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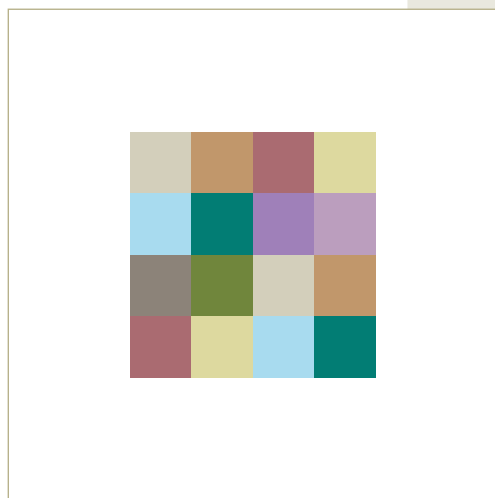
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## Thessaloniki

*T*hessaloniki is the largest urban center in Northern Greece, built in amphitheater around the Thermaikos Gulf & its wide sea horizon stops at the imposing bulk of Mount Olympus.

The city was founded in 315 b.C. by Cassander in honor of his wife Thessaloniki, sister of Alexander the Great.

Today, amid the recent international developments, Thessaloniki acquires multiple economic, social & cultural relations with the wider area.

The modern face of Thessaloniki coexists harmoniously with its numerous historical sites –from archaeological sites to imposing Byzantine monuments– always retaining a warm, vibrant, human profil.



A QUICK CULTURAL WALK | MUSEUMS

## A quick cultural walk

### THESSALONIKI'S MUSEUMS

Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki  
<http://www.amtb.gr/index.php/en/>

Museum of Byzantine Culture  
<http://www.mbp.gr/btml/en/index.btm>

White Tower  
<http://www.lptb.gr/en/>

Museum for the Macedonian Struggle  
<http://www.imma.edu.gr/imma/index.html>

Folklife and Ethnological Museum of Macedonia-Thrace  
[http://www.lemmbt.gr/c/portal\\_public/layout?p\\_l\\_id=1.2&setlanguage=en\\_US](http://www.lemmbt.gr/c/portal_public/layout?p_l_id=1.2&setlanguage=en_US)

The Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki  
<http://www.jmtb.gr/index.html>

Thessaloniki Olympic Museum  
<http://www.olympicmuseum-thessaloniki.org/>

Water Works Museum of Thessaloniki  
<http://www.eyatb.gr/swift.jsp?CMCCode=1002&extLang>

Municipal Art Gallery  
<http://www.tcvb.gr/index.jsp?CMCCode=10030409&extLang=LG>

Home of Kemal Ataturk  
<http://www.tcvb.gr/index.jsp?CMCCode=10030412&extLang=LG>



Byzantine Walls / Ano Poli



Yedikule or Heptapyrgion / Ano Poli



"Portara" / Ano Poli



Trigoniou's Tower / Ano Poli



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A QUICK CULTURAL WALK | MONUMENTS & SITES

## A quick cultural walk

### MONUMENTS & SITES *Early Christian & Byzantine Monuments (Unesco's List)*

- Rotunda
- Church of Agia Sophia
- Church of Agios Dimitrios
- Church of Acheiropoiitos
- Monastery of Latomou
- Church of Panagia Chalkaion
- Church of Agios Panteleimonas
- Church of Agioi Apostoloi
- Church of Agios Nikolaos Orfanos
- Church of Agia Aikaterini
- Church of Profitis Ilias
- Church of Pantokratora Sotira Christou
- Monastery of Vlatadon
- Byzantine Baths
- Byzantine Walls
- Galerious Arch
- Ancient Agora
- Macedonian Tomb of Phinikas

*Kamara & Rotunda*



*Ancient Agora*



*Church of Agios Dimitrios*



<http://tbessaloniki.travel/index.php/en/attractions/arts-culture/monuments?page=1>

<http://www.tcvb.gr/index.jsp?CMCCode=10030302&TextLang=LG>



*Church of Agia Sofia*



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WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE PRESENT



## Where the past meets the present

### *Kapani or Agora Vlali*



### *Thessaloniki's traditional markets*

#### [ BEZESTENI ]

The Bezesteni with its 6 domes stands since the 15th century at the intersection of Venizelou & Solomou str. in Thessaloniki.

It was functioning as a fabric market (*after all Bezesten means fabric*) but today it houses mostly small haberdashery shops & jewelries.

#### [ LOULOUADAIKA-YAHOUDI HAMAM ]

These are the 6 remaining flower shops in the area among Komnionon, Vasileos Irakleiou & Fraggini str.

Initially they were shacks stuck on Yahoudi Hamam & 10 years ago they were slightly moved in order to get their current position.

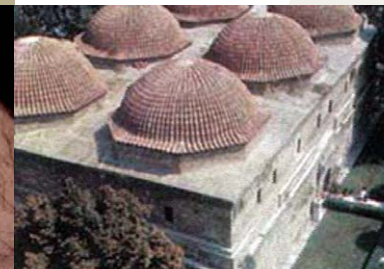
#### [ BIT-BAZAAR ]

Bit Bazaar is situated in the small refugee market among Venizelou, Tositsa & Olympou str. In the morning people are wandering in a world of antique shops & in front of benches with numerous small objects, while in the evening they are gathering in tavernas & bars, that have opened in recent years.

#### [ KAPANI OR AGORA VLALI ]

The oldest market in Thessaloniki! A flour market during Turkish times (*Un Kapan*), situated near Aristotelous Square (*between Egnatia & Komnionon str.*).

On its benches one can find fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, spices & pulses.



*Bezesteni*



*Louloudadika*



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#### [ MODIANO ]

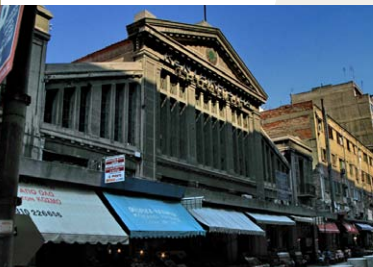
The "Modiano" marketplace is known throughout Europe. It was built by the Jewish engineer Eli Modiano in 1922. It is a rectangular building with a glass roof, between Ermou & Vasileos Irakleiou str., which houses the largest food market in Thessaloniki

#### [ PLATEIA ATHONOS ]

In the small streets of this place (also called *Karekladika* or *Xyladika*) among taverns one can find shops selling chairs & wicker baskets.

#### [ LADADIKA ]

It used to be a commercial area, specialized in oil supplies. (the area owes its name to those oil stores) The catastrophic fire of 1917 fortunately did not harm the area but after a few years all shops moved away. The area was abandoned for many years & some 20 years ago it was remodeled. Many restaurants, tavernas & bars gave life to the area & changed its profile entirely.



*Modiano*



*Plateia Athonos*



*Modiano*





FOLLOW THE CITY'S PULSE

## Follow the city's pulse!

### [ SHOPPING ]

Walk the famous streets of the city center: Tsimiski, Mitropoleos Proxenou Koromila, Mitropolitou Iosif & all the roads connecting them, enjoy the variety & style in the shops' windows that will tempt you to buy! Thessaloniki is the best place for shopping in Northern Greece!

### [ COFFEE TIME ]

The city itself invites you for a shopping break; taste an aromatic coffee in one of its numerous cafes. Wherever you are, follow the city's pulse by enjoying a quick espresso or a relaxing Greek coffee.

### TIP!

Taste the traditional "bougatsa", the famous bun of Thessaloniki from the street vendors, the "salepi" on a cold winter day & all sorts of pies & cakes sold in every corner of the city center.





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### [ FOOD ]

Do you enjoy discovering new flavors or are you the kind of visitor whose palate is looking for the traditional tastes? Whatever you wish to enjoy Thessaloniki offers it generously: In its big or small streets, in its old markets, inside the harbor, wherever you stroll, once you get hungry, the trendy restaurants & the traditional taverns & ouzeris will compensate you!

### [ NIGHTLIFE ]

For those who love the nightlife, they will discover a city that bustles with life. Nightclubs, music halls & bars abound in Thessaloniki. The city is known for its entertainment & offers many options. Thessaloniki's Concert Hall compensates all fans of Art, Dancing & Music. One can enjoy wonderful performances from Greek & foreign artists. For those who enjoy gambling, the Regency Casino Thessaloniki is the ideal place for entertainment!





THE ALTERNATIVE THESSALONIKI

## The alternative Thessaloniki

### ■ *Discover the History & Tastes of the city*

[ ROMAN THESSALONIKI ]

The testimonies of the city's glorious era.

[ BYZANTINE THESSALONIKI ]

The Empire's second most important city.

[ MULTICULTURAL THESSALONIKI ]

The Ottoman period.

The Jewish community.

[ WATERFRONT WALK  
& BOAT TRIP ]

Thessaloniki's stories told from the sea.

[ "THE KALEIDOSCOPE TOUR" ]

Telling many stories of Thessaloniki,  
through images & colors.

<http://www.tbessalonikicitywalks.gr/index2.html>

### ■ *Hold a place for a "tasteful" city walk!*

<http://eatandwalk.gr>

### ■ *Cultural walks in Thessaloniki*

Interesting walks in the city center!

<http://www.tbessaloniki.gr/portal/page/portal/TouristikosOdigos/City-Life/beritagewalks>

### ■ *Make reservations & enjoy the sightseeing*

<http://www.tbessaloniki-sightseeing.com>

<http://www.tbessalonikicitywalks.gr/index2.html>

<http://oastb.gr/#en/cultural-route/>

### ■ *Discover the city on two wheels!*

A bike rental service of Municipality of Thessaloniki  
at your disposal.





INSIDE THE CITY WALLS

## Inside the City Walls

### ■ For families

[ NOESIS ]  
An excellent choice that will entertain you constructively!  
[http://www.noesis.edu.gr/index\\_en.php?action=firstPage](http://www.noesis.edu.gr/index_en.php?action=firstPage)

[ WATERLAND ]  
Have great fun in one of the largest Water Parks in Europe.  
<http://www.waterland.gr/en>

[ DINOSAUR'S THEME PARK ]  
The Dinosaur Theme Park is an environmental suggestion that goes beyond entertainment & aims to enhance the environmental awareness of visitors.  
[http://www.parkodeinosauron.gr/english/profil\\_en.html](http://www.parkodeinosauron.gr/english/profil_en.html)

[ MAGIC PARK ]  
Being developed in 70 acres, with the highest safety standards, it will amaze you!  
<http://www.magicpark.gr>

[ MEDITERRANEAN COSMOS ]  
A shopping center within half an hour from the center of Thessaloniki, where one combines shopping, entertainment, fine coffee & food suggestions.  
<http://www.medcosmos.gr/en>





OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS

## Outside the City Walls

■ *Winery visit & a collection of unique activities*  
<http://www.symvoli.gr/conference/ibessalonikicity/page/tour>

■ *Tours & Attractions*

[ VERGINA ]

The royal tombs of Ancient Macedonia, the kingdom of Alexander the Great.

[ DION ]

The sacred city in the foothills of Olympus, the Mountain of the Gods & Muses.

[ PELLA ]

An excellent exemplar of Hellenistic urban center, the capital of the Macedonian State.

[ MOUNT ATHOS ]

The center of the Orthodox Christian Monasticism. Located in the peninsula of Mount Athos in Chalkidiki. Since 1988 it is listed in Unescos' World Heritage Monuments. Only men can visit the Monasteries, while both men and women are able to admire its amazing flora & its majestic Monasteries from a boat that goes around the peninsula.



*Kerkini Lake*



*The ancient city of Dion*



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## Outside the City Walls

A lovely little getaway in areas within one hour & a half from Thessaloniki.

### [ MOUNT OLYMPUS ]

Enjoy the nature & discover the secrets of the Mountain of the Gods!

<http://www.olympusfd.gr/gr/infos.asp>

### [ SKI SLOPES ]

Seli, 3-5 Pigadia, Kaimaktsalan, in 2 beautiful mountains near Thessaloniki.

### [ ARCTUROS ]

A Greek, non-governmental organization seeking to enhance biodiversity & sustainability in the Greek rural areas. ARCTUROS implements cross-border projects in order to protect mountainous ecosystems, with an emphasis on bears & large mammals.

It is located at Nymfaion, a wonderful place in the mountains just an hour & a half from Thessaloniki.

<http://www.arcturos.gr/en/main.php>

### [ KERKINI LAKE ]

A lake near the city of Serres. It is one of the 10 Wetlands of International Importance (known as Ramsar Wetlands).

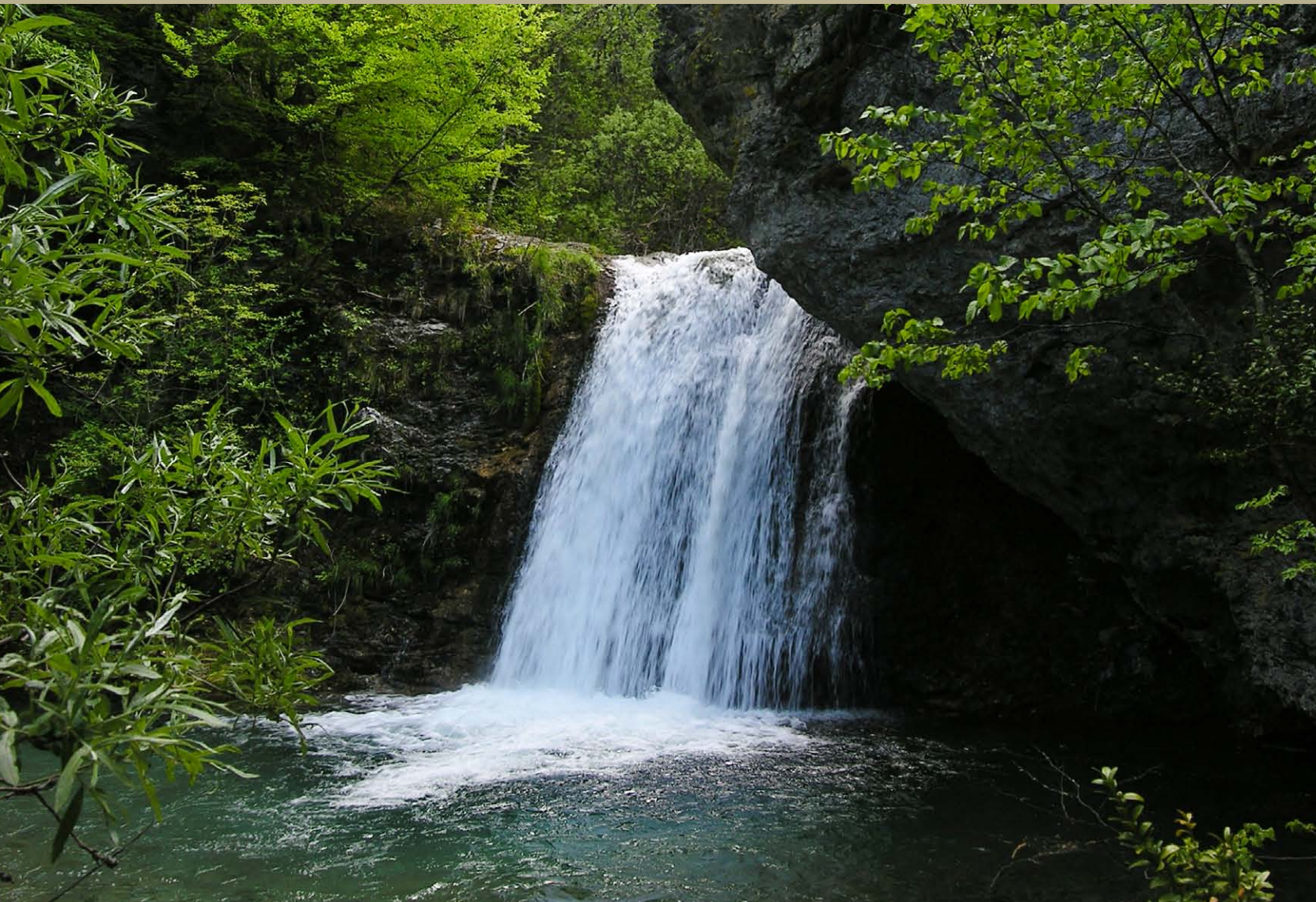
<http://www.kerkini.gr>

### [ ALISTRATI'S CAVE ]

<http://www.alistraticave.gr/index.cfm?lang=en>

### [ PETRALONA CAVE ]

<http://www.petalona-cave.gr/index.php?lang=en>



Mount Olympus



Kerkini Lake

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