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MUNICIPAL THEATRE

One of the grandest neoclassical buildings in Piraeus, this theatre, built in 1895, is all marble and columns on the outside with an opulent, red velvet-covered opera house on the inside. The theatre has hosted illustrious Greek musicians such as Mikis Theodorakis, composer of the famed *Zorba the Greek* soundtrack, and has regular performances of opera, ballet and classical concerts.



Top 5 sights in... *Piraeus*

The port for Athens has cultural and sporting attractions to match its maritime heritage, writes **Alice Barnes-Brown**

1 MIKROLIMANO

For a taste of the Greek coast, clients can stroll down to Mikrolimano, meaning 'little harbour'. The shell-shaped marina has a bench-lined boulevard from which to admire a rainbow of fishing boats, sip a traditional Greek coffee at one of its cafes or taste the catch of the day at one of its fine seafood restaurants. Varoulko Seaside, led by Piraeus-born chef Lefteris Lazarou, is featured in the Michelin Guide. The kumquat-laced sea bass carpaccio is best paired with a zesty white wine and views from the terrace.

2 PIRAEUS TOWER

This seafront skyscraper is Greece's second-tallest building, at 88 metres, but it lay abandoned for decades until a recent restoration project brought it back to life. A short walk from the main metro station in Piraeus, it now houses an array of fashion boutiques, an alfresco lounge bar and a food court.



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3 STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION CULTURAL CENTER

A short taxi ride from the port is the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, an impressive Renzo Piano-designed complex that's home to Greece's National Library, National Opera and an array of sports facilities. The glass-walled building is surrounded by the world's largest public Mediterranean garden, a huge park filled with footpaths, water features and fragrant olive trees. Clients can catch a show, watch the sunset or even take the family to the musical garden and dancing fountains.

5 KARAIKAKIS STADIUM

The Olympiacos Museum opened in this football stadium last year, with 20 installations exploring the 100-year history of Greece's most successful club. Clients can get a glimpse of the Uefa Conference League Trophy that Olympiacos won in 2024, spot the shirts of star players and try to score against a virtual goalkeeper.