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**Kavala & Thassos:
A city-and-island combo of unexplored
treasures in Northern Greece**

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Discover Greece invites you to a 5-day trip to explore
one of Greece's most undiscovered treasures

Kavala: At the crossroads of civilizations

East meets west in Kavala Old Town, known as the Blue City and as the 'Mecca of tobacco', with the Ottoman influence apparent in the architecture but also evidence of 2,500 years of Ancient Greek and Roman history.

You are in a city where for centuries Byzantines, Ottomans, Jews, merchants, tobacco workers, refugees and intellectuals mingled and prospered.

And after 100 years, the imprint of the 25,000 Greek refugees who settled in Kavala following the Asia Minor Catastrophe of 1922, is still visible.

Through a tailored guided tour, you'll see how the past blends with the present, while visiting the historical Imaret that was built in 1817 by Mohamed Ali as a kulliye, Panagia, Kavala's Old Town with its castle and acropolis, and the old lighthouse, as well as the giant tobacco warehouses and walking around the districts and discovering locals' history and narratives.





Hidden gems in the embrace of Mt Pangaio

Going southwest you will have the opportunity to explore two picturesque villages of Northern Greece hidden at the Mt Pangaio, with dense vegetation and running water.

Moustheni attracts you like a magnet. By strolling around you will admire arched bridges, traditional stone houses in the colours of ochre and blue, and an old Turkish school with the inscription in Arabic. In Mesoropi, you will come across imposing 19th-century mansions, watermills, stone fountains and bridges, as well as the characteristic shady squares.

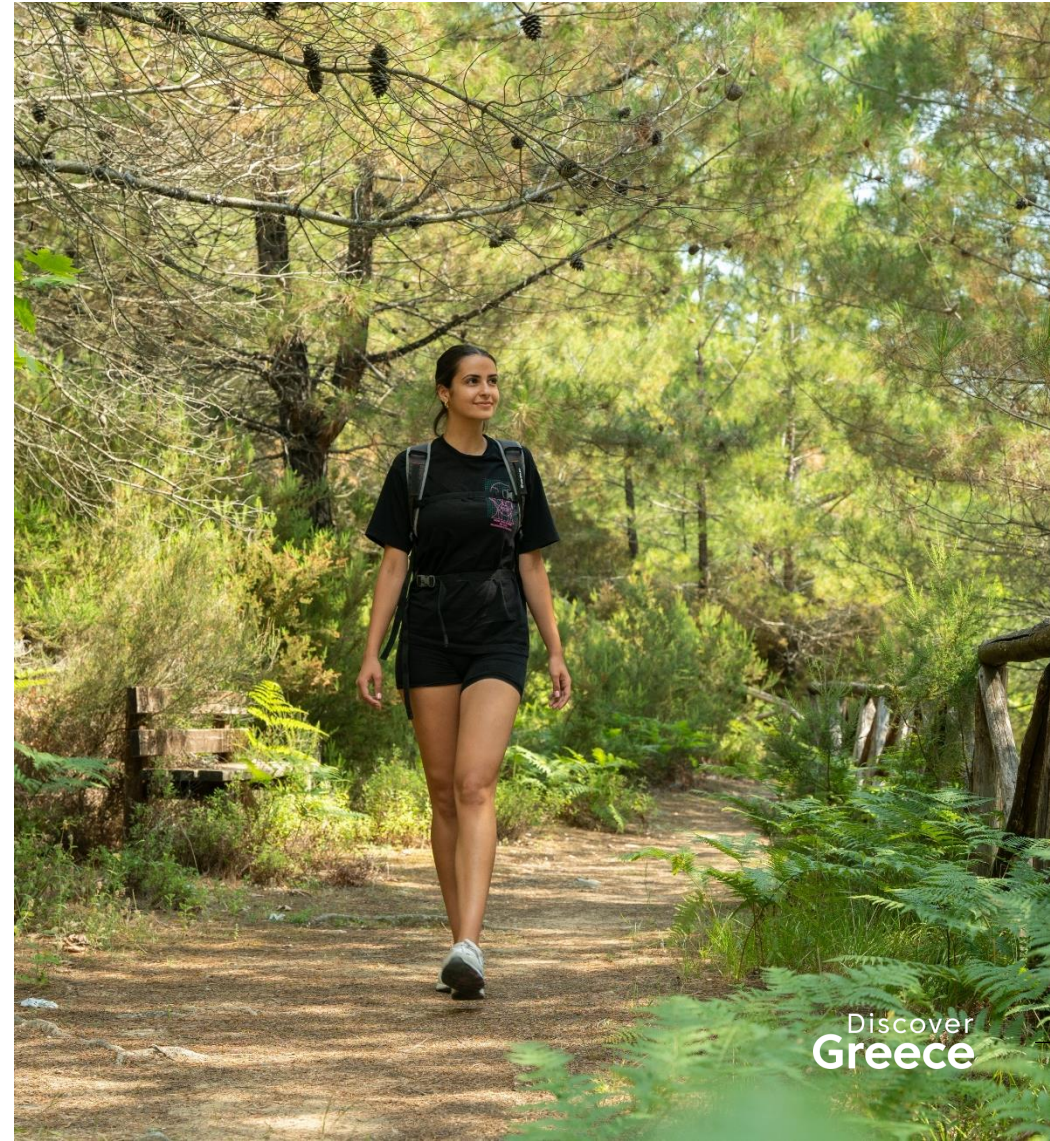
During your visit, you will also enjoy an upscale gastronomic experience and sample local products!

Hiking to the mythical mountain

Mt Pangaio is known from mythology as the place where Orpheus, the son of the god Apollo and the muse Calliope, lived, and where God Dionysus had his sanctuary.

On the trail of Mesoropi on Mt Pangaio, you will find yourself being surrounded by scenic places, with waterfalls, lakes, cobbled lanes and untouched nature.

Get to know the region by hiking on these slopes of unique beauty and enjoy an unforgettable outdoor experience.





Jeep safari around Thassos' villages & boat trip to emerald beaches

Thassos, the island of the Sirens, is the northern-most and greenest Greek island. Breathtaking natural beauty, wonderful beaches, hidden hollows, pine forests and lush vegetation that descends to the sea, make the island look like a "floating forest". Through a two-night stay, you will be able to visit its tiny charming villages, dive to azure beaches, sample local delicacies and discover traditional craftsmanship.

There is no better way to discover Thassos' little picturesque villages than jumping into jeep and going on a village-hopping safari! This is your introduction to the stone houses, wooden balconies and village life of Thassos.

Next stop, the most-photographed swimming spot on Thassos, Giola Lagoon, which features a natural rock pool known as Aphrodite's Tear. And when you think there is no more beauty to explore, a boat tour to Thassos' emerald beaches, which combine the azure of the sea, pale or golden sand and enchantingly verdant backdrops, will change your mind.

Thassian tradition meets art

Thassian folk art is by far the most genuine aesthetic expression of the common people. In Thassos, the raw materials of the island are the main protagonists. You will visit the only pottery workshop that operates on the island, a special place with a long history, which was built in 1908.

Next stop, the Thassian House, where you will learn the secrets of the art of loom weaving with the characteristic strict geometric patterns of Thassos' weavers.

And you cannot leave this island without discovering the famous Thassian marble. The marble of Thassos has been quarried since the 5th century BC, and is often pure white and coarse-grained, with resplendent crystals. You will enjoy how this perfect white material takes shape in unique handmade jewelry!





In Thassos, culinary wonders abound

The variety of the island's products have created a cuisine with a unique taste, freshness and originality. Thassos produces Thassian Throuba, a distinct wrinkled black olive which is dried with sea salt to release its bitter taste. Also, there is a tradition of apiculture on the island since ancient times. Thassian honey is known for its healing benefits, rich in trace elements and vitamins.

But there isn't a better way to dive into traditional cuisine than a cooking class! You will be invited to cook and sample Thassos' local delicacies such as gioufkades (traditional pasta, usually accompanied with rooster in meat sauce) or fresh fish cooked in the oven or fried. No matter what your palate demands, Thassos is a culinary heaven!

What we offer:



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