

Thessaloniki City Break

Thessaloniki is a young and modern city where life never stops. A city where it is nice to walk in the busy shopping streets or to enjoy the waterfront and its open horizons that stop at the foot of Mount Olympus. Visiting Thessaloniki is discovering a long history of more than two thousand years and making a trip to the Eastern Roman Empire, the Byzantine empire and the Ottoman empire, but also understanding the contemporary Balkans and Greece .Discovering Thessaloniki is discovering a unique culture of its own, the result of all the centuries it has been through, and all the people who have inhabited in.A stay in Thessaloniki can be an opportunity to visit northern Greece and to discover other pages of history and exceptional sites. Organize your stay (4, 5, 6 or more days) according to your needs and tastes.

01 First day

Arrival at Makedonia Airport of Thessaloniki and transfer to the hotel. A first walk through the city will allow you to familiarize yourself with the city and enjoy the waterfront.

02 Second day

City Tour. We will visit the White Tower, symbol of the city, where you will be told the history of Thessaloniki. We will go up to the top of the city, of amazing historic and architectural interest along the ramparts dating back to the birth of the city in 315 BC. From the acropolis of the city, Eptapyrgion, we will enjoy a panoramic view of the city, the harbor and the Thermaic Gulf. We will then visit the church of Saint Dimitrios, patron saint of the city (IV century). This church, originally built on the site of the martyrdom, became during the VII th century a basilica with five naves of the Hellenistic type. We will visit the crypt of the church and discover the remains of an early Christian church. We will discover the ancient agora DATED to the founding of the city (III century BC). It was the social, religious and commercial center until the fourth century of our era. A few steps away from Aristotelous street we will walk through the colourful markets of Modianou or Kapani that will awaken all our senses. We will walk along the remains of the palace complex of the Roman Emperor Galerius (III and IV century AD) covering an area of 150,000 square meters. We will find the Triumph Arch of Galerius (305 AD) built to celebrate the victory of Emperor Galerius over the Persians. The Rotonda, one of the oldest buildings of the city, was also part of the complex. Built in Roman times, it was a church in the Christian era and a mosque during the Ottoman era.

03 Third day

It is difficult to get lost in Thessaloniki. On one side there is the sea and on the other the mountains. Stroll at your leisure in the city streets, it will be quickly familiar. Do not hesitate to enter many churches of the city. Most of them DATE back several centuries and conceal treasures of the Orthodox and Byzantine art. Take time to visit the museums of the city, with their permanent collection exhibitions. Thessaloniki museums are exceptional not only by the richness of their content but also by their design. Depending on your interests and desires we will be happy to give you complete information on the content of not only museums but also temporary

exhibitions.

04 Fourth day

The region of Thessaloniki has an infinite number of places and sites to visit. A stone's throw away from the city, you can choose one of our day trips and discover other sites and another page of history.

05 Fifth day

Enjoy the last moments of your stay as you stroll along the waterfront, as you walk through the commercial heart of the city, or enjoy your coffee at Aristotelous Square. Transfer to the Makedonia airport of Thessaloniki.