



## Thessaloniki

### Itinerary

**Day 1: Chalkida – Panagia Soumela – Thessaloniki**

We depart at 06:00 in the morning from Chalkida heading to Thessaloniki, with a necessary stop along the way.

Our first main stop will be at Panagia Soumela Monastery, located in the village of Kastania on Mount Vermio – a major spiritual center and a symbolic landmark of Pontic Hellenism.

The monastery was re-established in its current location in 1951 through the initiative of doctor and author Phylon Ktenidis (Trapezounta 1889 – Thessaloniki 1963), after the original monastery was destroyed in Pontus in 1922.

The miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary, believed to be painted by the Evangelist Luke, was brought to Greece after mediation by Eleftherios Venizelos. It was initially kept in the Byzantine Museum, and later transferred to the new monastery church once it was built.

We will have time to explore the grounds and venerate the icon.

Afterwards, we will continue our journey to beautiful Thessaloniki. Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel and enjoy our dinner.

The evening is free for a walk and exploration of the city.

Overnight stay.

**Day 2: Thessaloniki – Saint Paisios – Chalkida**

After breakfast and collecting our luggage, we will begin our day with a visit to the Holy Monastery of Saint John the Theologian in Souroti.

The monastery is dedicated to Saint John the Theologian and Saint Arsenios the Cappadocian. It houses the relics of Saint Arsenios in its main church (katholikon) as well as the tomb of Elder Paisios, one of the most beloved modern Greek Orthodox saints.

We will have free time to pray and reflect at the saint's tomb and venerate the holy relics, while admiring one of the most beautiful monasteries in Greece.

Finally, we begin our return journey to Chalkida, including a stop for lunch along the way.

We return full of beautiful images and unforgettable memories from this wonderful 2-day trip!

#### **Included:**

- Transfer from/to Chalkida
- Escort of our office
- Civil liability insurance
- 13% VAT
- 1 overnight hotel 4\*\*\*\*
- breakfast-dinner

#### **Not included:**

- Individual costs
- Everything listed as optional
- Entrance to Arch. Places, Museums etc..



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| Boarding Points         | Price/Person    | Time  | Children 6-11 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------|
| People's Park (Canteen) | 180 ,00€/person | 05:55 | 180,00€       |
| Vourkos                 | 180,00€/person  | 06:00 | 180,00€       |

Unemployed/students: from 178,00€ upon presentation of a relevant receipt  
Babies 0-5 travel Free

#### Notes:

**\*\*Embarkation from Aliveri, Eretria and Athens upon request!**

- \* The program may be modified for better realization depending on conditions (weather conditions, delays, etc.).
- \* Prices in case of fuel increases, ferry tickets, accommodation costs, etc. will be configured according to timely information.
- \* We kindly ask you to arrive on time at the embarkation points (30 minutes earlier) so that there are no delays
- \* Food consumption is not allowed on the bus
- \* Observe boarding and gathering times for the proper operation of the program
- \* In case of non-timely arrival at the embarkation points, the bus will depart without the office being responsible, and the money will not be refunded

#### Priority seat reservations on the bus

**All travelers are informed by sms or phone, detailed departure information 1 day before the trip**



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