

# OVERVIEW

Ethens is a prosperous maritime thalassocratic city that flourished thanks to its success in mastering the arcane arts. The city defines itself a *magic democratic republic* founded on knowledge, especially magical knowledge. Complex social and political structures are enshrined in its Constitution, designed to tap and exploit magic for the benefit of the entire community. The citizenry of Ethens is wealthy and well-educated, versed in magic, and proud of the heights achieved by their city. Selective and intensive institutions breed some of the best spellcasters in the world, while the political machinery in place ensures that the magical resources are used to the benefit of the entire collectivity. The civil society of Ethens is very lively and it is criss-crossed by a variety of currents and movements, from guilds promoting the magical education of every citizen through art, to groups fighting against uses of magic that they deem immoral or irresponsible.