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Byzantine churches, crumbling ruins, modern architecture, intense nightlife and the stunning sea, this is the essence of Thessaloniki. The second largest city in Greece, Thessaloniki combines more than 2,300 years of history, with a young student population. The city is the perfect destination for urban explorers and a favorite vacation destination for locals. Pristine beaches and charming villages aplenty.

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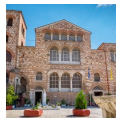
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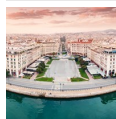
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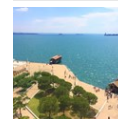
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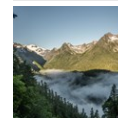
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## THE CITY



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The city was established in 316 BC by King Cassander of Macedonia and named after his wife, Thessalonike, half-sister of Alexander the Great. Thessaloniki, in Greek, actually means the "victory of the Thessalians". It was the second most important city of the Byzantine Empire, next to Constantinople. The city has lived through the rise and fall of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires, occupations and earthquakes, and has continuously rebuilt itself adding new layers to its complex structure.

These days, Thessaloniki is the capital of the region Central Macedonia and is home to both ancient history and an exciting present.

The city centre, as well as local centres of a few districts, is bustling with life and movement. Yet walk a few blocks away from the main streets, and you'll find yourself in the quietest and narrowest streets where you can walk uninterrupted for hours, stumbling upon old churches, ruins and quirky features of vernacular architecture. Large avenues, parks and squares provide nice green spaces, and trees line the commercial streets. There are old houses and Neoclassical buildings that stand side by side with modern constructions. The people of Thessaloniki are known for their friendliness and hospitality throughout Greece

and English is spoken by most.

## DO & SEE



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Thessaloniki is home to numerous historic sights, including The White Tower, once a part of the ancient walls that protected the city. The romantic alleyways and streets make Thessaloniki a perfect destination for couples and explorers of all ages.

### White Tower



The White Tower is the most iconic symbol of the city. The tower was constructed by the Ottomans sometime in the early 15th century and once guarded the eastern end of the city's sea walls. In the 19th century, this tower was used as a notorious prison. Nowadays, it is a welcoming museum of art and local history.

The museum offers a rapid lesson in the history of the city. Ideally, you'll take in this well-dosed overview before continuing to the more specialised museums and archaeological sites. For best results, grab the free audio guide at the entrance.

The last floor of the tower gives you a wonderful view of the city.

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### Explore the Halkidiki Region



The region of Halkidiki lies southeast from Thessaloniki. It is known for its jutting peninsulas, Mediterranean forests and sandy beaches in

warm, sheltered bays. The region is often described as having three 'legs', the Kassandra, Sithonia and Athos peninsulas.

Kassandra, the westernmost peninsula, is the most developed, offering modern resorts and nightclubs.

Sithonia, also known as Longos, offers over a 100 beaches, cute villages and is a popular destination for families.

Athos is an important centre of the Eastern Orthodox church. Its main point of interest, Mount Athos, is home to 20 monasteries.

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### Heptapyrgion of Thessalonica



While exploring the historic Ano Poli, the Old City or Upper Town, you will stumble upon the old city wall and the Heptapyrgion. It is a

Byzantine and Ottoman-era fortress. You can pay to see the renovated interior part, which used to serve as a prison from 1890 to 1990. Enjoy your urban hike up to the monument, check out the

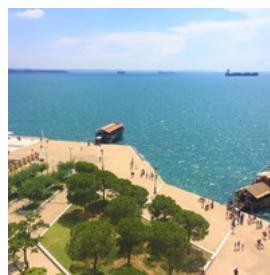
panoramic views and sip a frappe in one of the charming cafes in the area.

Also known as Edy Kulè or Eptapirgio, 'Seven Towers', is a medieval fortress with towers in the northeastern part of Thessaloniki. Despite its name, the fortress has ten towers. The fortress was built in the IX century, and some parts of it were built later. Like the White Tower, it was used as a prison from the late 19th century until 1978.

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### Waterfront & Boat Rides



Thessaloniki's waterfront is a long boardwalk that stretches about 4.5 km, all the way from the First Pier to the Thessaloniki Concert Hall. Enjoy a

stroll, a jog or a bike ride, ideally in the morning or closer to sunset. You'll make your way past the Ladadika district, the White Tower and Alexander the Great statue, parks, gardens and sports facilities. Halkidiki Yachting Boat Tours, departing from around the Thessaloniki marina, give you an opportunity to see the city from a new angle.

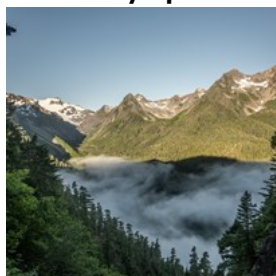
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### Mount Olympus



The mythical Mount Olympus can be seen on the horizon from the waterfront in Thessaloniki. Many visitors choose to spend a day on a trip to the ancient Dion and Mount Olympus. You'll see the Dion Archaeological Park with city ruins dating from the 6th century BC and the most important spot in Greek mythology itself.

If you're looking to go on a hike, there are guides that will take you along Enipeas Gorge in the foothills of Mount Olympus with spectacular waterfalls, numerous endemic species and picnic opportunities.

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### Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki



The Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki presents the history of Sephardic Jews and Jewish life in the region after the 15th century. It is one of the rare Jewish buildings that survived the fire of 1917.

The museum is subdivided into several sections, where you can see the photo exhibit 'Thessaloniki, Sephardic Metropolis', appreciate religious artefacts and look at tombstones from the ancient Jewish cemetery of Thessaloniki. There is also a part dedicated to the Holocaust in Thessaloniki.

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### Atatürk Museum



Located in the same property as the Turkish Consulate in Thessaloniki, the Atatürk Museum is the birthplace of the founder of modern

Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, 'Father of the Turks', who was born here in 1881. It is a three-storey house with a courtyard, and its original furniture. Any missing items were replaced with items from Kemal's mausoleum and from Topkapi Palace in Istanbul.

Naturally, the museum is very popular with visitors from Turkey. A replica of the house has been constructed in Ankara.

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### MOMus – Thessaloniki Museum of Photography



MOMus Museum of Photography is currently housed in Warehouse A at the Port of Thessaloniki, next to the Cinema Museum of Thessaloniki.

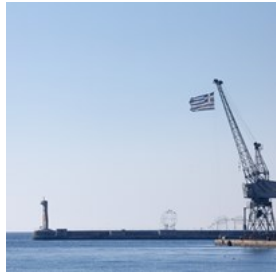
The museum's mission is to collect photographs, especially historical and artistic photographs of Greece. The venue regularly holds exhibitions and events, and publishes books on photography as well. Check MOMus website for latest exhibition details.

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### Ladadika Quarter



The narrow pavements and neoclassical buildings of Ladadika host plenty of bars, restaurants, cafes and cute boutiques. The area from Salaminos

street to YMCA Park is known as Ladadika Quarter. This is an old quarter that starts at the waterfront and goes a few blocks inland up to Tsimiski Avenue that is busy with international and local brand shops. The northwestern part of the area, closer to the First Pier, is a bit more subdued, with less mainstream bars and fewer shops available. As you go southwest, the area becomes more and more lively, and finally brings you to the iconic White Tower.

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### Markets — The Old & The New



Exploring local markets is an excellent way to discover the city's culture. Foodies will appreciate seasonal fruits and veggies, regional cheeses and street food. Additionally, you can find anything from modern necessities of life to artisanal handmade cosmetics.

Kapani Market, the oldest open public market in Thessaloniki, focuses on Greek delicacies, traditional cafes, tavernas and bakeries. Right in the city centre, it sprawls over several pedestrian streets and some parts are covered.

Athonos Square, a spot for small traditional

shops that offer spices and food products, handmade patio furniture and wicker crafts. Some jewellery, clothing and craft designer shops have sprung up in the last few years.

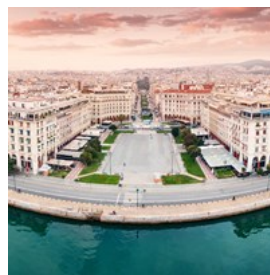
Modiano Market was built in the 1920s and resembles some Parisian markets. Here you'll find traditional food items and a good selection on modern and old-fashioned tavernas.

Bezesteni Market, a former Turkish bath from the 15th century now houses clothing, florist and jewellery shops. You can take the stairs to the attic and have a closer look at the six domes. Worth a visit for the architectural value alone.

Last but not least, Martiou Market takes place every Saturday at Martiou, a neighbourhood in the eastern part of the city. Fishermen bring fresh catch from the Northern Aegean and from around the Halkidiki region. Fish of all sizes, mussels and octopuses won't stay on the counters long, so come early.

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### Aristotelous Square



Aristotelous Square is the most impressive square in Thessaloniki. It features buildings with monumental architecture inspired by European and colonial models, cafes, shops and restaurants. It is the focal point in big celebrations, such as the coming of the New Year, and is the de facto meeting place during the day.

The history of Aristotelous Square began with the Great Fire of 1917 that destroyed two thirds

of the city. The French architect Ernest Hébrard designed Aristotelous Square to serve as an end of a monumental axis for Thessaloniki that would stretch from the seafront to Dikastirion Square and the Roman Forum. The final design, built in the 1950s, is a lot more stripped down than Hébrard's original proposal, but still has significant architectural value.

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### Rotunda of Galerius



Unique in Greece, the Rotunda is a cylindrical building from the early 4th century AD. The mosaics inside are really impressive. The Rotunda

is a massive circular structure, built in 306 AD, with a masonry core. Through its long history, it has gone through multiple periods of use and modification as a polytheist temple, a Christian basilica, a Muslim mosque, and a Christian church once again. A minaret is preserved from its use as a mosque, and ancient remains are exposed on its southern side. Some Greek publications claim it is the oldest Christian church in the world.

These days, the Rotunda is primarily an archaeological site, where you can see some remaining Christian mosaics and feel the weight of history.

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### Arch of Galerius — Kamara



In addition to the Rotonda, this is one of the two most characteristic monuments in town. The Galerius arch is situated close to the eastern city wall, a short distance from the Kassandreotiki gate.

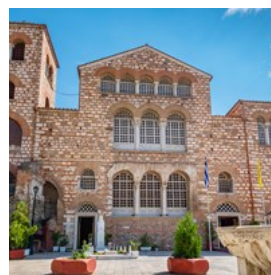
The 4th-century AD Roman emperor Galerius commissioned both structures to show off his power. A road used to run through the arch, past the Rotunda and on to the palace to the southwest. The arch is composed of a masonry core faced with marble sculptural panels celebrating a victory over the seventh emperor in the Sassanid Persian Empire. About two-thirds of the arch is preserved.

Colloquially, the monument is known as Kamara, that's Greek for 'arch'.

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### Saint Dimitrios Church



The church of the patron saint of the town is a must see in Thessaloniki. The first church of Saint Dimitrios was built in 313 AD. Twice destroyed by fire, the most modern version was completely rebuilt in 1948 according to the original plans.

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### Museum of Byzantine Culture



In Thessaloniki, said to be the most 'Byzantine' city of the modern Greek state, you will find this unique museum showcasing everyday life during the Byzantine and post-Byzantine period, as well as the era's legacy in modern society. Don't miss the museum cafe after your visit.

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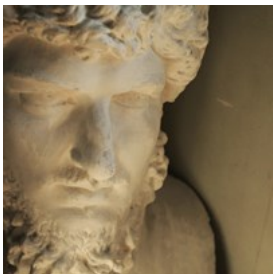
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More Info: Visitors have noted that museum staff are very vigilant. Don't take this personally — the artefacts are presented in a very open manner and the docents feel very protective of them, which is understandable.

### Archaeological Museum



Built in 1962 but newly refurbished, this museum provides numerous updated exhibitions. You can easily spend hours here, losing yourself in magical Macedonian gold artefacts and antique treasures.

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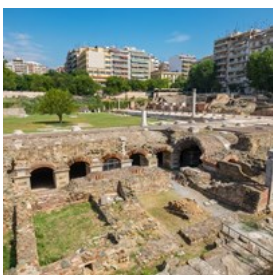
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### Ancient Agora — Roman Forum



The Ancient Agora or the Roman Forum, right in the city centre, is an important and fascinating archaeological site, which once was the roman heart

of the ancient city. It was first built in the late 2nd century AD and was dug up by accident in the 1960s. Grab a coffee from one of the many cafes located close by and enjoy the view.

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### Agia Sophia Church



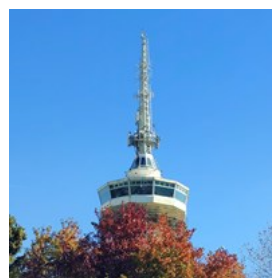
Built as a miniature of the Hagia Sophia in Constantinople in the 7th century, the cathedral contains beautiful Byzantine frescoes and mosaics. Agia Sofia is one of the oldest churches in the city still standing today and is included as a World Heritage Site on the UNESCO list.

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### OTE Tower — Skyline cafe-bar



OTE Tower is a 76-metre-tall tower located within the Thessaloniki International Exhibition Centre. In addition to being a gleaming monument, the tower is also home to a revolving Skyline cafe-bar.

The venue operates year-round, offers coffee, signature drinks and a small selection of small bites. After dark, there is live piano music.

Skyline organises special events for Christmas and New year's Eve, should you visit Thessaloniki in winter.

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### Noesis – Science Center & Technology Museum

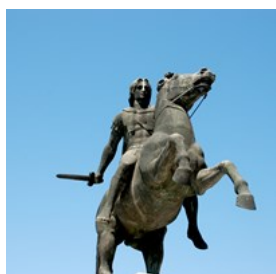


The Noesis is a welfare, non-profit cultural and educational foundation that promotes Technological Culture to kids and adults. The centre is divided into sections: the main exhibition, planetarium and simulator.

Noesis offers an intellectually stimulating experience designed to captivate visitors of all ages and interests. Classic car enthusiasts will delight in the automobile exhibition, while the interactive science displays provide hands-on learning opportunities that both educate and entertain.

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### Statue of Alexander The Great

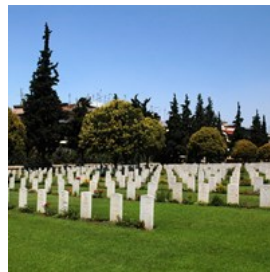


Be sure to snap a selfie with Alexander III of Macedonia on a rearing horse. This is a modern statue of one of the most famous and influential

Ancient Greeks mounted on Bucephalus, his famous horse, overlooking the Thermaic Gulf at Thessaloniki. The statue stands by the sea at the YMCA park, very close the White Tower.

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### Zeitenlik

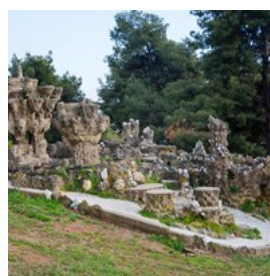


Zeitenlik is an Allied military cemetery dedicated to those who fought for freedom during the World War I. The cemetery is subdivided

into French, Serbian, Italian, British Commonwealth, and Russian sections. Zeitenlik is the largest memorial park in Greece and is located about 1.5 kilometres from the city centre of Thessaloniki.

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### Pasha Gardens



The Pasha Gardens is a little-known gem near the old town of Thessaloniki. Half-demolished whimsical ruins are spread across the garden,

granting it an air of mystery. It is no surprise that numerous myths and fables have stemmed from here. The park's imaginative, Gaudí-esque architecture centres around an ornate fountain encircled by a tunnel leading nowhere.

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## BEACH LIFE



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Although there is no beach in the city centre, you can visit the nearby beaches of Perea, Nei Epivates, Agia Triada, Nea Michaniona and Epanomi. There are many hotels, marinas, play courts, camping places, taverns, etc. Most of the beaches have been awarded with the blue flags by the European Union thanks to the high standards and clear waters.

The Halkidiki region, (also spelled Chalkidiki, Halkidhiki, Chalkidike, Chalcidice or Khalkidhiki) with the characteristic shape of the three 'legs' — *Kassandra*, *Sithonia* and *Athos* — is a favourite vacation destination for locals.

### Cruise to Perea & Neoi Epivates

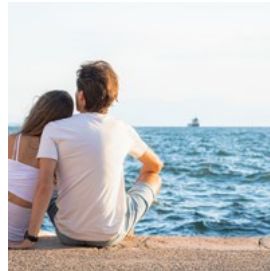


Small cruise boats circle from the port, to the White Tower, to Neoi Epivates and to Perea beach. The ships make about 4 trips a day, and the trip from the port to Perea beach should take about 90 minutes. There are several companies on this route and their departure times differ slightly.

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### Angelochori Beach



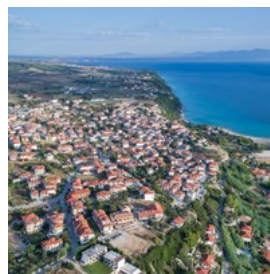
Angelochori Beach is the less mainstream option, even among local residents. Agia Triada, the Riviera Beach Bar offers plenty for a fun day or two by the sea. Sunbeds are free, provided you order something from the menu. Don't miss the chance to see flamingos at the Angelochori lagoon.

Angelochori is a 40-minute drive from Thessaloniki by car. Alternatively, you can take the city bus 72A from IKEA, which will take around 90 minutes.

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### Afytos



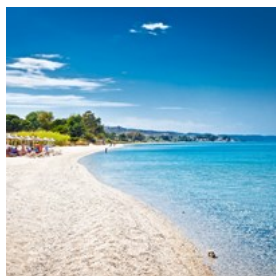
Located about 73 kilometres southeast of Thessaloniki, Afytos, or Athitos, is a hilltop village of stone houses and cobbled streets overlooking the Toroneos Gulf, with a popular beach below. Macedonian restaurants and sea-view bars run along the cliffs and shore, offering you plenty of entertainment options between bathing and tanning.

Somewhere between July and August every year Afitos Festival brings street art and live music in summer. Ceramics, fabrics, and art are shown at the Folklore Museum.

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### Kassandra Peninsula



Kassandra, the westernmost peninsula, is the most developed, offering modern resorts and nightclubs. You can always find a party here or stay in a comfortable hotel for a hassle-free family vacation. The long sandy beaches still allow for a decent level of privacy.

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### Sithonia Peninsula

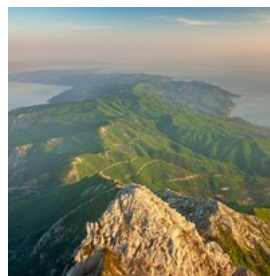


Sithonia, also known as Longos, offers over a 100 beaches, cute villages and is a popular destination for families. The region is sometimes called sleepy backwater with stunning natural beauty and no crowds.

There are plenty of resorts or villages to choose from, and you're sure to love the rustic architecture and atmosphere. Sithonia offers numerous small secluded golden beaches, surrounded by trees and other vegetation. Small harbours and fishermen's hamlets add to the peninsula's endless charm.

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### Mount Athos Peninsula



Mount Athos is an important centre of the Eastern Orthodox church. Its main point of interest, Mount Athos, is home to 20 monasteries. In the best of times, only 100 Greek Orthodox and 10 non-Orthodox visitors are allowed per day, and women are strictly forbidden to set foot on the holy mount. Your best chance to see the sight is to take a cruise.

Escape the crowds in Thessaloniki and take a boat ride to the rugged coast of Halkidiki for a day trip full of dramatic landscapes. You'll see the mountainside monasteries: from the colourful Monastery of Docheiariou to the grand Holy Monastery of Simonos Petras. Of course, you can dive into the blue waters, enjoy the sea breeze and the sun.

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### DINING



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Take a walk through the famous Ladadika area, near Aristotelous square, and you will find a number of traditional restaurants, ouzeries and taverns. Enjoy grills and inventive recipes such as kontosouvli, giaprakia and gardoubes with a

glass of wine or ouzo. If you are craving seafood, you will be excited to try mussel pilaf, grilled sardine, frutti di mare, shrimp saganaki and stuffed squid in one of the many fish taverns of the town.

Thessaloniki caters to a variety of tastes. The service is usually unhurried yet very friendly, and most people are comfortable speaking English. Traditional Macedonian food, Oriental cuisine and European cuisine, as well as many vegan and vegetarian options await you.

### Full tou Meze



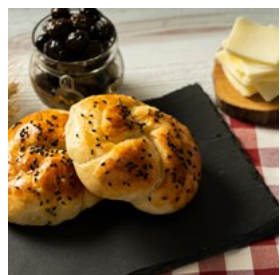
Located in the centre of Thessaloniki sits Full tou Meze, a wildly popular and forever crowded restaurant. Take the opportunity to try an

array of small dishes like dolmas, fresh tzatziki, spicy grilled peppers, fava and all sorts of grilled meatballs, meats, seafood and vegetables with delectable sauces. The food pairs nicely with local beer, wine or ouzo.

No need to reserve a table, but you might need to wait a bit to be seated.

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Internet: [www.fullmeze.gr](http://www.fullmeze.gr)  
Email: [info@fullmeze.gr](mailto:info@fullmeze.gr)

### Mia Feta



Mia Feta is a cheese bar that's all about the salty and crumbly Greek delicacy. Grab a bite right there or get a delicious bundle to go. This

shop/bar combo uses ingredients delivered daily from their organic farm, giving old traditions a modern twist. Try the creamy yogurt swirled with pomegranate and linseed, bite into a black olive cookie filled with feta cream and studded with beetroot pearls. Pair exceptional Greek wines with sweet-and-sour desserts.

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Address: Pavlou Mela 14, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 231 022 1120  
Email: [fetabar@miafetafetabar.gr](mailto:fetabar@miafetafetabar.gr)

### Palati



Palati is a delightful restaurant that serves traditional Greek dishes and has live music every day. The atmosphere is authentic and the service outstanding. You won't find anything too experimental here: just good old classics cooked with skill and dedication. A great place to try some ouzo as well.

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Phone: +30 231 055 0888  
Internet: [www.palati.gr/root.en.aspx](http://www.palati.gr/root.en.aspx)  
Email: [info@palati.gr](mailto:info@palati.gr)

### Nea Diagonios



Nea Diagonios is well-known for its gyros and soutzoukakia, a local type of meatballs. They also offer a gluten-free menu with a special handmade cheeseburger. Enjoy your dinner with a beer from artisanal breweries like Nissos from Tinos and Donkey from Santorini. The prices are quite reasonable compared to the neighbouring restaurants.

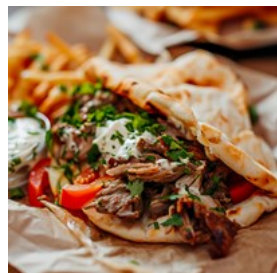
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Address: Themistokli Sofouli 64A, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 002 9085

Email: info@neadiagonios.gr

### rROOTS Vegetarian & Vegan Place



The vegetarian and vegan rROOTS is a cute little restaurant in the centre of Thessaloniki, near Aristotelous Square. They serve meatless versions

of beloved Greek dishes as well as delightful adaptations of international cuisine. Tried the vegan gyros made of seitan, the best option for vegans who still want to have a taste of the traditional gyros. Cocktails and wines are delicious, too.

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Address: Mpalanou 4, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 026 8063

Internet: [www.roots.restaurant/reservation](http://www.roots.restaurant/reservation)

Email: Info@roots.restaurant

### Rodi & Meli



Rodi & Meli is a rustic family-owned restaurant in Ladadika district. Their specialty is fish and seafood. A perfect venue for fine dining at a

reasonable price. The chefs cook traditional Greek dishes with passion. Try their tuna fillet, gavros fish and creatively served calamari.

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Address: Egiptou 5, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 052 1952

Internet: [www.rodimeli.gr](http://www.rodimeli.gr)

More Info: Rodi & Meli is Greek for Pomegranate & Honey

### Frutti di Mare



Frutti di Mare is a seafood restaurant close to the Aristotelous Square, nestled across from the Turkish hammam. Great staff, exceptional food and trendy interior come together to create a special evening or lunch date.

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Address: Komnion 20, Louloudadika, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 023 9100

Internet: [www.fruttidimare.gr/home-page-en](http://www.fruttidimare.gr/home-page-en)

Email: info@fruttidimare.gr

### Tiganies & Sxares



Tiganies & Sxares serves mainly grilled meat dishes. The atmosphere is authentically Greek and the staff is very friendly. The restaurant offers a great balance between quality and price: big portions, succulent grilled goodies and fresh salads.

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Address: Katouni 3, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 051 0284

Internet: [www.tiganiesselivery.gr](http://www.tiganiesselivery.gr)

Email: info@tiganies.gr

More Info: Second locations at Kaftantzoglou 12, opposite Ert3

### Ouzeri tou Kabouri



Ouzeri tou Kabouri is a traditional Greek taverna with fresh seafood and mouth-watering dishes. With over 20 years of experience, the

restaurant prides itself on its quality and excellent service. The decor is traditional, creating an authentic atmosphere. Get ready for a perfect culinary experience with joyful and fast service, delicious food, large portions and reasonable prices.

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Address: Mitropolitou Kallidou 71, Kalamaria

Phone: +30 231 041 9051

### Takadum



Takadum is a lovely local restaurant that serves affordable, delicious Greek food and wine. From early evening on there's a lively buzz

around this street-corner taverna.

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Address: Agiou Mina 1, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 051 2079

More Info: Delicious vegan and vegetarian options available.

### Firenze



If you are craving authentic Italian food, head over to Firenze. The friendly and helpful staff serves fresh pasta, risotto and pizza. End your

evening with a sweet dessert and just enjoy the warm atmosphere.

Photo: Lizzy Komen/shutterstock

Address: Plastira 91, Kalamaria

Phone: +30 231 044 4615

Internet: [www.firenze-ristorante.gr](http://www.firenze-ristorante.gr)

## CAFES



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The line between cafes and bars is quite blurry in Thessaloniki. You'll find the same place serving coffees all day to a crowd of bookworms and digital nomads only to switch things around towards the evening. Laptops get put away, beers and cocktails magically appear on the bistro tables, the music volume gets turned up a notch or two.

When it comes to desserts, the influence of the Ottoman empire is quite noticeable. Honey and filo pastry, nuts and halva — don't miss the chance to try the local versions. Biting into a crunchy and creamy trigona is a must.

### Lena's Bistro



Located in the Ladadika area, this French bistro makes a perfect spot for a coffee break or an aperitivo. Take a seat outside and enjoy the

vibrant city. The charm of the bistro hinges on its owner's personality: every visitor remarks how welcome they felt as Lena's guests.

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Address: Katouni 7, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 124 9140

### Trigona Elenidis



Trigona Elenidis is a family owned business that's been passed down by generations. They serve a traditional Greek dessert — Trigona. It is a triangular filo-based pastry that's dipped in syrup and filled with sweet vanilla cream. Their ice-cream is marvellous, as well.

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Address: Dimotiko Gounari 13, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 025 7510

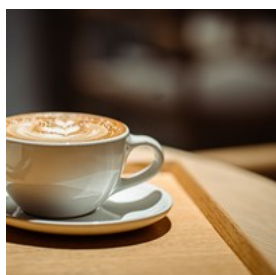
Internet: [www.elenidis.gr](http://www.elenidis.gr)

Email: [info@elenidis.com](mailto:info@elenidis.com)

More Info: Corner of Gounari & Timisiki in Thessaloniki.

There's a second shop down in Kalamaria

### Tabya



Tabya is a quaint cafe with a garden in an old preserved villa. Enjoy a coffee or a cocktail at one of the bistro tables under the tree canopy or find a cosy spot in the neoclassical house with eclectic mid-century modern furniture. Great place for laptop warriors, even though WiFi is not the fastest.

Tabya is located opposite the university on the pedestrian Melenikou street. The entrance is easy to miss which makes it a delightful hidden gem free of crowds.

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Address: Konstantinou Melenikou 14, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 124 2522

Email: [tabyaplace@gmail.com](mailto:tabyaplace@gmail.com)

More Info: Close to Rotunda

### Diethnes



A beautifully decorated Greek traditional coffee shop where you can enjoy a relaxing evening in a warm atmosphere. A wide selection of tea is provided by friendly waiters and staff. It is located near Kamara, a few metres above Egnatia.

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Phone: +30 231 024 5520

### Art Café Théâtral



Art Café Théâtral is a cosy hidden place with a lot of character. Time slows down here, inviting you to relax with a cup of coffee, a book or maybe chatting with a group of friends. Every table gets a generous slice of chocolate cake. The interior design is quaint and is carefully designed to invoke the feeling of being in an old theatre or your favourite grandma's apartment. Utterly charming.

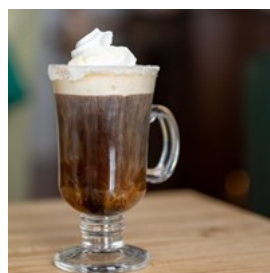
Photo: Rimma Bondarenko/shutterstock

Address: Tsimiski 97, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 022 3331

More Info: Some people might know this place as Πρώτο Πάτωμα (Proto Patoma), which means "first floor"

### Stereo



Cafe by day and a young trendy hipster bar by night, Stereo is the quiet alternative hangout for the young crowd with exceptionally nice staff. Literally the place to be if you want to mingle

with cool locals. DJ's play understated and occasionally nostalgic hits. It's casual and friendly, perfect for weekdays and weekends. It will most likely become your favourite in Thessaloniki.

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## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The nightlife of Thessaloniki is well-known all over Greece, with many bars, clubs, music halls and places for all tastes and ages. Ladadika is the hot spot of the town and the meeting place for young ages and generally, for all locals and foreigners. Eat, drink and dance without limits.

### Dentro sto Bar



Dentro sto Bar is a fabulous cafe and bar with a big tree full of fairy lights and an old villa as its home. The selection of beers is huge and the music they play is perfect. A great place for a coffee or a drink, as the music is not too loud and the place looks nice. Nightly events with live music usually start around 10:30 pm. Definitely one of the top 5 bars to visit in Thessaloniki.

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Phone: +30 231 081 1885  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/dentrostobar](http://www.instagram.com/dentrostobar)  
More Info: The name literally means 'Tree in the Bar'

### The Hoppy Pub



This small pub is very well located near the landmark of the Thessaloniki White Tower. If you want to grab an icy draught beer, this bar is the ultimate place to be in Greece for beer aficionados. Knowledge, variety and atmosphere are all spot on.

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Address: Nikiforou Foka 6, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 231 026 9203  
Internet: [www.thehoppypub.gr](http://www.thehoppypub.gr)  
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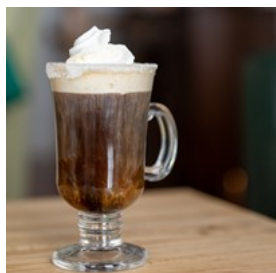
### Club Vogue



Vogue is a club and concert venue for young people who are there to see and be seen. Strong industrial decor and understated luxury details create the big nightclub vibe for the thousand people in attendance. Best music acts start after midnight. If clubs are your thing, don't miss Vogue.

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Address: 26is Oktovriou, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 231 055 0000  
Internet: [www.vogueclub.gr](http://www.vogueclub.gr)  
Email: [info@vogclub-thessaloniki.gr](mailto:info@vogclub-thessaloniki.gr)

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### Rotunda



No, unfortunately, Rotunda does not become a bar at night. However, take a stroll around the landmark towards the evening and you will

notice plenty of cute and creative bars attracting customers. The area is at the border of Thessaloniki's university district, and all the students gravitate towards Rotunda.

The bars seem to differ by age a bit, but there are no strict divisions. Just take a look around and find your crowd. Some of the favourite bars here are Tabya, Diethnes, Elektron cafe, To Podilato Beer House, which is popular among Erasmus students, and Hippopotamus.

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Address: Platia Agiou Georgiou Rotonta 5, Thessaloniki

### Navarinou Square — The Youth Epicentre



All the cool Tik-Tok kids head to Navarinou Square, just seaward from the Rotunda. You'll find bars and restaurants, tattoo parlours and alt

clothing stores, cheap bites and plenty of energy. Drift around the square and find a table at one of the bars or just pass through to see the modern Greece doing their thing right next to the remains of the Palace of Galerius.

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Address: Platia Navarinou, Thessaloniki

More Info: Thessaloniki has what is possibly the best behaved youth on the planet

### Stin Taratsa Rooftop Bar



There is no shortage of rooftop bars in Thessaloniki. Sometimes they can be tricky to find, as is the case with Stin Taratsa. Look for a sign

at the street level and head into a seemingly abandoned building. Climb the stairs all the way to the top and you'll find yourself at a cute bar full of stylish and trendy locals. Music is on point and there is a projector streaming retro films.

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Phone: +30 231 054 7443

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Email: [stintaratsa29@gmail.com](mailto:stintaratsa29@gmail.com)

### Sky Bar



Have a chilly drink on the 7th floor of The Met Hotel by the 22-metre long swimming pool. Sky Bar offers a breathtaking 360° degree view of Thessaloniki, so bring the camera with you and take some nice pics for the gram. This is a sophisticated bar and a great place to hang out with friends.

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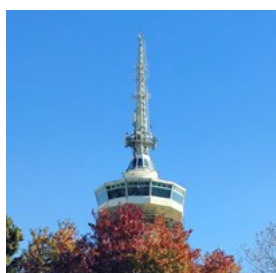
Phone: +30 231 001 7000

Internet: [www.themethotel.gr/sky-bar](http://www.themethotel.gr/sky-bar)

Email: [themethotel@chandris.gr](mailto:themethotel@chandris.gr)

More Info: Located at The Met Hotel. Seasonal operation: early-May to late September, weather permitting

### OTE Tower – Skyline cafe-bar



OTE Tower is a 76-metre-tall whimsical tower located within the Thessaloniki International Exhibition Center. In addition to being a gleaming monument, the tower is also home to a revolving Skyline cafe-bar.

The venue operates year-round, offering coffee, signature drinks and a small selection of small bites. After dark, there is live piano music.

Skyline organises special events for Christmas and New year's Eve, should you visit Thessaloniki in winter.

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Address: Egnatia 154, Helexpo, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 2310 265 460

Internet: [www.skyline.bar](http://www.skyline.bar)

Email: [info@skyline.bar](mailto:info@skyline.bar)

### Mylos



Mylos is a large entertainment complex in the warehouse district of the port where you will find bars, galleries, restaurants, cafes, theatres and plenty of live music.

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Address: Andreou Georgiou 56, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 051 0081

Internet: [www.mylos.gr](http://www.mylos.gr)

Email: [infokazandb@gmail.com](mailto:infokazandb@gmail.com)

## SHOPPING



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The centre of Thessaloniki consists of big road axes: Tsimiski, Mitropoleos, Ermou, Egnatia, Agiou Dimitriou and Leoforos Nikis streets, which are interrupted by vertical streets, mainly those of Agias Sofias, Aristotelous, Venizelou and Paleon Patron Germanou. Around these streets, the commercial heart of the town is beating Monday through Saturday.

The market of Thessaloniki presents the newest fashion in clothes, shoes, jewels, accessories and furs. Especially in Tsimiski you will find clothes and shoes from the top fashion designers of the world. Here you will find modern shops, some of which are really luxurious with products for every style and budget.

Outlet malls are another big attraction. Many people travel to Thessaloniki just for a day to take advantage of the excellent variety on offer and reasonable pricing.

### Jumbo



Jumbo is the nation's largest toy retailer in Greece including baby items, stationery, seasonal products and home decor items. It's made of joy, fun and carelessness.

There are two more Jumbo stores south of Thessaloniki, close to 16 and 24 highways. If you're planning to take a car trip to Halkidiki or to the beach, they are conveniently on your way.

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Address: Port of Thessaloniki, 26is Oktovriou 43, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 050 2800

Internet: [www.jumbo.gr](http://www.jumbo.gr)

Email: [fb@jumbo.gr](mailto:fb@jumbo.gr)

### Markets – The Old & The New



Exploring local markets is an excellent way to discover the city's culture. Foodies will appreciate seasonal fruits and veggies, regional

cheeses and street food. Additionally, you can find anything from modern necessities of life to artisanal handmade cosmetics.

Here are some of the main markets you should check out:

Kapani Market, the oldest open public market in Thessaloniki. Focused on Greek delicacies,

traditional cafes, tavernas and bakeries. Located in the city centre, it sprawls over several pedestrian streets and some parts are covered.

Athonos Square, a spot for small traditional shops that offer spices and food products, handmade patio furniture and crafts. Some jewellery and clothing shops have sprung up in the last few years.

Modiano Market was built in the 1920s and resembles some Parisian markets. Here you'll find traditional food items and a good selection on modern and old-fashioned tavernas.

Bezesteni Market, a former Turkish bath from the 15th century now houses clothing, florist and jewellery shops. You can take the stairs to the attic and have a closer look at the six domes. Worth a visit for the architectural value alone.

Martiou Market takes place every Saturday at Martiou, a neighbourhood in the eastern part of the city. Fishermen bring fresh catch from the Northern Aegean and from around the Halkidiki region. Fish of all sizes, mussels and octopuses won't stay on the counters long. Come early.

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Internet: [www.thessaloniki.gr/markets/?lang=en](http://www.thessaloniki.gr/markets/?lang=en)

### One Salonica Outlet Mall



One Salonica Outlet Mall offers about 60 stores with great deals.

Individual travellers, fashionistas, teenagers and families can gain

access to the most popular brands of designer, fashion, sports and lifestyle at prices up to 70% less than the market throughout the year.

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Internet: [www.onesalonica.com/en](http://www.onesalonica.com/en)  
Email: [info@onesalonica.com](mailto:info@onesalonica.com)

### Jewellery Stores



There are plenty of gorgeous jewellery stores in Thessaloniki, selling beautiful and elegant handmade designs. Buy something for yourself as a long-lasting reminder of your trip or get a little something for your loved one back home.

Most jewellery shops in Thessaloniki are located in the Ladadika area, along and around Tsimiski street. To get you started, check out Katerina Ioannidis Jewelry, great selection of modern, handmade jewellery with character.

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Address: Mitropolitou Iosif 5, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 231 025 6970  
Internet: [www.katerinaioannidis.com](http://www.katerinaioannidis.com)  
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### Mega Outlet

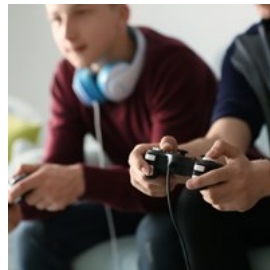


Mega Outlet consists of four levels which house 80 independent shops with fashion brands, clothes, footwear and accessories at very low prices all year round. It has all the infrastructure for people with disabilities: parking spaces, WC, easy access as well as special treatment rooms for small kids, Cafe Bar, ATM cash withdrawals, Information Desk, as well as free internet access for their guests.

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Address: Leoforos Georgikis Sholis 43, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 231 036 5000  
Internet: [www.megaoutlet.gr](http://www.megaoutlet.gr)  
Email: [info@mega-outlet.gr](mailto:info@mega-outlet.gr)

### Public



Public is a Greek chain of entertainment store. You are welcome to drop by and try out what's on offers even if you don't end up buying anything.

See how you like the new gaming hardware, play new titles and meet other gamers at events and competitions. It is located on main street Tsimiski.

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Address: Tsimiski 24 - Mitropoleos 33, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 210 818 1333  
Internet: [www.public.gr](http://www.public.gr)  
Email: [info@public.gr](mailto:info@public.gr)

### Mediterranean Cosmos



Mediterranean Cosmos is a well-organised shopping centre with colour-coordinated aisles, a wide variety of shops and a food court offering an extended selection of food, drinks and snacks. After shopping, treat yourself to a cinema visit. There's also a small river outside next to the amphitheatre, where you can enjoy an iced drink from one of the many cafes.

Photo: Pan Xunbin/shutterstock  
Address: 11th km National Road Thessaloniki-N.Moudania  
Phone: +30 231 048 9571  
Internet: [www.mediterraneancosmos.gr](http://www.mediterraneancosmos.gr)  
Email: [info@mediterraneancosmos.gr](mailto:info@mediterraneancosmos.gr)

### Notos Galleries



Notos Galleries is one of the largest department stores in Greece. Here you will find big brand clothing, footwear and everything when it comes to beauty. After your shopping, relax on the 7th floor food court.

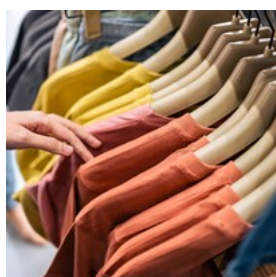
Photo: Kamil Macniak/shutterstock

Address: Tsimiski 24 & Mitropoleos 31, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 036 6600

Internet: [www.notos.gr](http://www.notos.gr)

### Attica Department Stores



Attica is another large and fashionable department store in Greece. It combines upscale international designers with popular Greek brands. You can find a great collection of fashion, accessories and beauty.

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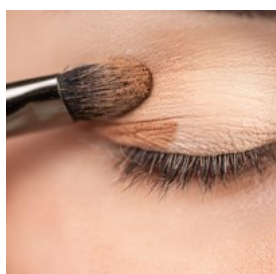
Address: Tsimiski 48-50, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 211 990 0000

Internet: [www.atticadps.gr/en/katastimata/attica-tsimiski](http://www.atticadps.gr/en/katastimata/attica-tsimiski)

Email: [info@atticadps.gr](mailto:info@atticadps.gr)

### Hondos Center



Hondos Center is a beauty retail market that has been attracting shoppers since 1967. Prices are on the higher side, but it has a very wide selection of products. Fragrances, makeup, skin care: you name it, they have it.

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Address: Aristotelous 9, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 231 025 6080

Internet: [www.hondoscenter.com/en](http://www.hondoscenter.com/en)

Email: [info@hondoscenter.gr](mailto:info@hondoscenter.gr)

### Kanellopoulos



Kanellopoulos Department Stores welcomes you in the fashion world, where you will experience excellent shopping and meet friendly staff. The variety of products are great and offer something for men, women, and children. Get their membership card for extra discounts. Their store on the central Tsimiski street is 7 storeys tall.

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Address: Tsimiski 77, Thessaloniki

Phone: +30 239 402 3353

Internet: [www.kanellopoulos.gr](http://www.kanellopoulos.gr)

Email: [info@kanellopoulos.gr](mailto:info@kanellopoulos.gr)

### Praktiker Hellas



You never know when the urge to Do It Yourself will strike, and Praktiker is happy to give you a hand. House wares, construction, garden, car and leisure. Get some inflatables and a parasol for your time at the beach, and maybe a small grill while you're at it.

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## Efishop



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## Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia (SKG)



The Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia, in the area of Mikra, is the second largest airport in Greece and is linked with most destinations of Europe and Balkan countries in particular. Getting from the airport to the city centre will take you from 20 to 45 minutes, depending on the traffic. You can go to the centre of Thessaloniki using bus route X1 'KTEL - Airport'. It runs every 30-ish minutes and it takes approximately 45 minutes.

You can buy a ticket at the kiosk before boarding or pay using exact change in a machine inside the bus.

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Address: Thessaloniki Airport, Thessaloniki  
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Email: [kacmtl@otenet.gr](mailto:kacmtl@otenet.gr)

## Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Greece, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en)

## FAQ



Is Thessaloniki the same as Thessalonica? Yes. Thessalonica was the most common spelling in early 20th century, which later changed to

Salonika, and finally to the version we have now. In English, the city can be called Thessaloniki, Salonika, Thessalonica, Salonica, Thessalonika, Saloniki, Thessalonike, or Thessalonice.

Is Thessaloniki in northern Greece?

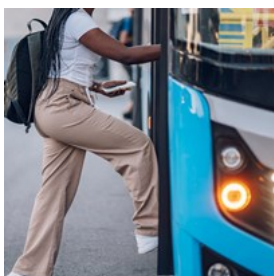
Yes. Thessaloniki is located at the northwest corner of the Aegean Sea, on the Thermaic Gulf. However 'north' does not mean 'cold'. Expect sunny weather and perfect beach conditions from April to late September.

Are there beaches in Thessaloniki?

There are no beaches in the city centre, since Thessaloniki is a port city. Nevertheless, you can easily reach sandy beaches by boat, car or bus. Alternatively, explore the Halkidiki area after a few days in the city. Thessaloniki's Macedonia airport is very well connected.

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## Public Transport



You can cover most of the distances in the city on foot or using local buses. Tickets can be bought either at the kiosks or from the vending

machines on the bus, 90 cents, exact change. If you buy the ticket on the bus, remember to have coins. All tickets must be validated and are

usable for 70 minutes. Various kinds of day passes are also available.

Google Maps is blissfully unaware of the bus system in Thessaloniki, so you'll have to install an app like Moovit to figure out how to get places.

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Email: [oasth@oasth.gr](mailto:oasth@oasth.gr)

## Taxi



Uber does operate in Thessaloniki, but it's simply used to call a municipal taxi to your location and does not give you a cost estimate. From

the smaller streets, taxis can be hailed whenever you need one. On the major city streets, there are points with the sign 'TAXI'. You also find taxis standing on piazzas or outside the hotels. You can also book online through Taxiway.

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Phone: +30 231 086 6866

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Email: [info@taxiway.gr](mailto:info@taxiway.gr)

## Pharmacy



Each pharmacy in Thessaloniki has a notice in the window showing which ones are open out of normal hours and their addresses. Wherever

there is a doctor, you may see a sign with a cross most of the times. On some signs, there are also phone numbers to the emergency room.

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Address: Pharmacy Matta Merope, Agios Dimitrios 68 & Papageorgiou Taskou 11, Thessaloniki  
Phone: +30 231 027 8787  
Internet: [www.drmattapharmacy.gr](http://www.drmattapharmacy.gr)  
Email: [info@drmattapharmacy.gr](mailto:info@drmattapharmacy.gr)

## Telephone



Country code: +30 Area code: 231

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## Electricity



In Greece, the standard power outlets are Type F and Type C which are compatible with most European plugs. The voltage is 230V, and the frequency is 50Hz.

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## Population

1.1 million (2024)

## Currency

€1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Stores in the centre are open 9am–9pm. Most supermarkets will be closed on Sundays.

In the suburbs, expect the stores to be open in shifts: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am–2:30pm and 5:30pm–8:30pm; Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 9am–3pm.

On Sundays, most large shopping malls and a few shops in tourist areas are open until 2pm. Mini-markets and kiosks will stay open all day long, every day.

## Internet

[www.thessaloniki.travel](http://www.thessaloniki.travel)

## Newspapers

Macedonia Newspaper: [www.emakedonia.gr](http://www.emakedonia.gr)

## Emergency numbers

Alongside 112, the following emergency numbers are available:

Police: 100

Fire Brigade: 199

Emergency Medical Service: 166

Tourist Police: 171

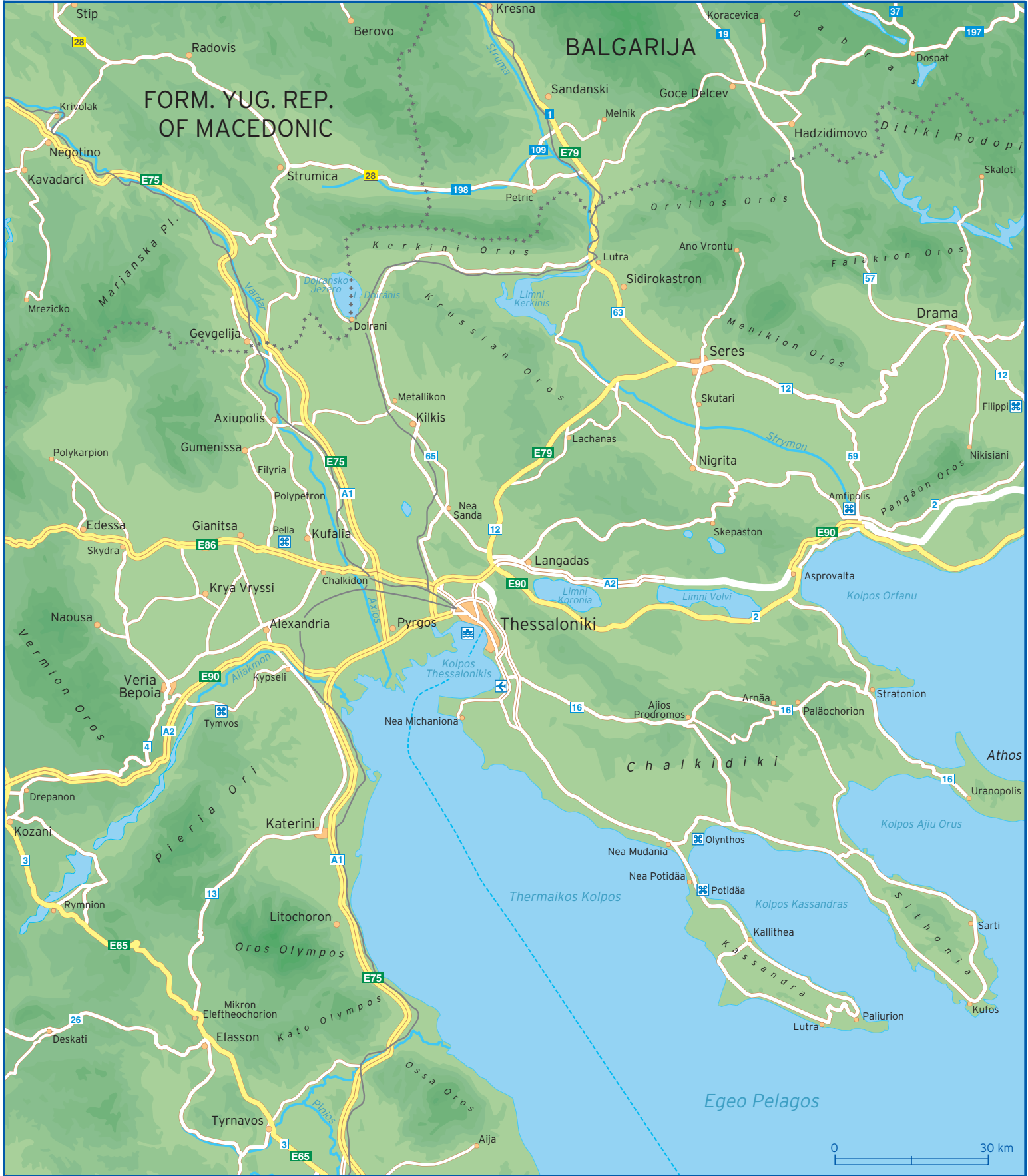
## Tourist information

Thessaloniki Tourist Information Center

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Map labels include street names such as: Egnatia, Agiou Dimitriou, Eptapyrgion, Angeliki, and others. Landmarks like the Ethniko Theatre, Archaeological Museum, and Diethnis Ekthesi Thessalonikis are clearly marked. The map also shows the locations of several churches and public buildings.

26 Oktovriou	A4	Evdoxou	A1	Leaf 3 Septemvrou	D1 D2
Ag Nikolaou	A2 B2	Evripidou	B2	Leaf Stratou	D2
Agias Sofias	B2 B3 C3	Evrou	A1	Leoforos Nikis	B4 C3
Agias Theodoras	B3 C3	Feron	A1 A2	Leondos Sofou	A4
Agiou Dimitriou	A3 B2 C2 D1	Fil Dragoumi	B2 C2	Loudia	B4
Agn Stratiotou	B2 B3	Filikis Eterias	C2 C3	M Karaoli	C1
Akrita	A2	Filimonos Dragoumi	A2 A3	Makedonikis Aminis	A2 B3
Akropoleos	B1	Filippou	B2 B3 C2	Makri	A2
Alex Svolou	C3	Frangon	A4 B4	Manousogiannaki	C3 D2
Aminda	B2 B3	Germ Karavangeli	A1	Mavili	A4
Andigonidon	A3 A4	Germanou	C2 C3	Menelaou	B3
Angelaki	C2 D2	Germanou Nikol	D3	Mitr Gennadiou	B3
Apostolou	B1	Gizi	B2	Mitropoleos	B4 C3 C4
Argiropoulou	B2	Gladstonos	A3	Mitropoleos losif	C3
Argonafton	A1	Gr Palama	C3	Modi	C2
Arianou	C2	Hr Smirnis	C3	Moreas	B1
Aristoteliou Panepistimiou	C1 D2	Hristopoulou	B2	Moudanion	C1
Aristotelous	B3 B4	Iasonidou Leonida	B2	Odisseos	A4
Armenopoulou	C2	Iasonos	A2	Olimbiados	A2 A3 B2
Arsinois	B1	Ietionos	A1	Olimbiou Diam	A4
Askitou	B3	Ifikratous	B1	Olimbou	A3 B2 B3 C2
Ateos	A1 A2	Igoumenou	B1	Orifanidou	A4
Athinas	B1	Iktinou	C3	Palama K	A3 A4
D Gounari	C2	Ionos Dragoumi	A3 B4	Paleon Patron	C3
Dangli	C2 D3	Ioulianou	B2	Palkou	A4 B4
Despere	D2	Ioustinianou	B3	Panepistimiou	C1
Dialetti	D3	Irodotoi	B1	Papadopoulou	A1
Dimadou	A1	K & D Kiprion	A3 A4	Paparrigopoulou	A4
Dimitriou Gounari	C3	K Gratsiou	A2	Papazoli	A3
Dimitriou Poliorkitou	A1 A2	Kalis Elpidos	C1	Paster	A2 A3
Dionisiou	B1	Kalliopis	B1	Patriarhi Ioakim	C2 C3
Dodekanisou	A4	Karadimou	A1	Pavlou	B1 B2
Doumbioti Strat	A3	Karaolou Dil	B3 C4	Pavlou Mela	C3 D3
Dragatsaniou	A1	Karatasou	A4 B4	Peloponnisou	B2
Edessis	B4	Kassandrou	A3 B2	Periandrou	B1
Egnatia	A4 B3 C2 C3 D2	Kastoros	B1	Perseos	A2
El Venizelou	A1 A2	Kastritsiou	B3	Pileos	A2
Elenis Zografou	C1	Katouni	B4	Plastira	A1
Elpidos	A2	Kendavron	B1	Platia Agia Sophia	B3 C3
Enotikon	A4	Kesanli	D1	Platia Aristotelous	B4
Enou	A2	Kimonos	A1	Platia Ch.A.N.Th	D3
Eolou	B1	Kiriakidi	D1	Platia Demokratias	A4
Epaminonda	A2	Klafthmonos	A1 B1	Platia Diikitiriou	A3
Epimenidou	A2 B1	Klisouras	B3	Platia Eleftherias	B4
Epmoy	B3	Komninon	B4	Platia Ippodromiou	C3
Eptapirgiou	A1 B1	Konst Melenikou	C2	Platia Navarinou	C3
Ermou	B3 B4	Konstantinoupoleos	C1	Platia P Mela	C1 D1
Eshilou	B2	Koufitsa	B2	Platia Sintrivaniou	C2
Ethnikis Aminis	C2 C3	Kristalli	A3	Platonos	B2 B3

Politehniou	A4	Sokratous	B2 C3	Venizelou	A3 B3 B4
Profitis Iliia	A2	Solomou	B3	Verias	A4
Prox Koromila	C3 C4	Souri	A3	Vizantos Viziis	D1
Proxenor	A3	Stavrou G	B3 C3	Viziinou	C1
Ptolemeon	A3	Theofilou	A2 B2	Viziinou Georgiou	C1
Sahini	A3	Theotkopoulou	B1 B2	Vizoukidou Per	D1
Sahtouri	A2	Timotheou	A1 B1	Vlahava	B2
Salaminos	B4	Tositsa	B3	Vlali	B3
Saptous	A4	Tsimiski	B4 C3 D3	Vlatadon	A1 B2
Selefkidon	A3 A4	Valaoritou	A4 B4	Zaliki G	A3
Singrou	A3	Vassil Irakliou	B3 B4	Zefiron	A4
Sofokleous	B2				