

Thessaloniki tour & shopping



A full day excursion taking you to the second largest city in Greece, the capital of Macedonia, with its historical sites and modern shops. During the morning you will get a panoramic view of Thessaloniki, we shall pass by the Exhibition and the University, proceed to the fortress and the city-walls, from where a marvelous view of the city can be seen. We will then visit the St. Dimitrios Church and pass by the famous Arch of Galerius. Then we shall proceed to show you the White Tower– the symbol of the city. Afterwards, you have some free time, giving you chance to do your shopping, walk around the bustling streets or just visit one museum.

The city of Thessaloniki was founded by king Kassandros in 315 B.C, on or near the site of the ancient town of Therma together with 26 other local villages. He named it after his wife, Thessalonike, a half-sister to Alexander the Great. She received this name (“Thessaloniki” translates into Greek as “victory over the Tessalians”) from her father, King Philip II, who wanted to commemorate her birth in the day of his gaining a victory over the Phocians, who were defeated with the help of Tessalian horseman, the best in Greece at that time. Thessaloniki developed rapidly and early as the second century B.C the first walls were built, forming a large square. It was an autonomous part of the Macedonian Kingdom, with its own parliament where the King was represented and could interfere in city’s domestic affairs. The history of Thessaloniki is a long history dating back to the Ancient period. With the opening of the borders in South-Eastern Europe since the collapse of the communism in the early 1990’s, it is currently experiencing a strong revival. It serves as prime port for Northern Greece as well as for the South-eastern Europe hinterland.