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Kavala & Thassos

A city-and-island combo of unexplored treasures in Northern Greece

June 10-15

Discover Greece invites you to a 5-day trip to multicultural Kavala and magical Thassos

Multicultural Kavala

Learn the secrets of Greece's Blue City, forever at the crossroads of civilisations

East meets west in the Old Town of Kavala, 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 (built during Ottoman times, in 1817) and Kavala's Old Town (with its castle, acropolis and old lighthouse), as well as the giant tobacco warehouses that stand as a reminder of the city's 18th and early 19th-century commercial heyday.

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Ancient Philippi & wine tasting

Discover UNESCO-protected Philippi, founded by the father of Alexander the Great & be a wine god for the day

Take a guided tour of Philippi, near Kavala, which has one of the richest histories of all archaeological sites in Greece. From the 4th century BC to the start of the 1st millennium it was occupied by Philip II of Macedon (father of Alexander the Great), it then witnessed the battle that established the Roman Empire and was visited by the Apostle Paul, paving the way for the first community of early Christians in Europe. In 2016, it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

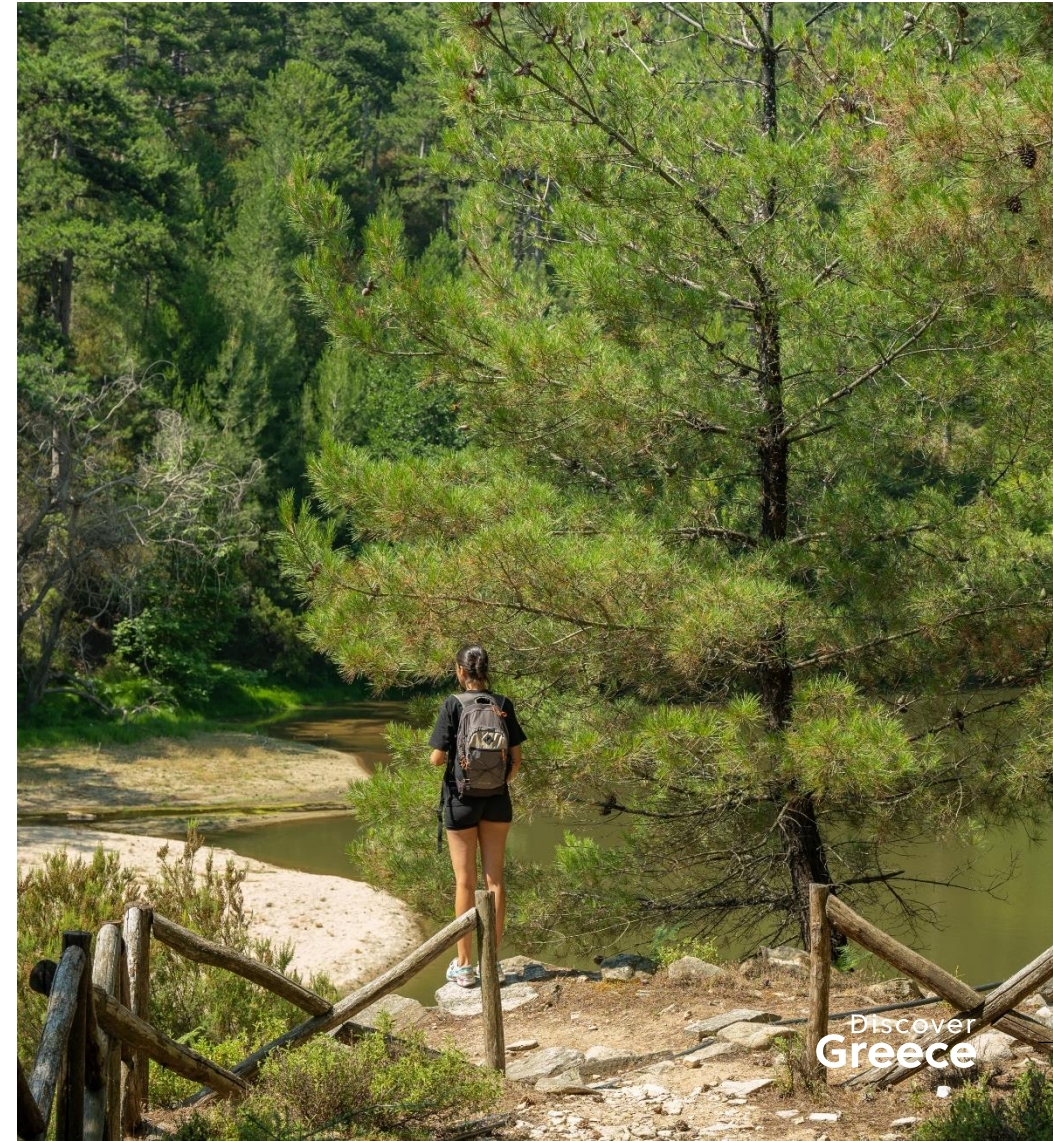
End your day by going wine tasting at a local winery and invoking the spirit of Dionysus, the god of winemaking and revelry who was especially worshipped in these parts in antiquity.

A riverside nature walk

Enjoy a charming hike from Old Kavala in the shade of a rare plane tree forest

Take a hike along the nature trail from the village of Palia (Old) Kavala, which follows the length of a stream running through the village and covers a distance of approximately 3km alongside the Palia Kavala – Zyrgos road.

This is your first opportunity to experience the region's exceptionally beautiful countryside, filled with natural treasures. After walking in the shade of the perennial plane trees, you get the opportunity to take a dip in the refreshing waters of the river's springs and admire the suspended vines and ivy snaking its way up the trunks of plane trees that are unique to this area, as though you are in a small jungle.





Village hopping & mythical swimming spots in Thassos

Discover the traditional villages and bathe like Aphrodite on a boat tour around Thassos

Thassos, the island of the Sirens and Aphrodite, is the northernmost and greenest Greek island. Breathtaking natural beauty, wonderful beaches, hidden hollows, pine forests and lush vegetation that descends to the sea, give it a semblance of a “floating forest”.

Through a two-night stay, you get the opportunity to visit the island's tiny and charming villages, sample local delicacies and discover traditional craftsmanship and architecture.

You will be introduced to 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's no more beauty to explore, a boat tour to Thassos' gorgeous sandy beaches awaits, where you get to take a dip in azure-blue waters made even more striking by the contrast with the verdant backdrop.

Pottery, weaving & marble sculpting

Meet the craftspeople who give Thassos its style in workshops and museums

Folk art is by far the most genuine aesthetic expression of a destination and, in Thassos, the island's raw materials are the main protagonists.

Your introduction to the island's crafts begins at the island's only pottery workshop, a special place with a long history, having been 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 the local weavers.

And you cannot leave without learning more about the local marble. Thassian marble has been quarried since the 5th century BC and is often pure white and coarse-grained, with a resplendent crystalline effect that makes it appear almost translucent. You will enjoy how this perfect white material takes shape in unique handmade jewellery!





Olives, silky smooth honey and other local products

Eat like a local ... then learn how to cook like one too as you indulge in Thassos' delicious cuisine

Thassos has a rich and varied cuisine, based around seafood and meat dishes (especially in mountain villages) from the goats and sheep that you can see roaming freely among around the green countryside.

It also has its own distinctly wrinkled olive - the Thassian Throuba olive, which produces exceptional extra-virgin olive oil that is low in acidity or dried with sea salt to release its bitter taste and eaten whole.

There is a long tradition of making honey on Thassos, known not just for its taste but for its healing benefits since ancient times.

So as well as enjoying Thassian cuisine at tavernas throughout your stay, your last experience is a cooking class where you'll learn how to cook local delicacies such as gioufkades (traditional pasta, usually accompanied with rooster in meat sauce) or fresh fish cooked in the oven or fried.

What we offer:



**Five nights'
accommodation**



**Flights with airline
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**Complimentary meals
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**Access to activities according to
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