



Kozani - Brass & Lanterns

Excursion itinerary

Day 1: Chalkida - Kozani

We leave at 06:00 in the morning from our city, where with an intermediate stop for rest and a cup of coffee, we arrive at the crossroads city of Northern Greece, Kozani. With its neoclassical buildings, its mansions, the coexistence of the modern with the classical and the Ottoman with the Christian, the city that stands proudly among three distinct mountains, giving you the opportunity to discover it gradually. Intricate floats, fancy costumes, and a crowd of people dancing to carnival rhythms are images we will see when we arrive in the city. Check-in at the hotel and free time.

Day 2: Kozani (city tour) - Carnival

After we have our breakfast and are in the best mood, we board the bus and head to the city's central square for our tour. As a starting point, its historic center, a meeting and interaction place for the people of the city and the hub of its beautiful, restored mansions. Niki Square is right in the center, as it hosts many of Kozani's neoclassical buildings, such as the listed Erimionion Hotel, the City Hall, and the branch of the National Bank of Greece. A few minutes from the square is one of the city's most iconic landmarks, the metropolitan church of Agios Nikolaos, with its impressive bell tower. Continue your stroll with a visit to the Historical-Folklore Museum of Kozani, which houses hundreds of extremely interesting exhibits of historical and folklore character as well as a gallery. Less than ten minutes away is the Koventareios Municipal Library, a true gem for the city, both with its completely modern exterior design and its internal educational wealth. As the day progresses and midday arrives, the festive atmosphere reaches its peak with the parade of floats and the thousands of people in costume. After the parade in the central square, we will revive one of the most well-known Kozanite customs, the lighting of the Fanou, a large fire that, as they say, drives away evil. After the lighting of the central Fanou, smaller fires are lit in every neighborhood, and the celebration begins, with a lot of dancing and singing, with plenty of wine and local pies. All this accompanied by the Khrysanthos, local brass bands with wind instruments, playing lively pieces that set the rhythm of the celebration. Free time here, and we will also enjoy our lunch. Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

Day 3: Kozani - Velvento - Chalkida

After we have our breakfast and collect our luggage, we board the bus and leave behind the beautiful images, dances, and celebrations we experienced and head towards the Velvento settlement, with preserved Macedonian architecture buildings in its historic center, which experienced economic and spiritual prosperity during the Ottoman rule. You can wander its beautiful streets and visit the Folklore Museum to learn more about the Part 1. Stop by the Velvento Women's Agricultural Cooperative to pick up some of their famous jams. Of course, we won't miss a stop at the artificial lake of the Polifyto dam on the Aliakmonas River. One of the largest bridges in the country, the Sergiivi High Bridge, crosses the lake (optional). We'll enjoy our lunch in the village. Then we'll head back to our city.

Included:

- Tours and excursions with luxury air-conditioned coaches.
- 2 Overnight stay at a selected 4* hotel
- 2 Breakfast
- Tour leader/escort.
- VAT.
- Liability insurance coverage

Not Included:

- Personal expenses
- What is mentioned as optional
- Entrance to Archaeological Sites, Museums, etc.
- Travel insurance 25€ pp
- Accommodation tax 3€ / room / night

Boarding Points	Price/person	Time
People's Park (Cantina)	150,00€/person	05:55
Bourko	150,00€/person	07:00

***The tourist services provided to you and the related costs are detailed in the Package Travel Contract. If you cannot be present in person (booking by phone, email, etc.), you will receive the Contract by email (in this case, you have the right to withdraw from the contract within 14 days from the date it was sent to your email, taking into account the related cancellation fees mentioned in Article 11.**

* The program may be modified to better accommodate conditions (Weather, delays, etc.).

* Prices will be adjusted according to timely notification in the event of fuel, ferry ticket, accommodation, etc. price increases.

* We kindly ask you to arrive at the boarding points on time (30 minutes earlier) to avoid delays

* To boarding and gathering times must be observed for the program to function properly.

* Food consumption is not allowed on the bus

*In case of late arrival at boarding points, the bus will depart without the agency being responsible, and no refund will be made.

Seats on the bus are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

All travelers are informed with SMS or phone calls with detailed departure information one day before the trip



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