

### Summary

#### **Accommodations**

Thessaloniki

4 nights 4 or 5\* Hotel of Choice

Halkidiki

4 nights 4 or 5\* Hotel of Choice

### **Activities**

Thessaloniki City Tour

Private Transportation

Local Guide

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Meteora Monasteries Tour

Private Transportation

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Entrance Fees

Lunch

Pella, Edessa & Vergina Tour

Private Transportation

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Lunch

Hiking to Sithonia

Private Transportation

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Cave of Alistrati Tour

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### **Transportation**

Transfer from Thessaloniki Airport to Thessaloniki Town

Transfer from Thessaloniki Town to Halkidiki

Transfer from Halkidiki to Thessaloniki Airport

## Day 1

Private Transfer: Transfer from Thessaloniki Airport to Thessaloniki Town

Accommodation: 4 or 5\* Hotel of Choice



# Day 2 Private Thessaloniki City Tour



Discover the multi-cultural city of Thessaloniki, its many historical sites, buildings and their distinct architectural styles, numerous notable Ottoman and Byzantine monuments, major shopping streets and the lively recreation areas throughout its several districts. These include Ladadika, known for its taverns, Kapani where the central market is located, Diagonios, Navarinou, Rotonta, Agia Sofia and Ippodromio, which are all situated round the city's most central point, Aristotelous Square.

During your private tour, you will have the opportunity to visit a number of museums covering various historical eras. Two of the city's most famous include the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki and the Museum of Byzantine Culture. Visit the 34m-high landmark White Tower, once a prison and torture chamber in 1826, the 5th century Byzantine church of Agios Dimitrios, the Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda. Your intriguing city tour will also cover the city's acropolis and many more marvelous Archaeological sites.

Approximately 4 hours

Private Transportation Local Guide Entrance Fees

Day 3
Private Meteora Monasteries Tour



A visit to the Meteora Monasteries is surely going to be one of the highlights of your Greek adventure. Meteora is a geological wonder, which one must see to believe. Nowadays, only six monasteries are well preserved and four of them are still inhabited. This tour will take you through 2 of these fabulous monasteries, built high upon the steep rocks. Each monastery unveils a true treasure of frescoes and icons. You will also visit the icon shop where you will find out how these ornaments are made and have the chance to buy souvenirs and gifts. Afterward, you will stop for a lunch break in a traditional tavern in the town of Kalambaka. Your last stop will be in the Valley of Tempi and the chapel of Agia Paraskevi.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A visit to religious locations such as the monasteries of Meteora requires appropriate clothing. Ladies must not wear short skirts and must have long sleeves while men are not allowed to wearshorts.

Approximately 8 hours

Private Transportation Local Guide Entrance Fees Lunch

Day 4
Private Pella, Edessa & Vergina Tour



Embark on a comprehensive tour of Macedonia and discover ancient ruins and great treasures that have captivated the world's imagination for centuries. You will start by visiting Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great. Both the archaeological site and the Museum of Pella display many valuable artifacts from excavations in the area including mosaic floors, coins, sculptures, vases, and terracotta figurines. The archaeological site is home to the largest tomb ever found in Greece. The next stop of your tour is the ancient capital city of Vergina and the museum at the foot of Mt. Pierus. Here you will see the tombs of famous Macedonian kings, Philip II and Alexander IV. This extraordinary subterranean museum consists of four separate tombs and a small temple built for Phillip II of Macedon.

Explore hundreds of treasures and unique artifacts on display, including elaborate jewelry, colorful wall paintings, and splendid frescoes as well as the shield and armor of King Phillip II, the famous Golden Larnax and the gold wreath consisting of 313 oak leaves and 68 acorns found in the sarcophagus of the King. Finally, proceed to the city of Edessa, known as "city of waters", stroll around the waterfalls and walk down the cobblestoned path where the water hits the rocks creating the well-known Lamda falls.

Approximately 8 hours

Private Transportation Local Guide Entrance Fees Lunch

## Day 5

Private Transfer: Transfer from Thessaloniki Town to Halkidiki

Accommodation: 4 or 5\* Hotel of Choice



# Day 6 Private Hiking to Sithonia



An amazing route that follows unknown paths in the beautiful pine forest of Sithonia, protected by the Natura 2000 network, reaching the traditional settlement of Parthenonas! Our hiking starts from the picturesque village of Neos Marmaras, which is built amphitheatrically on three hills of Itamos. In the beginning, we are moving for 10-15 minutes on a beautiful forest road until we enter a narrow path, where we will come across small streams. Our first stop is an old watermill, which stopped functioning around 1960. From this point we ascend about 2.5 km. In the beginning, we move through low dense vegetation with oaks, but while we are slowly gaining height, we come across majestic pines. After admiring the breath-taking view of Kelifos island, we will reach the traditional settlement of Parthenonas, where we will relax while enjoying the panoramic view of Toroneos gulf. Our descent to the village of Neos Marmaras follows a different route which passes through olive trees until it reaches again the heart of the pine forest.

Approximately 5 hours

Private Transportation Local Guide

## Day 8 Private Cave of Alistrati Tour



Alistrati cave is considered to be one of the largest and most beautiful ones in Greece and in Europe and is the only cave operating in Macedonia. The cave was known to the locals for many years, but Hellenic Speleological Society was informed about its existence only in 1975 after Alistrati community sent relevant documenta. It was only then that started its organized exploration. Its explored surface reaches 25.000 sq. m and its stalagmites and stalactites are of unique beauty. The cave is of great touristic interest and gathers approxima tely 120.000 visitors annually.

Approximately 4 hours

Private Transportation Local Guide

Day 9
Private Transfer: Transfer from Halkidiki to Thessaloniki Airport