

Inside your dreams

Experience both the sea- and the mountainside of Halkidiki and taste a unique blend of most beautiful Mediterranean landscape, overwhelming history, rich culture and diverse cuisine. Halkidiki is a colorful Mediterranean canvas consisting of golden beaches and turquoise waters; surrounded by lush pine forests and silver green olive groves; joyful, authentic, hospitable people; a rich, world-admired cuisine; charming small mountainside villages with traditional architecture and breathtaking views to the Aegean Sea; great history traced in the ruins of ancient cities that once gave birth to the Philosopher Aristotle. A truly thrilling experience for every visitor!

Day 1. Arrive and get settled

Arrive to Halkidiki. Check in at a 5* resort hotel, located by the sea. Have a welcome dinner at the resort and meet with your guide and group.

Day 2. An introduction to Kassandra

Get on board for a half day cruise in the southwest of the Kassandra peninsula. Test your fishing skills while you experience swimming in the crystal clear waters and explore many secret beauties accessible only by boat. Have your first demonstration of Greek cooking and enjoy fresh fish and “meze” with a stunning view to the Aegean Sea. Attend a professional food photography seminar. In the afternoon, pay a visit to some of the area’s producers and taste their top quality products.

Day 3. The charms of Sithonia

Start your tour at the village of Nikiti, where you can admire the old town, visit remarkable churches and monuments and try eight different varieties of honey. Have a cooking class, prepared for you by a top chef in the private estate of a luxury beach resort. Enjoy an exceptional lunch served with a sea view, under the trees, relax & swim in the private sandy beach. Have a tour and wine tasting in one of the largest organic vineyards in Greece. End up at Porto Koufo, by the sea, to have dinner in one of the area’s best traditional fish tavernas.

Day 4. Mountainous Halkidiki

The tour starts in the village of Arnaia, the best example of well-preserved traditional architecture in the area. Have a quick demonstration by a honey producer and beekeeper and try five varieties of honey and the famous honey-tsipouro “Mountovina”, only found here. Proceed to a local winery and have a tour and wine tasting. Have lunch as it was made in ancient Greece, prepared for you by a specialized chef. Reach the “Aristotle Park”, dedicated to the great philosopher Aristotle near the ruins of his birthplace, the ancient city of Stagira. On the way back, visit an agro-touristic farm and taste the fine, organic meat of Mt. Holomontas.

Day 5. Relax in Kassandra

Visit the picturesque village of Afytos. Proceed at a lovely beach and have a swim in the turquoise waters. Afterwards, we leave you to the hands of an expert chef on Greek cuisine, who will give you an unforgettable cooking class, and pass on to you some of his knowledge and passion about the local cuisine. In the evening, dine at the charming little square in the village of Kryopigi.

Day 6. An unexplored side

On this tour, we will visit one of the most important wineries in Greece, with a history exceeding 100 years, where exceptional wines and spirits are produced. You will learn how ouzo and tsipouro are distilled and you can also taste them on the spot. Continue with a trip to Nea Gonia and visit a family-owned organic vineyard, where we will be guided through the vineyard and the production unit and we will have a cooking seminar on how to prepare a typical greek delicacy: “dolmadakia”. Move on to Petralona Cave, where the oldest European hominid was found. Experience the best example of healthy and traditional home cooking practices together with a strong taste of great hospitality in a family owned establishment. In the evening enjoy a goodbye dinner, tasting fine seafood prepared by an award winning chef.

Day 7. It’s time to leave Halkidiki, full of fine memories and a satisfied appetite, and with the thrill that comes with any Culinary Experience!

Included:

- Accommodation in Aegean Melathron 5* (or similar)
- Airport pick up & drop off (Thessaloniki airport)
- Private group luxury transfers
- Guided five-day tour to traditional villages, archaeological & historic sites and natural attractions
- Five cooking classes by expert chefs & skilled locals
- One food photography seminar
- High quality local traditional products tasting (wine, cheese, honey, olives etc.) while visiting local producers
- One half day cruise
- Six breakfasts
- Five lunches & five dinners
- All entrance fees for scheduled activities / visits
- English speaking guide
- Travel insurance

Excluded:

- International & domestic flights
- Visas
- Meals & Drinks, where not listed as included in the itinerary
- Optional additional tours or activities during free time
- Tips and items of a personal nature