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Meet Greece in a more active way

The big advantage of our holidays is that visitors are able to see the most important Greek sites in an active way. You will cycle, hike and participate in a cooking lesson of Greek specialties. You will visit exceptional places and you will come much closer to the Greek culture. And the most important, without the need of changing hotels every day. Forget about bothering with moving luggage every day and losing time checking-in and checking-out of hotels. In this way you will have more time at your disposal to relax, try some of the activities, or simply enjoy the many cafes and the bars of the city. Finally, in this trip you will meet not only ancient Greece, but the modern one too. One of our biggest priorities is to introduce to you the Greek way of living and culture.

SEE THE GREEK WAY OF LIVING AND CULTURE



Create your own program:

Personalized programs can be created for you. Add day-trips and activities suited to your length of stay.

- ▶ The order of the day-trips may change due to weather conditions or availability.
- ▶ All sightseeing tours are in English. Requests for other languages can be serviced at an extra charge.

Pelion Peninsula

The perfect combination of sightseeing and fun 8D / 7N

Explore the area, learn the culture, admire the sheer natural beauty of the region. Seize the opportunity of an impressive experience. A glimpse into an undiscovered world, a magical landscape, making your heart gentle. This tour is the perfect destination for those who love cycling, cooking, culture, ancient arts, nature and want to explore one of the most beautiful places in Greece that still resists the ravages of mass tourism.

highlights

- ▶ **Portaria** (19th-century mansions, ancient chapels, hundreds of years old plane trees.)
- ▶ **Makrinitza** (Tower Skotinioti, Carved marble fountain – 1809, Paschalis Art House, Museum of Folk Art, the church of Panagia – 1767, History of Pelion museum)
- ▶ **Lechonia** (Ancient ceramics museum & workplace)
- ▶ **Volos** (The Brickworks factory of Tsalapatas – 1926, The Museum of Volos, “Giorgio de Chirico” Art Center, the old silk mill (1924), The old tobacco factory, Athanasakio Archaeological Museum of Volos, Entomological Museum of Volos, Historic Railway Station – 1903, Mythological Sip Argo, Palia District, Pelion Railway, Neolithic Settlement of Dimini (Dimini), Ancient lolcus)

> DAY 1 | ARRIVAL

Arrival at Volos or Thessaloniki airport, transfer to the hotel. After refreshing, join your local host over a welcome buffet of seasonal fruits & drinks for a briefing about the area, local customs and your activity schedule. Later free time. Relax by the pool or wonder through the famous cobbled streets and enjoy the views over Volos and the Pagasitic Gulf. Admire the old mansions, beautiful guesthouses, springs with crystal waters, the Byzantine chapel of “Panagia Portarea” (11th century), and much more. Dinner and overnight in **Portaria**.

> DAY 2 | ALONG THE COAST (HALF-DAY CYCLING TRIP)

A wonderful excursion passing stunning beaches shaded by ancient olive groves. We enter the forest and walk, discovering many hidden beauties and surprises, such as waterfalls and little lakes where the adventurous can swim in the icy waters. Break for a picnic lunch in the forest. An ideal getaway for families, children, and more! Duration about 3.5 hours (easy). Dinner and overnight in Portaria.

> DAY 3 | EXPLORE PELION... STAY, TASTE

After our Greek breakfast we go to the nearby village of **Makrinitza** known as “the balcony of Pelion” surrounded by forests. Tour of the village and acquaintance with local herbs, famous in Greece. We will have time to enjoy our coffee overlooking the **Pagasitic Gulf**. Back to Portaria we visit the Karaiskou farm where we get to know the organic garden, farm, animals and learn to cook traditional food that we eat on the spot (local food based on season). Overnight in Portaria.

> DAY 4 | DISCOVER AN ANCIENT ART

A true practise of the ancient ceramic art by making an ancient ceramic pot in the way the ancients did. Tour the hall of the Museum admiring the beautiful ceramic items of rural areas and cities used in everyday life and ceramics made during international workshops and exhibitions. Dive into ancient and contemporary pottery. Test your artistic skills and handicraft your personal work of art with special clay. Paint it with colours made in the ancient way, sign it and put it in the





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oven to bake.
Dinner and overnight in Portaria.

> DAY 5 | FREE DAY

Today you may pass the ceramics lab to get your ready baked and finished clay artwork.

> DAY 6 | VOLOS CITY - CULTURAL TOUR

A unique cultural bike experience, visit the main museums, the markets. Explore the old city, the castle of Volos. Walk along the Byzantine wall the remnants of the palace of Iolcus, Roman baths, early Christian churches, structures of the Ottoman period, industrial buildings of the early 20th century.

Duration 3,5 hours (easy). In the end, we leave the bikes and return to the hotel by car.

> DAY 7 | HERBAL WORKSHOPS AND HERB IDENTIFICATION WALKS

Join us for a magical journey in the history of herb growing and use in medicine, drinks, food. A 'life-seeing' experience through the botanical garden,

herb & aromatic plant cultivation. For the remainder a herbal recognition walk, following a presentation of traditional processing techniques, production of essential oils, creation of tea mixes and herbal delightful tasting of local tea sorts.

> DAY 8 | DEPARTURE

Breakfast. We wish a warm-hearted goodbye to Pelion and we return to Thessaloniki. Transfer to Thessaloniki (or Volos) airport.

Of course if you want you may continue your vacation in Greece with or without one of our programs.

Included :

Hotel: 4 Traditional, Breakfast, Luggage transfers, Guided tours and trips*

Not Included :

Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Tips, Optional excursions, Anything not mentioned in "The Price Includes"



Additional Information

Our base will be our traditional local architecture hotel looking out over the slopes of Mount Pelion.

→ Participants can spend their time as they wish. The program is relaxed and aims to offer a unique holiday experience.

→ A relaxing massage can be offered for a small extra charge. Request on previous day by a minimum of three members of the group.

→ The program can be modified if there are reasonable grounds (e.g. bad weather, safety of participants, technical problems, etc.).

→ Highly experienced English speaking guides and companions.

Number of Participants

4 – 12 like-minded travellers with whom you will be sharing your experiences (depending on the dates and how many others are booked on the trip). A great value and a great way to meet new people!

Ages: All

Languages: Greek, English

Private or Auto tours: in consultation.

Difficulty: Easy



Explore the region of Olympus

Ecotourism on a grand scale 8D / 7N

A trip seeking to offer information, knowledge. Stimulate the imagination by immersing the visitor in the environment that is described by folk tales and stories. In an area of rich mythological and historical background, the eco tourist will enjoy a combination of mountain and sea, tempered with astounding vegetation and flora. The chance to relax, spend time in a traditional farm, learn about herb & aromatic plant cultivation, enjoy contact with nature, visit archaeological sites, monuments and places of interest

highlights

- ▶ **Agios Dimitrios** (traditional Macedonian Architecture, Bronze Age burial ground at “Spathes”, a wild boar farm, excellent local food in the taverns)
- ▶ **Enipeas Gorge** (The Holy Cave of St. Dionysus, the old Monastery of Agios Dionysus, 100+ bird species and 30 amphibian and reptile species)
- ▶ **Hiking at Mt Olympus** (wonderful trail renowned for its beautiful landscape)

> DAY 1 | ARRIVAL

We welcome you at Thessaloniki airport. Meet the other participants of the group and transfer to our base near **Olympus**. A little more than an 1-hour drive (106 km).

> DAY 2 | THE FARM & THE SHOP

Today, we enjoy a leisurely tour through a 12 acre original cultivated land. Discover wild flowers, organic plants, domestic animals, a variety of aromatic herbs. See and learn about harvesting and preparation of sweet preserve and essential oil of the Rose petals of the aromatic variety Rosa; along with rosemary and lavender, to process them in the farm’s distiller, in the company of the guests. At the end of your visit you can buy some of the homemade jams, handcrafted liqueurs, spices and sweet fruit preserves produce depending on the season.

> DAY 3 | A BEAUTIFUL EASY DAY HIKE ON MOUNT OLYMPUS IN GREECE

Today time for the breathtaking famous **Enipeas gorge** of Olympus. We meet a natural environment that captivates with

its dazzling beauty. Dense vegetation with pine, beech, slopes, gorges and ravines, picturesque wooden bridges, running water, ponds with crystal clear water and small water falls. A wonderful trail renowned for its beautiful landscape. En route we will pass through a cave-chapel and the monastery of **St. Dionysus** as well as taking advantage of several swimming opportunities in natural river pools.

> DAY 4 | FREE DAY

> DAY 5 | “KYPSÈLI”: THE BEE’S WORKSHOP

Are you intrigued by the mystic world of honeybees? You can now discover the “api world” in the bee garden of our hotel - cottages. Learn about the production of honey; bees pasture from the farm’s flowers, as well as Mt Olympus’ forest flora.

The beekeeper initiates the guests to the magical world of “kypsèli” – the beehive workshop. An idyllic hike through the farm where the hives are located visit of the apiaries finishing with a workshop of honey-extraction.





SEASON | All year round

> DAY 6 | ESSENTIAL OIL DISTILLATION WORKSHOP

We participate in a herb workshop where you get a presentation of native herbs and medicinal plants of the time, traditional processing techniques, creation of tea mixes and oils. Learn the history of herb growing and use in medicine, drinks, food and wellness. At the end, guests will receive the gifts from the workshop that they themselves produced.

This activity can take place every Thursday from early June till September.

> DAY 7 | AGIOS DIMITRIOS – SPATHES - PETRA

We visit a village situated in the plateau between Olympus and Pieria. A short distance away, a cemetery dating to the late Copper era (14th – 12th century B.C.). The cist graves brought to light painted and unpainted vases and perfume bottles, swords, jewellery and stone seals (partly with animal motifs), with characteristics of the Mycenaean civilisation. Then explore the impressive canyon of Olympus and the **Straits of Petras** with fantastic views of the surrounding area. Visit the

Church of **Agios Georgios** and some attractive old stone buildings of interest. Two traditional taverns serve local food, including the spoils of the hunt such as wild boar and venison.

> DAY 8 | DEPARTURE

Your memorable tour comes to an end today. After a luxurious breakfast at your hotel, enjoying the mountain views, you will be transferred to the airport. Head back home with some lifelong memories.

Of course if you want you may continue your vacation in Greece with or without one of our programs

Included :

*Transfers on arrival and departure by English speaking guide, 7 nights' accommodation in double room in a 4 * hotel, half-board, Guided tours in the program, Transfers with luxury transit.*

Not Included :

Flights to and from Thessaloniki, Personal Insurance, Personal expenses, Tips, Full board, Drinks, Optional excursions, Everything not mentioned in "Included in the price".



Additional Information

Our base is a traditional hotel looking out over the western slopes of Mount Olympus. Live an authentic hospitality experience accompanied with quality services, variety of activities, delicious cuisine and breathtaking views next to the refreshing swimming pool. An ideal destination for those who wish to relax in nature and explore the region of Olympus.

Number of Participants

4 – 12 like-minded travellers with whom you will be sharing your experiences (depending on the dates and how many others are booked on the trip). A great value, and a great way to meet new people!

Ages: from 12 yrs. old
Languages: Greek, English
Private or Auto tours: in consultation.
Difficulty: Moderate





Peloponnesse - with Athens and Delphi

8 Days Archaeology Activity Tour 8D / 7N

Taste authentic Greece, as the locals experience it. A trip seeking to offer information, knowledge, but also stimulate the imagination by immersing the visitor in an environment described by ancient legends and histories. Experience the true Greek way of living, the true Greece in a way that only locals can do. Relax, spend some time on famous beaches, visit the Corinth Canal, observe local winemaking and taste exceptional grape varieties.

highlights

- ▶ **Acropolis of Athens**
- ▶ **Delphi**
- ▶ **Ancient Olympia**
- ▶ **Ancient Epidaurus** (with its famous theatre)
- ▶ **Mycenae**
- ▶ **Nafplio**
- ▶ **Sparta**
- ▶ **Lousios canyon** (hidden monasteries, ancient Tegea, the temple of Alea Athena)

> DAY 1 | ARRIVAL – CORINTH CANAL – AND WELCOME

We welcome you at the Athens National Airport. Meet the other participants of the group and transfer to our base Tripoli, less than 2-hour drive. On the way we stop at the **Corinth Canal**, the world's most famous 19th century engineering masterpiece. Arrival at the hotel for a welcome homemade local Greek dinner and drinks. Overnight in Tripoli.

> DAY 2 | CYCLING TO ANCIENT TEGEA – ALEA – KAPSIA CAVE – WINE TASTING

Today, a leisurely 20 Km guided bike tour on the Tripoli plateau. Visit the ancient city of **Tegea**, the city's' byzantine church, the Greek theatre in the Agora, and the temple of Alea Athena in Alea settlement. Next to the **Kapsia Cave**; 3.000.000 years old! Finally to the traditional "**Kalogris**" winery to taste Greek wine made of local varieties accompanied with homemade pies. Net biking time about 2,5 hours (easy). Free afternoon. Perhaps a walk in Tripoli. Optional: a half-day trip in the seaside village of Astros to spend some time on the beach and walk around the picturesque dock. Overnight in Tripoli.

> DAY 3 | HIKING IN A PLACE WHERE NATURAL BEAUTY MEETS HISTORY!

Visit the Lousios Gorge, magical with hidden monasteries perched along the sides. Explore the beautiful traditional villages of **Dimitsana** and **Stemnitsa**, wet your feet in **Lousios river**. Admire a couple of cliff hanging monasteries, taste local food and drink. Visit the Open Air Water-Power Museum ending in ancient Gortys, a passing through place for Spartans

on their way to the Olympic Games! Picnic and relaxation next to the river under the trees! Overnight in Tripoli.

> DAY 4 | EXPLORE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF GREEK HISTORY

Today we visit **Sparta** and the complete medieval Byzantine town of **Mystras**. First Sparta the birthplace of Leonidas and his 300 Spartans. Visit the Acropolis, the Leonidas statue, the ancient theatre. You will have the information for each monument that we will see, and for all the events of every day's life of Ancient Spartans and their kings. Then Mystras, its fortress, palace, churches and monasteries. Free afternoon. If you want you can participate in cooking lessons at the hotel, learn to cook taste and enjoy local recipes. Overnight in Tripoli.

> DAY 5 | OBSERVE THE REMNANTS OF GREAT GREEK CIVILIZATIONS

Visit **Mycenae**, the centre of Mycenaean world, 3500 years old. Tour around the Acropolis of the city, passing through the Lions Gate going up to the Palace of king Agamemnon. Admire the great vaulted grave





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of Atreus, King of Mycenae and father of Agamemnon and the museum with the all the important findings of the area. Next stop is **Epidauros**, the medical centre of antiquity and Epidauros Theatre where you can marvel at its acoustics. A masterpiece of science even today.

In the afternoon free time in **Nafplio**, the first capital of Greece. Perhaps a swim, rest on the beach, try the local cuisine and for the daring even a visit to the Venetian castle. Return back and overnight in Tripoli.

> DAY 6 | DISCOVER THE LAND WHERE THE OLYMPIC TORCH IS LIT

We depart for ancient **Olympia** the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Visit the treasures of the Archaeological Museum, a real revelation! Then we walk along the ancient buildings of the city; the great Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Hera, the gymnasium, the Palaestra, the training facilities.

We end at the workshop of Phidias, the great sculptor crafted the gigantic chryselephantine statue of Zeus, listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Free time for a drink or lunch.

Then head north, passing by the **Rio-Antirion bridge**, up to **Galaxidi**, a beautiful seaside village close to **Delphi**. Overnight in Galaxidi.

> DAY 7 | THE MOST IMPORTANT ORACLE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

After breakfast we head for **Delphi**, according to mythology the centre of the earth. We will visit the temple of Apollo, the ancient theatre, the Stadium and enjoy the spectacular view among the rocks and the archaeological museum of Delphi featuring findings from the oracle and the area. We continue to **Arahova**, a mountainous top destination, for lunch in a nice tavern with local-traditional food, enjoy your coffee in the main square or explore the town wondering through the small streets. Departure to Athens and overnight there.

> DAY 8 | A MASTERPIECE OF THE ANCIENT GREEK ENGINEERING

After breakfast we meet our guide. The tour includes the **Acropolis** and the **New Acropolis Museum** with the impressive heritage that ancient Greeks left to us. After the tour, we transfer you to the airport. We the Greeks don't like to say goodbye. Instead we prefer to say "we hope to see you again sometime!"

Of course if you want you may continue your vacation in Greece with or without one of our programs

Included :

Transfers on arrival and departure by English speaking guide, 7 nights' accommodation in double room in 3 - 4* traditional hotels, Three meals, Guided tours in the program, Transfers with luxury transit*

Not Included :

Flights to and from Athens, Personal Insurance, Personal expenses, Tips, Full board, Drinks, Optional excursions, Everything not mentioned in "Included in the price"



Additional Information

Our base is an idyllic location, with a view to the biggest park in town. This small city maintains the pure Greek way of living (avoiding mass-tourism), offering you a taste of the authentic Greece. We also have two more overnights. One in a picturesque seaside village. The other in Athens next to the rock of Acropolis.

Number of Participants

4 – 12 like-minded travellers with whom you will be sharing your experiences (depending on the dates and how many others are booked on the trip). A great value, and a great way to meet new people!

Ages: All

Languages: Greek, English

Private or Auto tours: in consultation.

Difficulty: Easy



Magical Lefkada island

Amazing holidays 8D / 7N

Start and end in Lefkada! With this discovery tour you have a recipe for the perfect summer holiday in magical Lefkada island, you have a 8 day tour package taking you through Lefkada, Greece and 7 other destinations around Lefkada. Amazing holidays in magical Lefkada island in a small group tour that includes accommodation in a hotel as well as an expert guide, meals, transport, sailing around the surrounding islets like Scorpios... there is no end to the activities and sports on offer here. You'll explore the island, eat and taste wine at restaurants on the water.

highlights

- ▶ **Lefkada** (Archaeological Museum, Fortress of Agia Mavra, Moni Faneromenis monastery, Collection of Post-Byzantine Icons)
- ▶ **Karya** (Karya Folklore Museum, Fabbrica Olive Museum) Kathisma beach
- ▶ **Nidri** (waterfalls Dimosara, Bronze Age settlement, Perigiali hamlet)
- ▶ **Meganisi channel** (the cave of Papanicolis, Kastos island, Kalamos Island, Skorpios Island)

> DAY 1 | ARRIVAL TO LEFKADA

Arrival in magical Lefkada the diamond of Ionian Islands. Transfer to the hotel for the check in. Meeting the other participants of the group for your trip program and detailed information. Free time for relaxation and leisure and dinner in a traditional local fish tavern. Overnight in Lefkada.

> DAY 2 | LEFKADA

Experience Lefkada's history, food and tradition, beautiful **Faneromeni Monastery**. Enjoy the lovely gardens and fantastic views of Gyra beach and Lefkada town below. It is an ideal spot for photographs and on a clear day you can see as far as CORFU. Next we go to the mountain village of **Karya**. The tour around the Folklore museum will take you to the everyday life of a Karya village family. Make a break and enjoy your traditional village lunch under the plane trees in one of the traditional taverns. For the rest free time for evening stroll in a maze of narrow streets, beautiful Greek taverns and shops. Overnight in our hotel.

> DAY 3 | LEFKADA - KATHISMA - NIDRI - LEFKADA

After breakfast our group leaves western Lefkada to admire the breathtaking sight of the vast Ionian Sea. The route takes us to **Pefkoulia, Tsoukalades, Agios Nikitas, Mylos** ending at the famous **Kathisma**. You can relax enjoying the sun and sea. Free time for lunch at one "seafood tavern". We return through the mountainous interior of the island. Next stop is **Nidri** for a walking tour along the seafront before dinner at a local wine restaurant for wine testing guided by wine steward with great local wines accompanied by a variety of excellent cheeses and traditional Greek dishes.

> DAY 4 | SUNSET AND STARS EVENING CRUISE WITH DINNER

Departure in the evening sun from the port of Nidri and enjoy a glass of sparkling wine while the boat finds its way to a secluded beach on a nearby island. Relax on your own moon bed on a luxury wooden yacht while staring at the stars. Enjoy a delicious dinner with local wine, accompanied by live music. Overnight in our hotel.





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> DAY 5 | NIDRI

Free time for leisure and relaxation.

Optional: our guests could participate in a short religious tour of noteworthy Christian monuments that are scattered on the island. Overnight in our hotel.

> DAY 6 | THE FORGOTTEN ISLANDS CRUISE

Board in the morning at Nidri harbour. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as the two masts boat cruise sails the **Meganisi** channel in the morning sun. The sail takes us to the cave of **Papanicolis**. Then off to **Kastos** island; a tiny settlement of traditional stone houses built around the fishing harbour. Time to enjoy a walk around the village, visit the church of Saint John with breathtaking oil paintings on the ceiling and walls to finally heighten your experience by the remains of huge whale skeleton supposedly used as a monks chamber. Next to a beach perfect for swim or snorkel (equipment provided) followed by a buffet lunch on board. Then off to Asproyiali beach, **Kalamos** Island. A pine forest stretches down to the dazzling white beach. The white sands under the water create the most amazing colour scheme for an afternoon swim. Finally **Skorpios** Island. Onassis 'private

playground from the 1960's, now the luxury retreat of a Russian billionaire. Cruise around and hear the story. Overnight in our hotel.

> DAY 7 | LEFKADA: GREEK WINE TASTING IN LYGIA

Enjoy an exclusive half a day wine tasting. Taste 4 different types of fine Greek wines, take part in the presentation of the sommelier with your friends in an atmosphere of serenity and tranquillity and enjoy a gourmet light dinner with traditional Greek delicacies and real local products. A unique unforgettable wine experience. Return to our hotel.

> DAY 8 | DEPARTURE

Your memorable tour comes to an end today. After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport of Preveza. Head back home with some lifelong memories.

Of course if you want you may continue your vacation in Greece with or without one of our programs.

Included :

Transfers on arrival and departure by English speaking guide, 7 nights'

accommodation in double room in 3 - 4* traditional hotels, Three meals, Guided tours in the program, Transfers with luxury transit*

Not Included :

Flights to and from Preveza, Personal Insurance, Personal expenses, Tips, Full board, Drinks, Optional excursions, Everything not mentioned in "Included in the price"



Additional Information

Our base will be our traditional hotels / cottages built by local craftsmen, blending in the landscape in an unobtrusive way that respects the fascinating natural scenery and serenity.

Number of Participants

4 – 12 like-minded travellers with whom you will be sharing your experiences (depending on the dates and how many others are booked on the trip). A great value and a great way to meet new people!

Ages: from 2 yrs. old

Languages: Greek, English

Private or Auto tours: in consultation.

Difficulty: Easy





Thessaloniki and Halkidiki

You 've been here in your dreams ... 21D / 20N

Enrich your mind and soul, fill your bag of life with a wide variety of experiences in undiscovered Greece. Thessaloniki, a great historic city, a crossroad of many civilizations and cultures. A beautiful valley of the Olympus mountain, quiet and peaceful in nature, with birdsong, green and herbs all around you. A region for all your senses to come to life, rippling with vineyards, groaning with ancient history, a magical place of green forest and blue sea, endless coves. Mt. Athos, the world's only monastic state, home to twenty historic monasteries; all add their own rich touch to the unique canvas that is Chalkidiki or Halkidiki.

highlights

- ▶ **Thessaloniki** (Rotunda, the Palace Complex of Galerius, the Roman Forum, the Crypt of St. Demetrius Basilica, cruise of the Thermaikos Gulf) Saint Dimitrios (Spathes - burial ground of the Mycenaean era).
- ▶ **Olympus** (Historical monasteries, St Dionysius Litochoro, the bee's workshop, Essential oil distillation, Agritourist, Outdoor activities)
- ▶ **Mount Athos** (Mount Athos and Ammouliani Cruise).
- ▶ **Arnea** (traditional Macedonian architecture houses, historical-Folklore museum, Weaving museum, St. Stephen temple)
- ▶ **Stagira**, the birthplace of Aristotle, traditional wine cellar, Aristotle Park, agritourist farm)
- ▶ **Nea Iraklia** (the Tsantali Winery, Petralona cave).

> DAY 1 | ARRIVAL

We welcome you at **Thessaloniki** Airport. Meet the other participants of the group and transfer to our hotel. Free day to get a glimpse of the city on your own. An **optional** general tour of city can be offered in the late afternoon. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

> DAY 2 | VINEYARD TOUR

We begin our Thessaloniki Welcome Bus city tour. The tour guide will introduce you to the landmarks and the most significant monuments of Thessaloniki. Next we will go to a winery close to Thessaloniki where you visit the vineyards, meet the producers and talk about the local wine varieties! Enjoy a wine tasting experience in soundproof green and golden fields. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

> DAY 3-6 | THE UNDISCOVERED SIDE OF WESTERN OLYMPUS

After breakfast we meet with the other participants of the group and transfer to our base, **Saint Dimitrios**, a little more than an hour drive (106 km).

Our base is a "green" boutique hotel built by local craftsmen in a 12 acres of farmland, looking out over the western slopes of Mount Olympus. It is offering an organic restaurant, piano-bar, outdoor playground, outdoor pool and ecologic apartments with Mount Olympus view. **Optional:** Personalised programs including: The bee's workshop, Essential oil distillation, Agritourist and Outdoor activities, Visit archaeological sites and Historical monasteries. Overnight in Saint Dimitrios.

> DAY 7-10 | IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE INTO A 1000-YEAR-OLD SPIRITUAL TRADITION

Today our group leaves for the **Halkidiki**. Arrive at our Hotel – Bungalow, "a laid-back bohemian retreat near mystical Mount Athos where you can switch off in style"; retaining an arty, unconventional vibe that feels blissfully off the beaten track. Free day. For the rest of the days you can choose from our range of daily excursions and cruises depending on your own interests and needs. (Mount Athos Cruise, Mount Athos and Ammouliani Cruise, Swimming & Fun Tour from Ouranoupolis to Vourvourou & Ammouliani). Overnight in the hotel.





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> DAY 11-14 | MOUNTAINOUS HALKIDIKI, WINE TASTING, ARISTOTLE'S BIRTHPLACE

Leave for the village of **Arnea**, the best well-preserved traditional architecture in the area. Our basis for the next days will be a Traditional Inn situated in the centre of the village. A past rich in Greek history certainly leaving you with memories of a wonderful vacation. With Arnea as a starting point, you can enjoy a variety of our activities: Visit the ancient town of **Stagira**, the birthplace of Aristotle. Instead of just the usual wineries in Europe descend to a traditional wine cellar; sample smooth glasses of award winning Greek wines; enjoy ancient Greek lunch at the picturesque estate; Walk around "**Aristotle Park**"; visit an agritourist farm and taste the fine, organic meat of Mt. Holomontas. The rest of the time you may want to explore Arnea and uncover the secret of Mount Holomontas. Overnight in Arnea.

> DAY 15 | ENDLESS VIEWS OVER THE AEGEAN SEA AND MOUNT OLYMPUS

Our group leaves for the coast of **Nea Iraklia**, on the west side of the peninsula of Halkidiki. Our base is a family owned establishment for experiencing the best of healthy and traditional home cooking practices together with a strong taste of great hospitality. After checking in you can relax in the special garden area by reading a book, or enjoying your coffee and drinks. Overnight in Nea Iraklia.

> DAY 16 | GREECE AND GRAPES

Our trip takes us to the **vineyards** in **Agios Pavlos** where viticulture is the leading activity. We visit the Tsantali Winery cultivating top quality Greek varieties such as Roditis and Xinomavro as well as Sauvignon blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon. During our visit we taste wines accompanied by traditional local dishes. Overnight in Nea Iraklia.

> DAY 17 | CAVE OF THE RED STONES

Visit **Petalona** cave the biggest creations of nature, over 1 million years ago, giving

you the chance to admire the most ancient habitat of our European ancestors discovered so far. For the rest free time to uncover the destination in your own way.

> DAY 18 | UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN A CENTRAL LOCATION

We leave for Thessaloniki's new and fresh proposal in urban boutique hospitality. After refreshing you can relax in the bar and have some free time. For the very active bike hire is also offered.

> DAY 19 | A 2300 YEAR-OLD CITY

Next day a guided historical tour of Thessaloniki starting our exploration by visiting the Roman monuments; the famous Rotunda, the Arch of Galerius and the Palace Complex of Galerius. Pay a visit to the Roman Forum and the nearby Crypt of St. Demetrius Basilica, originally part of a Roman Bath complex, transporting you to an era filled in Roman luxury. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

> DAY 20 | CRUISE THE GULF OF THERMAIKOS

After breakfast we take a 5 hour sailing tour along the city's coastline to get a one-of-a-kind look at the entire waterfront. We'll see landmarks like the Thessaloniki Marina, the Concert Hall, the umbrella sculpture and monument of Alexander the Great, the White Tower, and Aristotelous Square. From this distance you can also get the "full picture" of the city walls, the picturesque acropolis and the panoramic view of mount Olympus throughout its length. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

> DAY 21 | DEPARTURE THESSALONIKI / AIRPORT

Your memorable tour comes to an end today. We wish a warm-hearted goodbye and transfer to Thessaloniki airport. Head back home with some lifelong memories.

Of course if you want you may continue your vacation in Greece with or without one of our programs.

Included :

Transfers on arrival and departure by English speaking guide, 20 nights' accommodation in double room in 3 - 4* traditional hotels, Guided tours in the program, Transfers with luxury transit.*

Not Included :

Flights to and from Thessaloniki, Personal Insurance, Personal expenses, Tips Full board, Drinks, Optional excursions, Everything not mentioned in "Included in the price"



Additional Information

Our base will be our traditional hotels / cottages built by local craftsmen, blending in the landscape in an unobtrusive way that respects the fascinating natural scenery and serenity.

Number of Participants

4 – 12 like-minded travellers with whom you will be sharing your experiences (depending on the dates and how many others are booked on the trip). A great value and a great way to meet new people!

Ages: from 12 yrs. old
Languages: Greek, English
Private or Auto tours: in consultation.
Difficulty: Easy





Thessaloniki and Thassos island

A life-altering journey 9D / 8N

Start and end in Thessaloniki! With this life-altering journey you have a recipe for the perfect summer holiday. This 9 day tour package takes you through “Ano Poli”, an enchanting mix of stone-paved alleys, traditional houses, and Byzantine and Ottoman-era monuments! Then to the green landscape, beautiful beaches and calm ambience of Thassos island. Learn about olive oil production, traditional cooking, eat and taste wine, sailing and swim in crystal clear water beaches ... there is no end to the activities and sports on offer here.

highlights

► **Thessaloniki** (Dive into the gastronomy of Thessaloniki and enjoy the best places, Byzantine and Ottoman-era fortress converted to a prison, “Tsaous Monastery”, The Temple of Saint Dimitrios - 5th century AC).

► **Thassos island** (the Golden beach, Kazaviti village - The house with vineyards, vegetables & herbs gardens, traditional Olive Oil Mill and operated factory, traditional architecture villages, the folklore museum, traditional boat cruise, secluded beaches with the crystal clear waters).

► **Amphipolis** (the 4th-century BC tomb sculpture).

> DAY 1 | ARRIVAL

Transfer to hotel in Thessaloniki and free time to spend the rest of the day. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. Depending on the time of arrival a visit at the Museum of Byzantine Culture can be offered.

> DAY 2 | EXPLORING THESSALONIKI'S GASTRONOMIC CULTURE

Experience Thessaloniki's' gastronomy through the eyes of a local private guide! Begin the day by tasting a few starters to open up your appetite for later. Like a Local walk around parts of town that only locals are familiar with and get a real feel of Thessaloniki.

> DAY 3 | A TOUR BASED ON YOUR WISHES, DISCOVER THESSALONIKI!

We pick you up from your hotel to visit **Trigonion tower**. The view is astonishing! Then we visit **Yedi Kule**, a Byzantine and Ottoman-era fortress. Following we visit “**Moni Vlatadon**” (UNESCO Heritage). Next the Christian Orthodox Church of **Ag. Dimitrios**. The church is part of the paleo Christian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessaloniki. In the basement of the church we can visit the **catacombs**. Afterwards, we visit the **Ancient Market**, the centre of activities of Thessaloniki for about 8 centuries. Our tour ends with a nice meal at a nearby taverna where you will have the opportunity to try some local specialties!

> DAY 4 | MAGICAL THASSOS ISLAND

We depart for **Thassos island**. Our base for the next days will be a boutique luxury hotel on Thassos **Golden beach**. For the rest free day. To relax from the journey you may want to take a dive in the superb crystal clear waters of Golden beach enjoying at the same time the views of Mount Ypsarion rising over the bay. Overnight in our hotel.

> DAY 5 | THASSOS TRADITION AND REAL LIFE

We drive to the preserved **Megalo Kazaviti** village. Visit the famous village. Next drive to the monastery to visit the old church from 1843 and the holy cave “**Agiasma**”. Then to **Micro Kazaviti** which said that took its name from Roman years Caza Vidi (The house with vineyards). Our tour will continue with picking up some vegetables & herbs and walk to the tavern where we will prepare our Greek meal with the help of a local cook and a fantastic scenery. Before leaving the place we will take with us some recipes to try back home and a cd with photos. Return to our hotel.





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> DAY 6 | DISCOVER THE TRADITIONAL OLIVE OIL FACTORY AND PRODUCTION

Today we go to a family owned Olive Oil Mill and operated factory. The production is completely based on a water mill, the only one still functional in Greece. You will see industrial machines helping improve olive oil quality, output and speed. Watch, learn about the entire production process from picking the olives from the trees all the way to pouring the olive oil into the bottles. Also gain interesting information about olive oil, olive trees and olives. You can also buy products here. In the afternoon we visit **Theologos**, probably the most picturesque village of Thassos. We talk about the traditional architecture and visit the **folklore museum** that depicts the daily life on the island from a couple of centuries ago till today. Return to our hotel.

> DAY 7 | SUN AND FUN CRUISE

We sail around the coast of the island stopping off for various swims along the way in the gorgeous sunshine. The boat takes you to two beaches, a spot to fish and another to swim. A good selection of drinks to be purchased from the bar, a very tasty barbeque (pork chops mainly), salads and any fish which you have caught earlier in the day.



> DAY 8 | BACK TO THESSALONIKI; WORTH A DETOUR!

Today we depart for Thessaloniki. On our way we stop in the archaeological site of **Amphipolis**. Incredible ruins - especially the lion of Amphipolis a 4th-century BC tomb sculpture. Our guide will make history come to life for the city in all its different stages beginning in the 7th century BC. Then we leave for Thessaloniki's new and fresh proposal in urban boutique hospitality. Free afternoon.

> DAY 9 | DEPARTURE

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Additional Information

Our base will be two modern architecture hotels aiming at the ultimate comfort and relaxation in a way that respects the fascinating natural scenery and serenity.

- ▶ Participants can spend their time as they wish. The program is relaxed and aims to offer a unique holiday experience.
- ▶ Areas to be visited can be tailored to suit your particular interests.
- ▶ The program can be modified if there are reasonable grounds (e.g. bad weather, safety of participants, technical problems, etc.).
- ▶ Highly experienced English speaking guides and companions.

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Difficulty: None



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