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Coys' Auction in Athens: Adieu Acropolis

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Greece needs money. With the country's finances in dire straits, some significant Greek cars are going under the hammer at Coys' forthcoming auction in Athens. We discover what the Hellenic Republic has to offer.

1971 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow LWB: Wheels of the Prime Minister





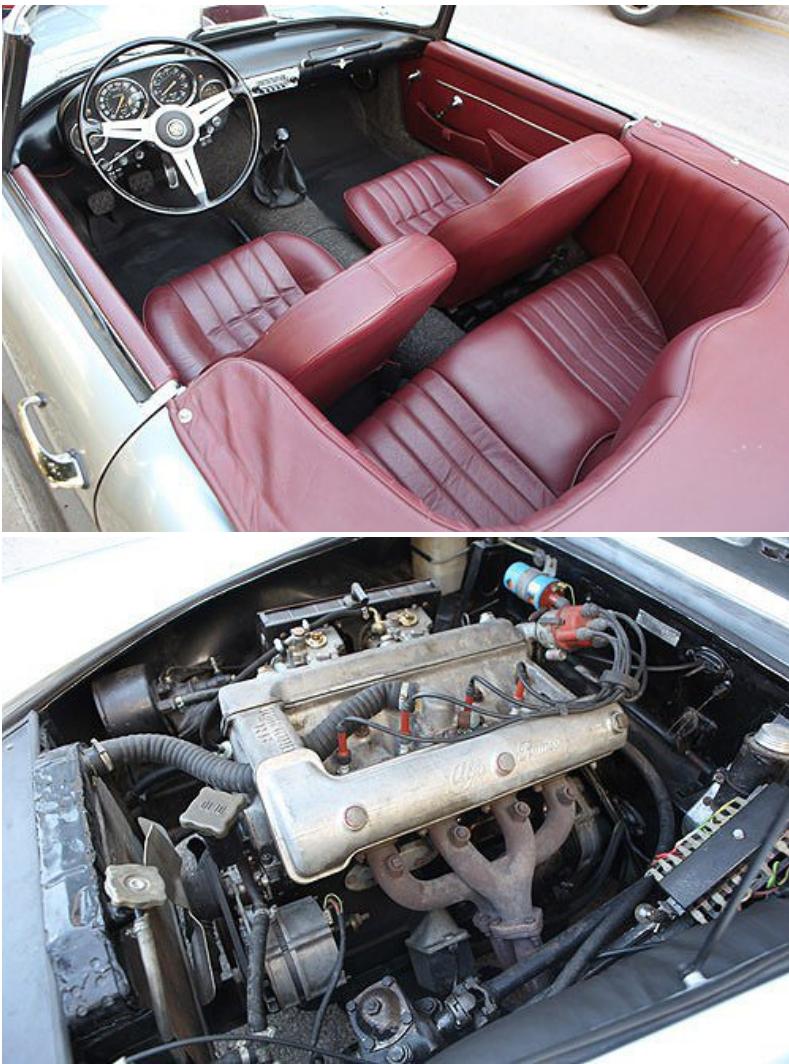
Our first port of call is indeed an interesting one; this specially-equipped Silver Shadow was ordered by the Greek government in the early 70s, and later served as the official vehicle for Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis, according to Coys. Passing down the Roller wasn't enough to save the members of the ousted military junta though, as they were sentenced to life imprisonment by the Karamanlis government soon after he was sworn in.

Estimate: EUR 80,000 - 100,000

[Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow LWB \(Lot 391\) in the Classic Driver Marketplace >>](#)

1961 Alfa Romeo 2000 Spider Touring: Italian import





Candidate two is rather more of a car of the people – it was imported to Greece as new in 1962. Undergoing a full restoration in 1996, the burgundy leather interior and black hood seem to have retained their true colours, despite the Greek sun's constant onslaught.

Estimate: EUR 28,000 - 40,000

[Alfa Romeo 2000 Spider Touring \(Lot 305\) in the Classic Driver Marketplace >>](#)

1962 Amphicar: Ready to flee



If you've had a part to play in Greece's financial crisis and are currently awaiting a knock on the door from your creditors, our third choice might be the most appropriate. The Amphicar not only presents you with the chance to complete its maiden voyage, but also to escape to one of the country's numerous islands.

Estimate: EUR 18,000 - 30,000

1969 Willys Ford M151A1: A humble escape



If you'd prefer to make your escape cross-country, our fourth choice might prove more fitting. Few obstacles could defeat the 1969-built Willys, though its driving characteristics might be a little more demanding than you're used to, a result of the humble rear swing-axle.

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[Willys Ford M151A1 \(Lot 405\) in the Classic Driver Marketplace >>](#)

1971 Citroën D Super: Re-built for purpose



With its conversion to convertible specification never completed, this D Super offers an unorthodox means of lightweight getaway transport. The lack of bodywork negates the risk of untimely damage while making your

escape, while the revolutionary suspension should cope with the more demanding back routes. Luckily, the boot lid has remained intact, allowing the safe transport of those heavy black briefcases...

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