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Thessaloniki: A unique blend of history and modern culture

Discover Greece invites you to a 4-day trip to explore the incredibly rich and multicultural history of Thessaloniki and beyond

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Thessaloniki's rich cultural tapestry

Enjoy a tailored guided tour and discover the rich history of Greece's second city

Thessaloniki is a city in constant evolution, brimming with vitality and offering a plethora of historical treasures, culinary delights, and vibrant nightlife. As a bustling port city and an enticing destination for city breaks, each neighborhood in Thessaloniki presents a unique ambiance.

In recent years, Greece's second-largest city has emerged as a prominent player on the southern European stage. With the revitalization of its seafront promenade, the expansion and modernization of its airport, and various urban enhancements, Thessaloniki has undergone a remarkable transformation, establishing itself as a frontrunner in contemporary urban development.

The city's landmarks and monuments serve as testament to Thessaloniki's rich historical legacy. **A leisurely stroll through its streets offers glimpses into its past**, while the majestic buildings, showcasing diverse architectural styles, add an air of grandeur to the urban landscape.

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A foodie heaven

Explore a food lover's paradise

Thessaloniki is renowned for its exceptional cuisine, characterized by its quality and diversity. Shaped by cultural influences, the city's culinary scene stands as one of the most vibrant and diverse in Greece. From traditional recipes to modern gastronomic trends, Thessaloniki boasts a plethora of flavors, aromas, and ingredients, offering a wide array of culinary options.

Recognizing the significance of Thessaloniki's gastronomic heritage, UNESCO designated the city as a City of Gastronomy, marking it as the first Greek city to join UNESCO's Creative Cities Network for gastronomy. This prestigious designation acknowledges Thessaloniki's rich culinary traditions, dynamic gastronomic community, and commitment to preserving local food culture.

At the heart of Thessaloniki's culinary scene are the bustling Modiano and Kapani markets, which serve as focal points for food enthusiasts. Here, lively vendors offer an array of fresh produce, meats, seafood, spices, nuts, and more, while also hosting a variety of restaurants, delis, and cafes.

Day trips from Thessaloniki

1. Alexander the Great's legacy in Vergina

Feel the majesty of Vergina Royal Tombs

Take a journey to the capital of the ancient Kingdom of Macedonia and explore the burial chamber of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, in this UNESCO-protected archaeological wonder just an hour drive from Thessaloniki.

The Archaeological site of Aigai also has an exciting new museum that acts as a focal point to all the treasures in the area. Known as the Polycentric Museum of Aigai – because it contains highlights of the Royal Tombs of Aigai, the Royal Cluster of the Temenids, the Ancient Theatre of Aigai and the Palace of Aigai – is destined to become one of Greece's landmark museums and is another reason to visit northern Greece.

A stone's throw from Vergina, you'll find Veria, a city with diverse cultural heritage, blending influences from Greek, Ottoman, and Byzantine civilizations. You can admire the city's well-preserved architecture, traditional markets, and local craftsmanship, which reflect its multicultural past.

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2. Halkidiki

Unveil an exotic dreamland on your doorstep

Halkidiki is renowned for its breathtaking coastline, featuring crystal-clear waters, golden sands, and secluded coves.

With diverse landscapes, including lush forests, rugged mountains, and picturesque villages you can explore scenic hiking trails, discover hidden waterfalls, and immerse into the region's unspoiled wilderness.

Through guided tours to the archaeological sites such as the ancient city of Olynthos, the Stagira birthplace of Aristotle, and the monastic community of Mount Athos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site you can unveil its rich cultural and historical heritage.

Food lovers will delight in Halkidiki's delicious cuisine, which features fresh seafood, locally grown produce, and traditional Greek dishes and enjoy wine tasting at local vineyards. You can experience authentic Greek culture, cuisine, and hospitality while exploring the region's charming villages and historic towns.



3. Lake Kerkini

Explore a refuge for nature and birdwatchers

Thessaloniki holds yet another ace up its sleeve. Around an hour and a half's drive away, visitors can explore the one of Europe's most important ecosystems that is found in Lake Kerkini. Lake Kerkini is a captivating destination known for its scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, and outdoor opportunities

It hosts a wealth of wildlife, including 320 species of birdlife, water buffalo roaming freely and (at the right time of year) flamingos and pelicans strutting their stuff, as well as an astonishing number of activities, including hiking, horseback riding, 4x4ing, cycling, canoeing, boating and more.

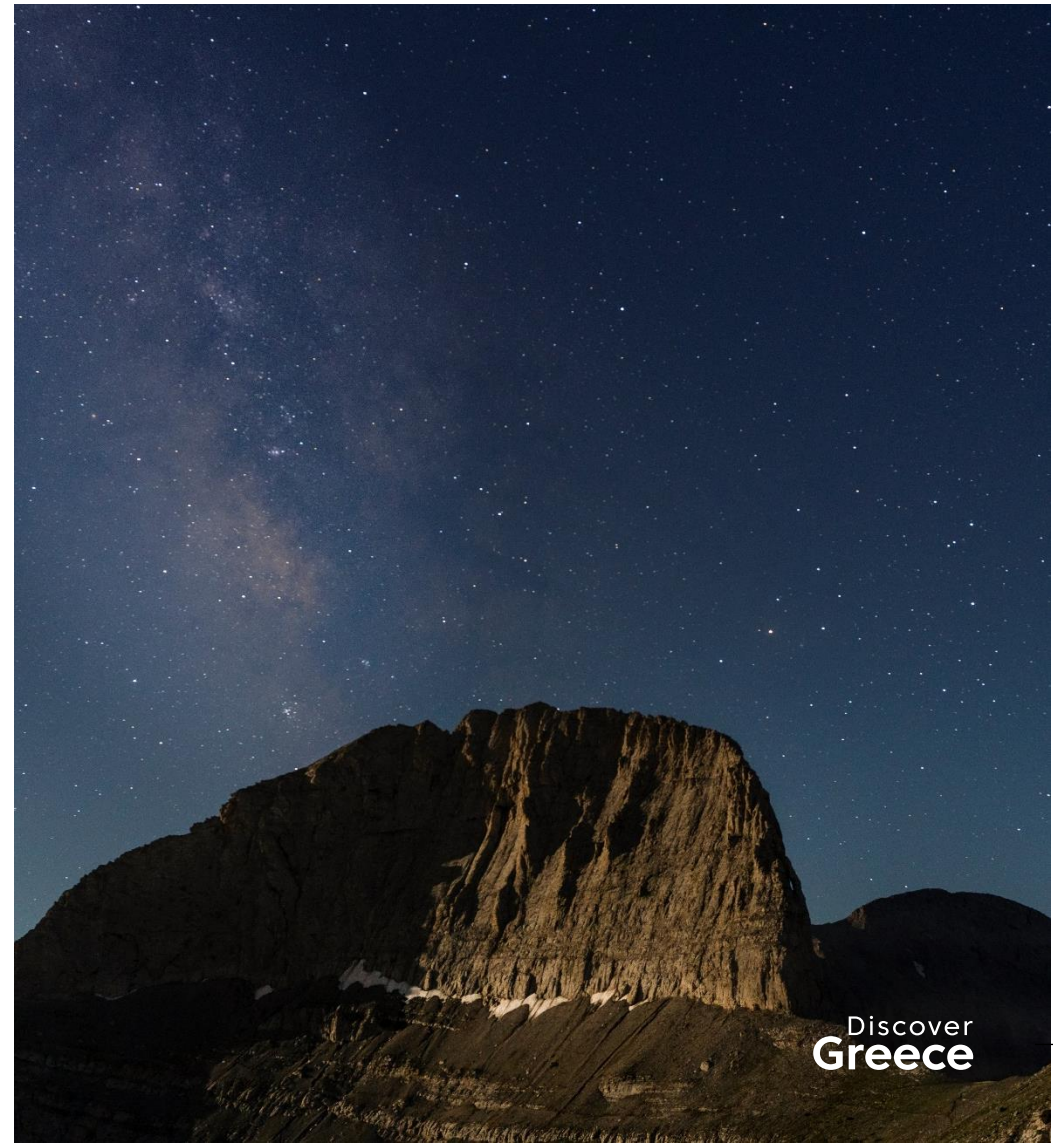
4. Mount Olympus

Follow the steps of the Olympian gods

Whether you want to conquer the home of the gods or gently hike through divine nature, Mt Olympus stands ready to greet you!

Greece's highest point has always attracted a sense of awe – as much for its rich wildlife as the mystery of its ravines, caves, plateaus and mist-covered peaks. Where better for Zeus to settle as lord of all the gods, demigods and humans?

Starting from Litochoro, a picturesque village renowned for its natural beauty and outdoor adventures, located right on the foothills of Olympus, pull on your hiking boots and head to the mountain which was chosen carefully by the 12 Olympian Gods as their residence.



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5. Axios Delta National Park

A unique ecosystem near Thessaloniki

Axios Delta National Park offers a unique blend of natural beauty, outdoor activities, cultural heritage, and conservation efforts, making it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.

The park is home to a rich variety of plant and animal species, including rare and endangered species such as the Dalmatian pelican, the greater flamingo, and the sea turtle. Birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts will delight in the opportunity to observe diverse wildlife in its natural habitat. It also boasts stunning landscapes, including wetlands, marshes, lagoons, and river deltas, all of which provide a picturesque backdrop for outdoor activities such as hiking, birdwatching, and photography.

You can enjoy a range of outdoor activities, including birdwatching tours, boat trips along the river, and guided nature walks.

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