turning left just after the Helena apartments. It is not signposted. After a couple of kilometres or so there is a fork – keep left (the right fork follows the coast). Stay on this road, through the villages of Kypseli and Ag. Theodori. When you reach Kounoupitsa, total distance about 12 km. , drive straight ahead into the village square, park by the church and call the house on 22980.32498 and you will be met there in 5 minutes. This is where you leave your car and as it is about 300 metres walk to the house we suggest you use bags with wheels.

SUGGESTIONS

SHOPPING. As the house is 12 km. from the nearest shops in Methana Town, we suggest you pick up some supplies en route. There are all types of shops and several supermarkets on the road in areas you pass through after leaving the motorway. As you climb the hill past Epidavros there is an A/B food store right on the road. The oranges sold at the roadside in this area are delicious and good value.

If you do not want to cook on your first evening we can book a table for you at the nearest taverna, En Blo at Agios Giorgios, about 5-10 mins drive.

REFRESHMENT After leaving the motorway there are cafes and tavernas aplenty if you are ready for refreshment. Further on there are a number of good roadside stops – look out for Amaryllis, Stork and Panorama. The town of Epidavros is very attractive with plentiful facilities, and waterfront eateries. Take one of the left turns to go into the town.

SIGHTSEEING. Once you leave the motorway and built up areas there dramatic views, and various stopping areas (no facilities). If you have time and energy you might want to visit the archeological site and magnificent ancient amphitheatre at Epidavros (Epidauros). Go straight on instead of taking the Poros slip road, about 15 km. (Or make a separate excursion here later.)

If you can't wait any longer for your first swim there are beaches by the road at Kekries and Loutra Eleni and waterfront cafes and tavernas.