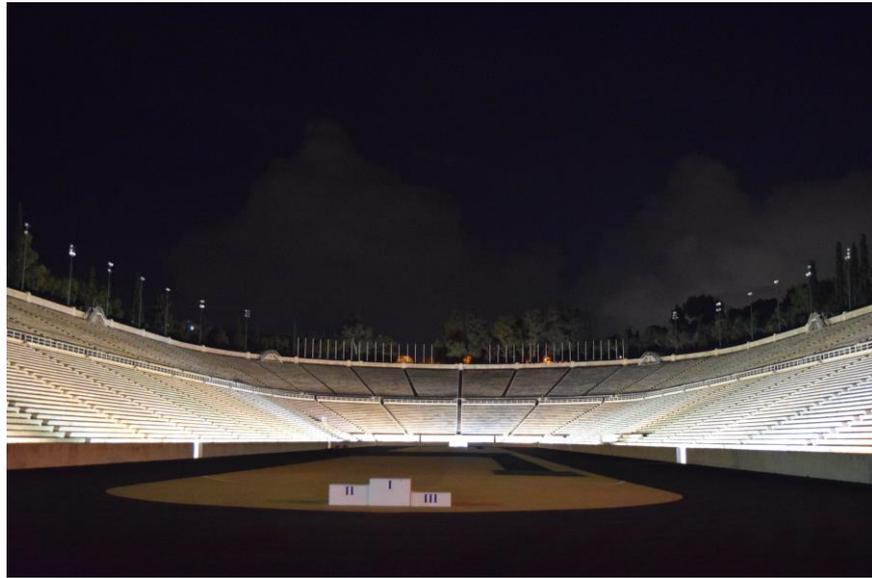


Herodou Attikou street



- **Herodou Attikou street** is located east of downtown Athens and is adjacent to the National Garden. The street is named after the ancient Athenian rethorician magnate and major benefactor of the Roman era, **Herodes Atticus**. The tree-lined one-way street runs from north to south. It is, by far, the most expensive piece of housing real estate in Greece and one of the most expensive in Europe. The five-block-long eastern side of the street is lined with luxurious apartments and mansions, foremost among them the **Presidential Palace**, the official workplace and residence of the President of Greek Republic and the **Maximos Mension**, the official workplace of the Prime Minister. Kolonaki, a shopping district, lies immediately to the north, the National Gardens to the west and the Panathenaic Stadium to the southeast. The barracks of the Evzones of the Presidential Guard are the only buildings on the western (National Garden) side of the street.
- The Evzones or **Evzoni** is the name of several historical elite light infantry and of mountain units of the Greek Army. Today, it refers to the members of the Presidential Guard an elite ceremonial unit that guards the Greek Tomb of the Unkown Soldier the Presidential Mension and the gate of Evzones camp in Athens. The Evzones are also known, colloquially, as **Tsoliades**.
- Though the Presidential Guard is a predominantly ceremonial unit, all Evzones are volunteers drawn from the Hellenic Army's Infantry. The unit is famous around the world for its unique traditional uniform, which has evolved from the clothes worn by the Klephts, who fought the Ottoman Occupation of Greece. The most visible item of this uniform is the **fustanella**, a kilt-like garment. Their proven valour and peculiar dress turned them into a popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

Kallimarmaro



- The Panathenaic Stadium, also known as the **Kallimarmaro** (Καλλιμάρμαρο, meaning the "beautifully marbled"), is a multi-purpose stadium used for several events and athletics in Athens. The Stadium hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Reconstructed from the remains of an ancient stadium, the Panathenaic is the only stadium in the world built entirely by marble (from Mount Penteli) and is one of the oldest in the world.
- In ancient times, the stadium on this site was used to host the athletic portion of the Panathenaic Games, in honor of the Goddess Athena. During classical times, it had wooden seating. In 329 BC it was rebuilt in marble by the Lykurgus and in 140 AD was enlarged and renovated by Herodes Atticus, giving a seated capacity of 50,000.
- The remnants of the ancient structure were excavated and refurbished, with funds provided by Evangelis Zappas, for the revival of the Olympic Games. Zappas sponsored the Olympic Games that were held there in 1870 and 1875. In 1895 the stadium was refurbished a second time for the 1896 Olympics.
- In the **2004 Olympic Games** the Panathenaic Stadium hosted the archery competition and the finish of the **Marathon**.