***Patreus: the mythical founder of our city Patras***

**Patreus** ([Ancient Greek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greek): Πατρεύς; [Modern Greek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern_Greek): Πατρέας, *Patreas*) is a mythical person, founder of the city of [Patras](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patras), [Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greece). According to the myth, he was the son of Preugenes and ninth descendant of [Lacedaemon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lacedaemon), the founder of [Sparta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparta). Patreus was the leader of the [Achaean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Achaeans_(tribe)) who came from [Sparta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparta), after the renowned [Dorian Invasion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorian_Invasion). The [Ionians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ionians) that occupied the region, since were forced to leave their settlements and refuge to [Attica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attica) and [Ionia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ionia) on the western coast of [Asia Minor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asia_Minor). It was then that Patreus was crowned King of [Aroe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aroe), one of the small [city-states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City-states) that lay in the region. Always according to the myth, under Patreus' reign, was unified with two other neighbouring cities, [Messatis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messatis) and [Antheia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antheia). The new united city was named "Patras" ([ancient greek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_greek): "Πάτραι"), after Patreus, its mythical founder. His tomb was shown in the city's marketplace, next to the statue of [Athena](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athena).

