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Dear friends and colleagues,

Faithful to its annual commitment, the Hellenic Association of Professional Congress Organizers - HAPCO, continues this year also, the edition of its **"CONGRESSES, INCENTIVES, & MEETINGS - PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE GUIDE"**.

Within the pages of this guide one can find information about companies involved in meetings (PCOs and suppliers), as well as conference hotels and independent conference centres in Greece, capable of hosting conferences and events from 50 to 5.000 participants.

HAPCO's members, 80+ to this date, come from different business backgrounds, relevant to the meetings industry. More specifically, companies such as PCOs, DMCs, hotels with conference facilities, conference centres, audiovisual, technology & e-Marketing, software, translation & interpretation, catering, booth design and construction, publishing houses, PR – advertising, business gifts, cruises & car rental/VIP transfers are included among its members.

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Best regards,

Dinos Astras
President

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Explanatory note

The Hellenic Association of Professional Congress Organizers (HAPCO) has the honor to present its fifteenth congress edition, which aims to promote internationally Greece's conference facilities and to highlight the country's position as a unique congress destination.

"CONGRESSES, INCENTIVES, & MEETINGS - PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE GUIDE / edition 2014" has succeeded in becoming an indispensable and very useful communication tool for recipients not only in Greece but also all over the world. It should be noted that the guide has attracted very positive comments overall.

Having the advantages of a reader-friendly layout with special sections containing detailed information about each region of Greece, the guide aims to underline and promote the country's capabilities for hosting all types of events.

The guide's pages give a clear picture of the facilities and capacity of conference, cultural and exhibition centres, able to cater for a wide range of events, the country's leading hotels with first rate conference facilities and technical equipment and of course the leading firms specializing in the organization of conferences, incentives, audiovisual equipment, booth design and construction, catering, cruises and others.

For convenience, we have divided Greece into ten broad geographical regions, underlining the various characteristics that make each one an attractive conference destination, e.g. museums, history, culture, interesting sights, natural beauty, modern lifestyle, gastronomy, shopping, etc. At the end of each geographical region, details and contact information about hotels and conference centres are featured.

Given the wealth of our country's competitive elements such as the mild climate -ideal for congresses throughout the year-, the cultural heritage, the rich history etc. and based on Greek organizers' experience obtained from significant events such as the 2004 Olympic Games together with other artistic and cultural events, we believe that Greece is unique and ideal for congresses, incentives, meetings and much more.

We have made every possible effort in the guide, to provide accurate information about Greece, underlining the country's unique attractions as venues for major international events.

All information included in the guide is also available at

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In today's world of ever growing mobility in geographical, professional and cultural terms, Greece provides a stimulating environment comprising a mild climate, natural beauties, gastronomy, sound infrastructure, a wealth of history, multifaceted culture and a vibrant nightlife, making it the ideal destination for congresses, conventions and business travel in Athens, Thessaloniki, Rhodes, Crete, Kos, Halkidiki, Volos, Metsovo, Alexandroupolis, Patra and elsewhere.

Greece, the place where the concept of congresses was first born with the ancient Delphic Amphyctionies, today is a dynamic and modern country that looks to the future. The organization of congresses and cultural events is a rapidly growing segment of the Greek tourism industry. Based on data of the International Congress & Convention Association (ICCA), convention tourism in Greece is developing at a 5% rate annually. Members of the Hellenic Association of Professional Congress Organizers (HAPCO) reported a 12% increase in the past year, including the organization of major international cultural events and congresses such as that of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) and the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) in Rhodes. On the European congress map Greece ranks 13th, while the congress market in Athens presents an almost 100% increase within the past ten years, expected to rise to the 16th place on the international scale within the next ten years. It is worth noting that in international cultural events and congresses held in Greece, the numbers of the participants show an increase ranging from 25% to 40% in comparison to comparable events held in other countries.

The organization of congresses constitutes one of the fastest growing and most dynamic sectors of the Greek tourist industry. The years leading to the 2004 Olympic Games saw the construction of special facilities and the establishment of necessary infrastructure for hosting large-scale cultural events, congresses, incentives, exhibitions and any type of corporate or social meetings.

The Capsis Convention Centres in Rhodes (up to 8,000 people in 100 meeting rooms) and Crete (Europe's only convention centre with 110 meeting rooms), as well as the Capsis Cultural Exhibition & Conference Centre in Athens of total capacity 800 persons in 9 meeting rooms; the ultra-modern International Congress Centre of HELEXPO in the northern port-city of Thessaloniki for up to 2,400 people.

The Megaron Athens International Conference Centre offers a total of 143,000 sq.m. of space with stunning aesthetics including 18 meeting spaces, ample exhibition spaces and a total delegate capacity of 6000. Megaron has recently opened its very expansive landscaped gardens (see photo) and its new restaurant "Fuga" (see photo) which has sweeping views across Athens.

The Polis Convention Centre in Thessaloniki, multipurpose indoor facilities covering a total area of 6000 m2 for up to 3,000 delegates; the Athinais Multi Purpose Hall, a state-of-the-art 6,500 m2 conference complex for hosting a wide range of business, cultural and quality entertainment initiatives; the Peace and Friendship Stadium for major scientific and professional conferences of international repute and up to 10,000 attendants;

However, a Metropolitan Convention Centre was still lacking. For that reason, it has been decided that the Tae-Kwon-Do facility on the southern coastal zone of Athens be turned into a convention and cultural centre. Enjoying a privileged location on an area that will be one of the two major seafronts of the Greek capital, it is easily accessible from the city-centre and all the important upscale hotels. Slated for completion within 2009, the Metropolitan Convention and Cultural Centre is anticipated to spread scientific knowledge throughout the

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academic and business community and link Greek businesses to international agencies and organizations. Expected to exceed the mark of 70 million euro in investment cost, the centre will cover a total area of 28,000 square metres on three levels and will be able to accommodate major international congresses, scientific conferences, cultural events and more. It will comprise a 3,000-pax hall, two amphitheatres seating 450 each, 800 seats for simultaneous meetings, a ballroom for 1,200 persons, reception areas, hygiene areas, parking and plenty of auxiliary space. In the first year of operation it will host 100 business and cultural events and is expected to exceed 200 events annually past the fifth year of operation. Visitability is estimated at 70,000 delegates in the first year, expected to reach the annual mark of 160,000 past the fifth year of operation.

More convention and cultural centres, easily accessible and capable of hosting from large-scale international events to small board meetings can be found throughout Greece, in Athens, Thessaloniki, Rhodes, Crete, Kos, Halkidiki, Volos, Metsovo, Alexandroupolis, Patra and elsewhere. Many of the country's regions with a multi-dimensional cultural, historic and natural legacy join forces to offer a broad range of congress, recreational and educational products, presenting a comparative advantage in relation to other isolated international destinations. All convention and cultural centres, as well as the hotels with meeting facilities are conveniently situated near significant sites ideal for post-conference tours.

Greece's sports infrastructure has also seen great improvements as a result of the 2004 Olympic Games. In addition to already existing sport facilities, a plethora of permanent Olympic venues were built or upgraded for the Games, such as the Olympic Equestrian Centre, a rowing and canoeing-kayaking centre, a venue for sailing events and the OAKA Olympic complex in Athens, the Pampeloponniasiako Stadium in Patras, Panthessaliki Stadium in Volos, Kaftantzoglio Stadium in Thessaloniki and Pan-kritio Stadium in Crete.

The legacy left behind by the Olympic Games comprising a broad air transportation network, newly constructed highways rapidly connecting all major cities and areas, an excellent communications network and Internet roaming services supported by leading I.S.P's for the major worldwide networks make up the contemporary image of Greece.

In island-rich Greece, the splendid natural attractions in the Aegean and Ionian Seas, the bright sunshine and minimal rainfall year-round combined with the first-class amenities aboard a cruiser or a yacht featuring conference facilities and a highly trained staff experienced in catering for all occasions, especially for corporate events, provide for a superb setting for "floating" conferences, business meetings, cultural events or formal dinners.

Offering delegates what constitutes a sine qua non in terms of organisation, infrastructure, accommodation, transport and quality, Greece, a long-time favourite and unrivalled choice for the incentive, cultural and conference planner, works its magic on any individual traveller or group.



Thessaloniki Concert Hall Organisation



Creta Maris Convention Center



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American School of Classical Studies	2130002400	2107250584	www.ascsa.edu.gr	1	370	
Arts Center at ACS	2106393341	2106393072	www.artscenter.gr	5	40-1.500	
Athens Capsis Cultural Exhibition & Conference Centre	210 6142083-5	2106142072	www.capsis.gr	8	30-230	
Athens College Theatre	2106798169	2106744676	www.haef.gr	1	830	
Athens Golf Club	2109680140	2108982497	www.agc.gr	4	250-1.800	
Athens Metropolitan Expo	210 3542900	210 3542910	www.metropolitanexpo.gr	4	100-20.000	
Athina 9.84	2103465657	2103463236	www.athina984.gr	1	300	
Athinais Cultural Center	2103480000	2103480007	www.athinais.com.gr	7	210-750	
Attica Exhibition & Congress Centre - Helexpo	2106168888	2106168800	www.helexpo.gr	4	120-400	18
Balux-Septem	2108941620	2108941189	www.papatheoharisgroup.com	3	10-300	
Cultural Centre "Hellenic Cosmos"	2122540300	2122543123	www.hellenic-cosmos.gr	8	10-1.400	
Dais Cultural & Athletic Centre	2106186060	2106186066	www.daiscenter.gr	4	18-414	
Domaine Evharis	22960 90346	22960 90151	www.evharis.gr	1	414	
Eugenides Foundation	2109469600	2109417372	www.eugenfound.edu.gr	5	30-400	
Eupolis	2106641324	2108040484	www.eupolis.gr	2	450-650	
Gaia Centre - The Gouladris Natural History Museum	2108015870	2108080674	www.gnhm.gr	1	265	
Gala Events	2108141752	2108141215	www.galaevents.gr	2	300-400	
Hellenic War Museum	2107244464	2107245838	www.warmuseum.gr	1	400	
Jockey's Country Club	210 2448090-1	2102443720	www.jockeyscountryclub.gr	3	400	
Lavrion Technological Cultural Park	2292025316	2292025749	www.ltp.ntua.gr	9	80-600	
Megaron - Athens International Conference Centre	2107282000	2107290174	www.megaron.gr	17	40-2.000	17
Museum of Cycladic Art	2107228321	2107239382	www.cycladic.gr	2	80-150	
Museum of Wine	2106644711	2106644123	www.mouseioinou.gr	1	500	
National Centre for Scientific Research "Democritos"	2106503000	2106546775	www.demokritos.gr	8	25-418	
Odos Kassandras	2103470004	2103470140	www.odoskassandras.gr	1	90-280	
Oenotria Gi	2295052213	2295052388	www.oenotria-gi.gr	3	60-550	
Onassis Cultural Centre	2109005800	2130178250	www.sgt.gr	5	10-880	16
Papachristou Cellar	2106032510	2106032511	www.kellari.gr	2	80-420	
Peace & Friendship Stadium	2104893000	2104123889	www.sef-stadium.gr	7	80-12.000	
Pentelikon Estate	21062306950-6	2108019223	www.pentelikon.gr	3	20-300	
Rodon 8	2109622481	2109650737	www.rodon8.gr	1	400	
The Hub Events	2103411009	2103452119	www.thehubevents.gr	2	120-500	
The Ionic Centre	2103246614	2103214412	www.ionic.gr	3	30-200	20
The National Hellenic Research Foundation	2107273700	2107273501	www.eie.gr	3	30-280	
Training Centre of Agricultural Bank	2106291111	2106202687	www.ate.gr	28	24-230	
Training & Conference Centre National Bank of Greece (EKETE)	210 8917100	2108917177	www.eketegr	8	25-280	
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Congress Centre of Bank of Piraeus	2310385651	2310385661	www.piraeusbank.gr	1	185	
Helexpo - International Congress Centre "Nikolaos Germanos"	2310291151	2310291674	www.helexpo.gr	4	50-400	18
Helexpo - International Congress Centre "Ioannis Vellidis"	2310291151	2310291674	www.helexpo.gr	7	2100	18
Helexpo - Corona	2310291572	2310291674	www.helexpo.gr	1	300	18
Instituto Italiano di Cultura	2310886000	2310812057	www.iicsalonicco.gr	1	100	
Interbalkan European Medical Centre	2310400000	2310471056	www.iatriko.gr	1	300	
Megaron - Thessaloniki Concert Hall	2310895800	2310895954	www.tch.gr	5	300-800	19
Modern Art Macedonian Museum of Thessaloniki	2310240002	2310281567	www.mmca.org.gr	1	190-240	
Moni Lazariston	2310 589200	2310651099	www.monilazariston.gr	2	150-650	
National Theatre of Northern Greece - Royal Theatre	2315200006	2310223447	www.ntng.gr	2	750	
Pan-Hellenic Confederation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (PASEGES)	2310.474.022	2310474087	www.paseges.gr	1	250	
Polis Convention Centre	2392072980	2392072068	www.polisconvention.gr	10	54-1250	
Society of Macedonian Studies	2310271195	2310271501	www.ems.gr	1	250	
Technology Park of Thessaloniki	2310498200	2310498280	www.thestep.gr	3	25-150	
Telogion Foundation of Art Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	2310991601	2310991610	www.if.auth.gr	1	180	
The Aristotle University - Main Aula	2310995208	2310995212	www.eadp.ad.auth.gr	1	1.100	
The Vafopoulio Culture Centre	2310 424132-3	2310281567	www.cultureguide.gr	2	150	
Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce & Industry	2310370132	2310970136	www.ebeth.gr	3	60-220	
Thessaloniki Port Authority	2310593355	2310510500	www.thpa.gr	5	80-1000	
• Chalkidiki						
Cultural & Conference Centre	2372350121	2372023062	www.amaia.gr	1	400	
• Kastoria						
Edika's Conference Centre	24670 27774	2467027772	www.edika.gr/conference	2	350-450	
• Kavala						
Batis Multiplex	2510245918	2510245690	www.batis-sa.gr	1	600	
• Veria						
Municipal Conference Centre & Theatre of Veria	2331078100	2331027914	www.veriaculture.gr	2	250-600	
Municipal Enterprise for Local, Cultural & Social Development	2 331 078 100	2331027914	www.veriaculture.gr	1	200	
• Edessa						
Alexander the Great Conference Centre	2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	3	60-230	

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Mitropoli Conference Centre	2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	5	50-280	
Pella Conference Centre	2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	3	50-290	
Waterfalls of Edessa Municipal Enterprise - WEME	2381020300	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	6	60-230	
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Achaia Clauss	2610580100	2610325051		2	100-600	
Conference & Cultural Centre of the University of Patras	2610993999	2610994999	www.confer.upatras.gr	12	120-2.000	
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Cultural Center of Dimitsana	2795032111	2795032131	www.spkd.gr	3	50-200	
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Cultural Centre of Argolida	2752027153	2752028607	www.nafpio.gr	1	220	
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Pantazis Royal Conference Center	2751068500	2751068501	www.pantazis.gr	8	5-1.800	
Trianon Cinema - Conference Hall	2752027153	2752028607	www.nafpio.gr	1	220	
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Creta Maris Convention Center	2897027000	2897022130	www.maris.gr	13	50-1.800	
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• Corfu						
Ionic Cultural Centre	2661028337	2661036257	www.anedk.gr	1	100	
• Rhodes						
Grand Masters Medieval Castle	2241030113	2241029695		1	100	
• Kos						
International Hippocrates Foundation of Kos	2242024460	2242021111	www.ihgk.gr	1	350	
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Athens *cradle of civi*



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Named after Athena, goddess of wisdom and knowledge, Athens is generally considered to be the cradle of Western civilisation. Once the glory of the classical world, the city still pulses with life and holds a great fascination for large numbers of visitors arriving year-round, especially from spring to fall.



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Location

Home to nearly 5,000,000 people, Athens is an important political, social, cultural and economic centre in the Balkans and Southeast Europe. Located in east-central Greece, Attica, the country's most populated region known as Greater Athens or Attica basin, is surrounded by the mountains of Hymettus in the east, Pendeli and Parnes in the north, the low hills of Mt Aegaleo in the west and the Saronic coastline south-west. Attica comprises the capital, Athens, the adjacent port city and commercial centre of Piraeus, the picturesque Saronic islands of Aegina, Poros, Hydra and Spetses, the wine-producing region of Messogia in the east and a number of smaller towns and municipalities in the west.

Transportation

Travel to and from Athens is very easy. The selection of Athens as the 2004 Olympic assisted in the completion of many infrastructure projects with emphasis on the transportation sector, including the modernisation of road and rail links between Athens and the rest of mainland Greece. The Egnatia Highway, a 680-kilometre four-lane motorway runs from Greece's west coast in the Ionian Sea all the way to the Turkish border in the east, featuring some 85 kilometres of bridges and tunnels. Major infrastructure changes have transformed the city of Athens, including 120 kilometres of new, modern roads, 90 km of upgraded roads, 40 fly-over bridges, 135 km Metro lines, a 23.7 km Tram network, parking lots in central locations with accompanying new management systems, modern train stations and a new, ultra-modern Traffic Management Centre, making the city easier to navigate and more enjoyable for even casual tourists. Athens' Tram system is modern and clean, impressive and peppy. The futuristic, Italian designed carriages run from the heart of the capital to the coastal suburbs, offering a good inexpensive tour of the coastline, all the public and pay beaches on the capital's southern coastal zone. The Athens state-of-the-art subway system consists of two lines radiating in four directions along 77 kilometers of track- including the Athens railway - from Syntagma Square, in central Athens, serving 45 stations and over 500,000 commuters daily. One of the Metro's striking features is the underground "station museums" displaying 5th century BC artefacts that were excavated by crews during the project and incorporated into the walls of the stations. Air travel has been made more appealing with the March 2001 opening of the Athens International Airport. Located just 20kms east of Athens, the new airport features state-of-the-art facilities for the comfort and security of 16 million passengers per year and it is linked with Athens by a recently constructed major freeway. Regular public bus, light rail and cab services give easy access to every part of the capital, facilitated by a number of newly constructed ring-roads, another bequest of the Olympics. Ferry schedules to and from all the Aegean islands are carried out daily from the Attica ports of Piraeus, Rafina and Lavrio.

*Athens
is the birthplace
of democracy*

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History

Named after Athena, goddess of wisdom, ancient Athens is considered to be the cradle of Western civilisation. Some scholars date the earliest traces of settlement found on the Acropolis as far back as 5000 BC. The Ionian kings who ruled Athens until c.1000 BC were replaced by an aristocratic regime that governed rigidly until 594 BC. At that time Solon legislated liberal reforms abolishing serfdom, modifying harsh laws, altering the economy and the constitution thus establishing a limited democracy. Building on the system of Solon, in c.506 BC Cleisthenes established a democracy for the freemen of Athens, which was retained during the era of the city's greatness.

Emerging victorious from the Persian Wars (500-449 BC), Athens became the strongest Greek city-state, enjoying a cultural explosion that lasted until the Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC), which eventually signalled the city's downfall. The rise of the Macedonian power heralded the demise of Athens, which was defeated by Philip II at Chaeronea in 338 BC. Nevertheless, despite troubled times in the Peloponnesian Wars and the wars against the Macedonians, Athenian achievements in philosophy, drama and art continued even when the city's glory faded in the 3rd century BC. The city's cultural legacy conquered the world as Hellenistic culture.

During the Byzantine period, Athens became a provincial capital and the centre of religious learning and devotion, to be seized by the Turks in 1546, three years after the fall of Constantinople. One year after the last Turks were driven from the Acropolis in 1833, the small town of Athens became the capital of modern Greece and hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. More recently, Athens was occupied by Italian and German forces during World War II.

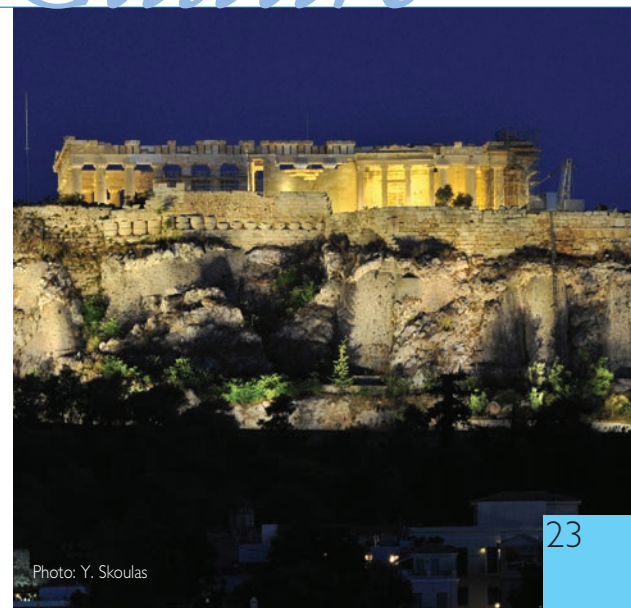


History & Culture

Sightseeing & Monuments

The organisation of the Athens 2004 Olympics brought some welcome improvements to Athens and the ancient capital reclaimed much of its former beauty. The city underwent a multi-million-euro "face lift" with building facades painted in fresh colours, unsightly billboards removed, sidewalks repaved, new pedestrian precincts made, hundreds of thousands of trees and flowers planted, lighting installed on all historic buildings, parks and squares redeveloped.

The city's major ancient sites are linked in a vast pedestrian network, a modern Panathenaic Way closed to all vehicles but public transport, starting at the site of the new Acropolis Museum and eventually reaching the ruins of ancient Eleusis 22 kilometres away. A 1.7 kilometre stretch of tarmac from the Roman Arch of Hadrian to the classical Dipylon Gate, paved in Cycladic marble and stone, is the walkway in the heart of a web extending from the site of the first modern Olympics to the overgrown foundation of Plato's Academy, four kilometres to the west. Walkways link the Temple of Olympian Zeus with the Acropolis, the Philopappos Hill, the ancient and Roman Agora, Hadrian's Library and



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monuments



Kerameikos cemetery with all six sites spruced up, the ancient structures conserved and restored to a degree. No trip to Athens would be complete without a visit to the sacred rock of the Acropolis, an obvious choice for a fortress and sanctuary in ancient times. Located at the entrance of the the network of pedestrian walkways at less than 1,000 feet southeast of the Parthenon, the New Acropolis Museum houses the most dramatic sculptures of Greek antiquity. Providing 14,000 square meters of exhibition space, the glass-steel-cement building - designed by New York-based architect Bernard Tschumi - provides a permanent home to approximately 4,000 artifacts, archaeological treasures from the rock of the Acropolis. According to the National Statistical Service of Greece, the number of visitors to Greek museums jumped by 41 per cent in 2009, a hike largely due to the opening of the new Acropolis museum, a major pole of attraction that brought in over 800,000 people.

Athens boasts over 50 museums, including the National Archaeological Museum that houses more masterpieces of ancient art than any other in the world, with exhibits spanning some 7,000 years. The Benaki Museum, the Byzantine Museum and the National Gallery are well worth a visit.

Not far from the capital, there are many attractions in Attica that are ideal destinations for leisurely day trips. Popular destinations include the 11th-century Kaisariani Monastery, the battleground, tomb and museum at Marathon, the archaeological site of Ramnous and the splendid Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion.

People & Lifestyle

Gregarious, hospitable and relaxed, Athenians enjoy life to the full. As in any other major city, the visitor will come across people from all walks of life, most of whom are very friendly and willing to offer assistance.

Late at night, people are out all over the city, and this is one of the first things that strikes visitors. The excellent climate allows Athenians to indulge in their favourite pastime - socialising outdoors nearly all the year round. All over the city there are coffee shops and snack bars ranging from very basic to very chic. Visitors will be surprised and charmed by the energy with which Athenians engage in conversation about politics, football and, perhaps not unsurprisingly, philosophy.

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Cultural Events

Cultural events including dance and theatre, recitals, concerts, international trade shows, conferences and symposia, public lectures, gallery exhibits, sports events and marathons are an integral part of life in this bustling cosmopolitan capital. On any summer night there are outdoor concerts from popular rocks stars to classical music, ballet, Byzantine music, the Acropolis sound and Light and the Dora Stratou Dancers. Built in 161 BC, the Odeon of Herod Atticus at the foot

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of the Acropolis can accommodate up to 5000 spectators, providing one of the most important open-air venues for staging the annual Athens Festival which features music concerts and dance troupes from around the world. Superb performances of ancient and modern drama are staged at the Herod Atticus Theatre. The National Theatre of Greece stages drama performances in modern Greek with English translations provided. Undoubtedly the pride and joy of the city's cultural life, the Athens Concert Hall (Megaron) comprises a modern theatre, concert and conference hall with spacious reception areas, exhibition space and a 500-seat recital hall. The Megaron Hall is a 2,000-seat auditorium hosting operatic, dance and drama performances almost daily. Perched high on its namesake hill in the centre of the city, the 4,000-seat open-air Lycabettus amphitheatre hosts a variety of concerts by contemporary jazz and pop artists, as well as chamber orchestras, mainly during the summer. The open-air Dora Stratou Theatre on Filopappou Hill provides the venue for traditional Greek dances performed by the internationally acclaimed company from May to September.

Natural Environment

The city's mild climatic conditions and its privileged location offer visitors the pleasures of enjoying both the sea and the nearby mountains. Numerous blue-flag awarded sandy beaches can be easily reached from the centre of Athens by bus, taxi or car. Mt. Hymettus and Mt. Parnes offer excellent walks and hikes. Famous in ancient times for its marble and honey, Mt. Hymettus is also the site of the enchanting 'Koutouki' cave with its marvellous stalactites and stalagmites. Visitors to Mt. Parnes may be fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of wild deer that still roam parts of the pine- and fir-clad mountain.

Sports & Leisure

In the past two decades sports in Greece went through a major revival with a large number of modern sports facilities constructed in and around the capital. Nevertheless, the city's sports infrastructure has seen great improvements as a result of the 2004 Olympic Games that were hosted in Athens. In addition to the existing plethora of sports facilities, one big sports complex was built for the Olympics 2004, where judo and fencing were hosted. It is located on the site of a former horse racetrack at Faliron Bay and its post-Olympic use is that of a state-of-the-art conference centre. The coastal Aghios Kosmas National Youth Athletic Centre, a 78-hectare area that superbly hosted the 2004 Olympics sailing event, has undergone extensive improvements with upgrades including an expansion of the centres housing up to 204 beds. The nearly 20-year-old Athens Olympic Sports complex in the northern Athens suburb of Maroussi, including a 75000-seat Olympic Stadium, has also been upgraded. For golf aficionados there is an 18-hole golf course at the affluent seaside suburb of



Sports & Leisure



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Glyfada. The endless list of available sporting and leisure activities includes tennis, gliding, horse-riding, bird-watching, sailing, skin-diving, water-skiing, hiking and bowling.

Athens is the Mediterranean capital with the most "blue flags" for its marinas and beaches. In the summer, when the days are long, most of the capital's inhabitants ride the tram or one of the many city buses and head for a refreshing swim after a long day's work. Most of the beaches lining Athens are very well organized, complete with lounge chairs, umbrellas, snack-bars and facilities for water sports, all for a nominal entrance fee.

Well known for its leisure industry, the capital offers plenty of opportunity for fun, pleasure and relaxation at several adventure parks and amusement theme parks with rides and adrenaline filled attractions, roller coasters, bumper cars, rafting and the largest Ferris wheel in the Balkans.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Athens is virtually a paradise for night owls. Whether you start with dinner and then hit the clubs or begin with a couple of drinks before making your way to one of the many live music establishments, the city is sure to keep you entertained until the early hours. There are giant indoor-outdoor discos and clubs where famous Greek singers perform nightly to packed houses. In the winter, Athens club scene comes alive with shows ranging from blues-rock-jazz to traditional popular music and, naturally, punk-rap. In summer in particular, it appears that everyone is out on the town. The seaside resorts of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza and the northern suburb of Kifissia are especially popular and provide a cool respite from the city.

But choice is not limited to bars and clubs. There are countless coffee shops that are open all day until late at night, tavernas, restaurants, theatres and cinemas (both indoor and outdoor).



Gastronomy & Shopping

Gastronomy & Shopping



Athenians, like most Greeks, view dining out late in the evening as one of their main forms of entertainment. Literally thousands of traditional tavernas serving delicious, inexpensive food can be found throughout Athens and Attica. In addition, there are hundreds of restaurants, ranging from small, cosy bistros to ultra chic establishments, serving a wide variety of local and international cuisine. And of course there is the ubiquitous Greek souvlaki!

Athens has an impressive variety of goods on offer, from top designer labels and exquisite jewellery to rugs, carpets and high quality leather goods. A large section of the city centre is now for pedestrians only, making shopping a real treat. Ermou has always been one of Athens' busiest shopping streets and is packed with clothing, accessory and quality souvenir stores. Nearby Voukourestiou has some fine jewellery shops and the district of Kolonaki is decidedly chic with

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boutiques of top Greek fashion designers with successful international careers in Paris, New York and Milan.

The downtown Monastiraki area encompassing the Flea Market is one of the most fascinating areas in Athens, with scores of tiny shops selling everything imaginable - souvenirs, copper pans, icons, ceramics, old coins, battered furniture, bags and shawls, folk art, etc.

Monastiraki lies next to the Plaka, the old quarters of Athens at the foot of the Acropolis. With its winding narrow streets, neo-classical houses, tavernas, souvenir shops and old-world charm, the Plaka is undoubtedly one of the most attractive areas of the city.

Conference Facilities

Athens has been the choice of Professional Congress Organisers who have long ago been aware of the advantages involved in holding events in the Greek capital. Advanced infrastructures equipped with the latest technologies for meetings and congresses, air and land transport facilities, a hotel network that is among the best in the world and a climate that is very attractive to congress-goers, are just a few of the factors that have made Athens a success story in the field.

The decision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to hold the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens energised a nation imbued with the historic memory of the Olympics of ancient times. Millions of visitors to Greece and billions of TV-viewers enjoyed a unique celebration of sports and culture on a more human scale, linking the ancient with the modern, when the Games returned to their birthplace in August 2004.

The smashing success of the Olympic and Paralympic Games did not only prove the city's immense capacity of organising major international events, it also left a legacy behind such as a great number of prestigious conference venues: Due to its amphitheatric shape and amazing acoustics, the Olympic Weightlifting Centre in Nikaia is slated to be used for cultural events and conferences, while the big sports complex built on the site of the former racetrack at Faliron Bay – on the southern coastal zone of Athens - will also be used as a state-of-the-art conference centre. In the Ano Liosia area, in the western suburbs of Athens, the Olympic Wrestling and Judo Center, with a 9,400-seat capacity, is converted into a conference and cultural venue centre. The Olympic Center for Rhythmic Gymnastics and Table Tennis in Galatsi (northeast of the centre of Athens), with 6,000 seat capacity, will be utilized for sports, cultural events, and conferences.

In the Municipality of Markopoulo, in eastern Attica, the Olympic Equestrian Center along with the Olympic Shooting Center are slated to operate as reception areas for amateur sports, cultural events, and to serve as conference centres, as well as recreational and tourist areas.

Olympic-related renovation fever and major investment also brought great changes in the accommodation sector. Backed by almost half a century of

experience in hosting international visitors, as well as the reputation for Greek hospitality, major hotel chains and medium-to-small size units in the Greek capital have undergone extensive upgrades and renovation. Almost all units have obtained a professional makeover, targeting eclectic tourists and above all business travellers and conference organisers. Executive floors, business centres and the concept of "an office in your hotel room" have become almost standard features for Athens hotels.

Committed to satisfy the growing global interest in Athens as a meetings destination and determined to accommodate the needs of the international meetings industry, the City of Athens established in March 2008 the Athens Convention Bureau (ACB), as a division of the Athens Tourism & Economic Development Company which is the official tourism board of the city.

Athens is a dynamic city that matches upper-market conference infrastructure with its milestone monuments and glorious history, peaceful and safe atmosphere, strategic geographical position between three continents, gastronomy, markets and nightlife, modern services, traditional hospitality and inspiring working environment due to its climate and natural beauties. It can offer delegates what constitutes a sine qua non in terms of organisation, infrastructure, accommodation, transport and quality, which will certainly surprise and spoil the visitor. Choosing Athens for staging congresses and incentives is a sound investment and an assurance for the success of any event.



Conference Facilities



Attica-Athens

Convention Centres & Hotels with Conference facilities



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* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Aegli S.A.		2103369300	2103252952	www.aeglizappiou.gr	4	50-550	
American School of Classical Studies		2130002400	2107250584	www.ascsa.edu.gr	1	370	
Arts Center at ACS		2106393341	2106393072	www.artscenter.gr	5	40-1.500	
Athens Capsis Cultural Exhibition & Conference Centre		210 6142083-5	2106142072	www.capsis.gr	8	30-230	
Athens College Theatre		2106798169	2106744676	www.haef.gr	1	830	
Athens Golf Club		2109680140	2108982497	www.agc.gr	4	250-1.800	
AthensMetropolitan Expo		210 3542900	210 3542910	www.metropolitanexpo.gr	4	100-20.000	
Athina 9.84		2103465657	2103463236	www.athina984.gr	1	300	
Athinais Cultural Center		2103480000	2103480007	www.athinais.com.gr	7	210-750	
Attica Exhibition & Congress Centre - Helexpo		2106168888	2106168800	www.helexpo.gr	4	120-400	18
Balux-Septem		2108941620	2108941189	www.papathocharisgroup.com	3	10-300	
Cultural Centre "Hellenic Cosmos"		2122540300	2122543123	www.hellenic-cosmos.gr	8	10-1.400	
Dais Cultural & Athletic Centre		2106186060	2106186066	www.daiscenter.gr	4	18-414	
Domaine Evharis		22960 90346	22960 90151	www.evharis.gr	1	414	
Eugenides Foundation		2109469600	2109417372	www.eugenfound.edu.gr	5	30-400	
Eupolis		2106641324	2108040484	www.eupolis.gr	2	450-650	
Gaia Centre - The Gouladris Natural History Museum		2108015870	2108080674	www.gnhm.gr	1	265	
Gala Events		2108141752	2108141215	www.galaevents.gr	2	300-400	
Hellenic War Museum		2107244464	2107245838	www.warmuseum.gr	1	400	
Jockey's Country Club		210 2448090-1	2102443720	www.jockeyscountryclub.gr	3	400	
Lavrion Technological Cultural Park		2292025316	2292025749	www.ltp.ntua.gr	9	80-600	
Megaron - Athens International Conference Centre		2107282000	2107290174	www.megaron.gr	17	40-2.000	17
Museum of Cycladic Art		2107228321	2107239382	www.cycladic.gr	2	80-150	
Museum of Wine		2106644711	2106644123	www.mouseionou.gr	1	500	
National Centre for Scientific Research "Democritos"		2106503000	2106546775	www.demokritos.gr	8	25-418	
Odos Kassandras		2103470004	2103470140	www.odoskassandras.gr	1	90-280	
Oenotria Gi		2295052213	2295052388	www.oenotria-gi.gr	3	60-550	
Onassis Cultural Centre		2109005800	2130178250	www.sgt.gr	5	10-880	16
Papachristou Cellar		2106032510	2106032511	www.kellari.gr	2	80-420	
Peace & Friendship Stadium		2104893000	2104123889	www.sef-stadium.gr	7	80-12.000	
Pentelikon Estate		21062306950-6	2108019223	www.pentelikon.gr	3	20-300	
Rodon 8		2109622481	2109650737	www.rodon8.gr	1	400	
The Hub Events		2103411009	2103452119	www.thehubevents.gr	2	120-500	
The Ionic Centre		2103246614	2103214412	www.ionic.gr	3	30-200	20
The National Hellenic Research Foundation		2107273700	2107273500	www.eie.gr	3	30-280	
Training Centre of Agricultural Bank		2106291111	2106202687	www.ate.gr	28	24-230	
Training & Conference Centre National Bank of Greece (EKETE)		2108917100	2108917177	www.ekete.gr	8	25-280	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Classical Acropol	L	2105282100	2105231361	www.classicalhotels.com	6	15-350	
Athenaeum InterContinental Athens	L	2109206000	2109206500	www.intercontinental.com	12	18-2500	
Athenian Callirhoe Exclusive Hotel	L	2109215353-7	2109215342	www.tac.gr	4	15-120	
Athens Electra Palace	L	2103370000	2103241875	www.electrahotels.gr	5	50-280	
Athens Imperial Hotel	L	2105201600	2105225521	www.classicalhotels.com	15	20-650	
Athens Holiday Inn	L	2107278000	2107278600	www.hiathens.com	13	20-450	
Athens Ledra Hotel	L	2109300000	2109358603	www.athensledrahotel.com	4	120-620	30
Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre	L	2106689000	2106689500	www.hiathens.com	14	1.000	
Divani Caravel	L	2107207000	2107236683	www.divanicaravel.gr	19	12-1000	
G.R. Louis Athens Hotel	L	2106415000	2106466361	www.grlouis.com	1	100	
Hilton Athens	L	2107281000	2107281111	www.athens.hilton.com	20	20-2000	
Hotel Grande Bretagne	L	2103330000	2103228034	www.grandebretagne.gr	11	80-600	31
Life Gallery Athens	L	2106260400	2106229353	www.bluegr.com	2	15-110	
King George Palace	L	2103222210	2103250504	www.classicalhotels.com	5	70-410	
Metropolitan Hotel	L	2109471000	2109471010	www.chandris.gr	8	480	
N.J.V. Athens Plaza Hotel	L	2103352400	2103235856	www.njvathensplaza.gr	4	50-200	32
Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens	L	2108894500	2108238420	www.athensparkhotel.gr	9	100-400	33
Residence Georgio Hotel	L	2103320100	2103320200	www.residencegeorgio.com	2	15-100	
Royal Olympic Hotel	L	2109288400	2109233317	www.royalolympic.com	11	30-700	
Semiramis Hotel	L	2106284400	2106284499	www.semiramisathens.com	1	150	
Sofitel Athens Airport Hotel	L	2103544400	2103544444	www.sofitel-athens-airport.com	9	16-600	37
St. George Lycabettus	L	2107290711-9	2107290439	www.sglycabettus.gr	7	25-350	
Airotel Alexandros Hotel	A	2106430464	2106441084	www.airotel.gr	3	60-110	
Airotel Parthenon Hotel	A	2109234594-8	2109235797	www.airotel.gr	2	45-150	
Airotel Stratos Vassilikos Hotel	A	2107706611-5	2107708137	www.airotel.gr	5	70-340	
Amalia Hotel	A	2103237301-9	2103223872	www.amalia.gr	3	70-300	
Athens Atrium Hotel	A	2109319300	2109319305	www.athensatrium.gr	2	40-100	



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Astor Hotel	A	2103351000	2103255115	www.astorhotel.gr	2	120	
Best Western Esperia Palace Hotel	A	2103238000	2103238100	www.esperiahotel.com.gr	3	90-250	
Best Western Ilisia Hotel	A	2107244051-6	2107241847	www.ilisiahotel.gr	3	100	
Fresh Hotel Athens	A	2105248511	2105248517	www.freshhotel.gr	3	20-140	
Golden Age Hotel	A	2107240861	2107213965	www.goldenage.gr	6	20-350	
Jason Prime Hotel	A	2105233030	2105234593	www.douros-hotels.com	3	10-110	
Ilissos Hotel	A	2109202000	2109215371	www.ilissos.gr	4	30-110	
Kaningos 21 Design Hotel	A	2103300775	2103300771	www.kaningos21.gr	1	10-250	
Novotel Athenes Hotel	A	2108200700	2108200777	www.novotel.com	10	15-800	36
Polis Grand Hotel	A	210 5243156-9	2105233688	www.polisgrandhotel.gr	2	100	
President Hotel	A	2106989000	2106924900	www.president.gr	7	60-550	
Stanley Hotel	A	210 5241611-8	2105244611	www.hotelstanley.gr	1	60-300	
Titania Hotel	A	2103326200	2103300700	www.titania.gr	17	50-750	
Zafolia Hotel	A	2106449012	2106442042	www.zafoliahotel.gr	2	60-200	
City Plaza Hotel	B	2108225111-5	2108225116	www.city-plaza-athens.com	2	25-80	
Oscar Hotel	B	2108834215-9	2108216368	www.oscar.gr	3	60-120	
Central Athens	C	2103234357	2103225244	www.centralhotel.gr	4	20-100	

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Divani Palace Acropolis	L	2109280100	2109214993	www.divaniacropolis.gr	7	60-450	
Divani Apollon Palace & SPA	L	2108911100	2109658010	www.divaniapollon.gr	6	40-1200	
Grand Resort Lagonissi	L	2291076000	2291024534	www.grandresort.gr	11	15-1600	34-35
Grecotel Cape Sounio Hotel	L	2292069700	2292069770	www.grecotel.gr	7	80-560	
Pentelikon	L	2106230650-6	2108010314	www.pentelikon.gr	6	20-300	
Plaza Resort Hotel	L	2291075000	2291075200	www.plaza-resort.com	9	20-400	
The Margi	L	2108929000	2108960229	www.themargi.gr	2	200-460	
The Westin Athens Astir Palace Beach Resort	L	2108902000	2108962582	www.astir-palace.com	19	50-1000	
Aegeon Beach Hotel	A	2292039200	2292039234	www.aegeon-hotel.com	1	100	
Amarilia Hotel	A	2108990391	2108955790	www.amarilia.gr	3	70-200	
Aquamarina Hotel	A	2294077555	2294077233	www.aquamarina.gr	2	30-120	
Armonia Hotel	A	2108914700	2108914800	www.armonia.gr	4	30-400	
Avra Hotel	A	2294022780	2294023320	www.hotelavra.gr	3	180	
Best Western Fenix Hotel	A	2108914000	2108914099	www.fenix.gr	3	60-250	39
Best Western Premiere Coral Hotel	A	2109816441	2109831207	www.coralhotel.gr	4	50-200	
Blazer Suites	A	2109658801-7	2109658808	www.blazersuites.gr	1	100	
Cabo Verde Hotel	A	2294033111	2294033112	www.caboverde.gr	2	15-100	
Club Med Athenia	A	2109301191-3	2109301199	www.clubmed.com	5	54-320	
Congo Palace Hotel	A	2108946711	2108946719	www.congopalace.gr	3	350	38
Dolphin Resort Hotel	A	2295085560-2	2295085563	www.dolphinhotel.gr	1	300	
Eden Beach Resort Hotel	A	2291060031	2291060043	www.eden.gr	4	30-200	
Elefsina Hotel	A	2105589700	2105562924	www.elefsinahotel.gr	2	50-400	
Emmantina Hotel	A	2108980683	2108948110	www.emmantina.gr	1	130	
Kinetta Beach Hotel	A	2296065080-5	2296065086	www.kinettabeach.gr	2	80-300	
Mati Hotel	A	2294033524	2294034811	www.matihotel.gr	1	90	
Oasis Hotel Apartments	A	2108941555	2108941724	www.oasishotel.gr	2	70-120	
Plaza Vouliagmeni Strand Hotel	A	2109670196-8	2109670139	www.plaza-vouliagmeni.com	2	20-50	
Poseidon Hotel	A	2109872000	2109829217	www.poseidonhotel.com.gr	5	50-250	
Mistral Hotel	B	2104117150	2104122096	www.mistral.gr	2	300	
Savoy Hotel	B	2104284580	2104284588	www.savoyhotel.gr	3	100-220	
The John's Hotel	B	2108946837	2108980210	www.johns.gr	1	150	

Poros

* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Poros Image Hotel	A	2298022216-8	2298025725	www.porosimage.gr	1	200	
Sirene Blue Resort	A	2298022741	2298022744	www.sireneblueresort.gr	1	350	
New Aegli	B	2298022372	2298024345	www.newaegli.com	1	80	

Spetses

* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Nissia Traditional Residences	A	2298075000-11	2289075012	www.nissia.gr	1	75	
Spetses Hotel	A	2298072602-4	2298072494	www.spetseshotel.gr	2	100	

Hydra

HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Bratsera Traditional Settlement	A	2298053970	2298053626	www.bratserahotel.com	1	110	
Hydroussa Hydra Hotel	B	2298052400	2298052161	www.hydroussahotel.gr	1	100	



ATHENS LEDRA HOTEL

Comfort, Service and Pleasure



Location

The Athens Ledra Hotel is conveniently located on Athens main thoroughfare, just 10 minutes from the city center, near the heart of Athens. Our shuttle bus can take you to the Parthenon, or to the old city of Athens (Plaka), where you can spend the day walking through its small side street for shopping or dining. At the same time the hotel is only 15 minutes from the port of Piraeus, 10 minutes from the ancient Olympic stadium and 45 minutes from the airport.



Accommodation

Comfort, Service and Pleasure are the three key words that capture style and ambience of the Athens Ledra Hotel. It has always been our goal to make each space absolutely functional, aesthetically unique and adaptable to our guests' requirements. Each one of our 34 square meters standard guestroom's reflects discreet taste and accessible luxury. The luxury suites have taken on a whole new meaning. Comfortable, functional and infused with a discreet sense of elegance which offer an unparalleled stay in room services, high speed Internet access, free satellite TV, safety deposit boxes and direct dial telephone with voice mail.

Facilities & Services

Dining at the Athens Ledra Hotel is an experience for taste buds; our award winning Polynesian Restaurant has been the beloved meeting place of many well-known personalities. Fans come back again and again for our repertoire of Polynesian, Thai and Chinese specialties. The Zephyros Restaurant welcomes you with the Mediterranean aromas, with Greek and other treasured recipes from the Mediterranean coast. The Crystal Lounge with a sky of crystals unfolds above the impressive lounge. Take a short break with a cup of coffee and something sweet and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere. From April to October you can enjoy the spectacular views of Athens and the Acropolis from our roof top Panorama pool bar. Relax by the pool and under the sun and enjoy imaginative thirst quenching cocktails. Our 24 hour Health Club has world class Cybex equipment, available only for hotel guests. At the Business Center we fully cover all the needs and demands of business people by providing 24 hour service.

Conference Facilities

The Athens Ledra Hotel is fully equipped for all multifunctional meetings and events. The hotel can hold any type of major conferences, with its unique service, an in-house audiovisual department and offers a total of 1694 sq. meters of ballroom space. The well trained staff with the attentiveness and high standards of quality gives the experienced meeting and event planners a high level of comfort. For years, the Athens Ledra Hotel has organized outside catering receptions in the most creative ways. It has a stunning choice of beautifully appointed outdoor and indoor venues to accommodate any type of reception or event according to your requirements.

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATER (persons)	SCHOOLROOM (persons)	CONFERENCE (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)
MEDITERRANEAN					
GRAND BALLROOM	420	620	350	120	90
PRE-FUNCTION AREA					
G. BALLROOM	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AEGEAN BALLROOM	336	460	200	80	65
PRE-FUNCTION AREA AEGEAN	224	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MYCONOS/DELOS (COMBINED)	128	120	70	50	35
MYCONOS-DELOS VERANDA	240	-	-	-	-
RODOS A.B. & C (COMBINED)	198	150	100	66	55
PRE-FUNCTION AREA RODOS	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET / DINNER DANCE (persons)	RECEPTION (persons)
MEDITERRANEAN			
GRAND BALLROOM	420	520 / 410 – 450	800
PRE-FUNCTION AREA			
G. BALLROOM	100	N/A	200
AEGEAN BALLROOM	336	300 / 260	500
PRE-FUNCTION AREA AEGEAN	224	N/A	200
MYCONOS/DELOS (COMBINED)	128	90 / 60	120
MYCONOS-DELOS VERANDA	240	160	200
RODOS A.B. & C (COMBINED)	198	190 / 150	220
PRE-FUNCTION AREA RODOS	48	N/A	40
PANORAMA ROOFTOP	-	160	250

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Athens

Eternal elegance at the heart of Europe's historic capital



Location

Located in the heart of Athens as well as within walking distance of exclusive shopping areas and museums, the Hotel Grande Bretagne enjoys the ideal location in the city centre. This eight story 19th-century building exudes wealth and refinement from the first impression while it has been repeatedly awarded by significant international communities.

Concierge Exclusive

The renowned Acropolis is located within walking distance of 1.0 km from the Hotel Grande Bretagne; Plaka is the old historical neighborhood of Athens clustered around the northern and eastern slopes of the Acropolis. The "Monastiraki Flea Market" is the place where the utmost hand-made selection of souvenirs can be observed.

Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (M2)	THEATRE (Persons)	CONFERENCE (Persons)	CLASSROOM (Persons)	U-SHAPE (Persons)	HOLLOW SQUARE (Persons)
The Grand Ballroom	438,9	450	-	216	100	110
The Grand Ballroom A	146,3	100	36	84	33	42
The Grand Ballroom B	146,3	100	36	84	33	42
The Grand Ballroom C	146,3	100	36	84	33	42
The Golden Room	311,3	300	-	156	75	84
The Golden Room A	825	60	24	33	30	36
The Golden Room B	825	60	24	33	30	36
The Golden Room C	825	60	24	33	30	36
The Golden Room D	638	50	22	24	25	28
The Royal Room	143	84	30	60	45	60
The Athenian Hall	96	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill's	23	-	12	-	-	-
The Boardroom	40	-	15	-	-	-
Chairman's	27	-	12	-	-	-
Diplomat's	27	-	12	-	-	-

Accommodation

With meticulous attention to detail, the 320 rooms and suites marry charming old-world elegance with state-of-the-art facilities whereas the 61 suites enjoy additional benefits including personalised Butler Service.

All of the beautifully appointed accommodations capture the essence of gracious hospitality with nightly turndown service, shoe shine service, well-stocked refreshment centers, indulgent bathroom toiletries, pure cotton bathrobes, plush slippers and refreshing bottles of water. The hotel also offers valet laundry service, 24-hour room service, 24-hour concierge and babysitting.

Facilities & Services

Guests can indulge themselves within the multi-awarded GB Spa as well as experience the utmost dining service within the GB Roof Garden which is ideal for a romantic rooftop meal, the Winter Garden which is renowned for its afternoon high tea or even the GB Pool Bar. The awarded Alexander's Bar is where guests may linger over a classic cocktail or exquisite cognac and the Alexander's Cigar Lounge is the utmost relaxed setting to enjoy premium cigars, cognacs and liquors.

Conference Facilities

The Hotel Grande Bretagne is the ultimate choice for refined business meetings and lavish social events. Featuring over 1,100 square meters of exquisite function space, the hotel offers the Grand Ballroom, Golden Room, Royal Room, Athenian Hall and its smaller meeting rooms: Boardroom, Churchill's, Chairman's, Diplomat's, and the Executive Room.

Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (M2)	BANQUET (Persons)	RECEPTION (Persons)	DINNER DANCE (Persons)
The Grand Ballroom	438,9	408	500	372
The Grand Ballroom A	146,3	132	150	108
The Grand Ballroom B	146,3	132	150	108
The Grand Ballroom C	146,3	132	150	108
The Golden Room	311,3	252	300	240
The Golden Room A	825	60	75	60
The Golden Room B	825	60	75	60
The Golden Room C	825	60	75	60
The Golden Room D	638	48	40	-
The Royal Room	143	96	120	96
The Athenian Hall	96	-	100	-
Churchill's	23	-	-	-
The Boardroom	40	-	-	-
Chairman's	27	-	-	-
Diplomat's	27	-	-	-



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N.J.V. ATHENS PLAZA

HOTEL

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Location

NJV Athens Plaza, one of the most luxurious downtown Athens hotels, enjoys the magical view of the Acropolis and has the undisputable advantage of the ideal location. Being just a breath away from the biggest commercial streets of Athens, the historical district and from banks, businesses, museums, cultural centers, restaurants, bars and clubs this luxurious Athens center hotel will become your favorite getaway, whether you are in town for business or leisure. Additionally, within seconds you can hop on a bus, trolley, the metro or the tram and reach every neighborhood and suburb of the city.

Accommodation

Spacious, bright and fully equipped guest-rooms
NJV Athens Plaza features 159 spacious, bright and fully equipped double and single guestrooms, allocated on all floors and divided into the following categories, based on their amenities: Classic, Superior and Deluxe.
NJV Athens Plaza features the most luxu-

rious suites of the Greek capital. Elegant, spacious, fully equipped, will all the amenities and services that someone is expecting from a luxury hotel: incomparable hospitality of higher standards, unique customer service and true comfort. The suites are divided into the following categories, based on their amenities: Junior, Executive, Deluxe and Presidential.

Facilities & Services

In the hotel's lobby, visitors will find an elegant café, "Plaza Lounges" a breath away from Syntagma square and the Parliament, serving coffee varieties, tea, refreshments and light snacks. Right next to the reception there is a dedicated area for luggage storage and 2 elevators for guests. The hotel also features fully equipped multifunctional halls with a capacity for 350 people, with flexible layouts for meetings, conferences, social events, receptions, parties and corporate events, a spectacular restaurant, "The Parliament Restaurant" (Mediterranean cuisine) and an impressive bar, "The Explorer's Lounge".

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High-speed WiFi internet connection in all rooms and public areas
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Secretarial support between 9am and 5pm
Fully equipped business center (PC with internet connection, fax, photocopying machine, printer, as well as PC, fax and cellular phone rental)

All the services and amenities of the luxurious hotel NJV Athens Plaza in the capital of Greece are carefully designed and based on the long year experience of the people working there, since its personnel knows how to provide excellent

customer service. For this exact reason, whether you are in town for business or pleasure, NJV Athens Plaza will offer everything you would expect from a luxurious hotel and even more!

Conference Facilities

Conference halls with a usable area of 300 sq. meters, with flexible layouts and capacity for 350 persons.
Whether you plan a conference, business meeting, product launch, seminar or dinner dance, versatile function rooms - and specially designed suites - with state of the art audio-visual equipment are at your disposal. The experienced conference and banqueting personnel provides efficient service to satisfy even the most discerning guest and assures the success of any function. The technical assistance and equipment available at the hotel include podium, head table microphones, laser pointers, flip charts, overhead, slide and video data projectors, wide screen TV and VCR, while outside contractors make available a wide range of additional technical equipment.



Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA M2	THEATRE Persons	CLASSROOM Persons	BOARD STYLE Persons
Pacific 1	80	100	60	-
Pacific 2	80	50	40	-
Pacific 1 + 2	160	180	100	-
Atlantic	108	70	45	-
Total Space	268	300	145	-
Pre Convention Area	135	-	-	-
Meeting Suites	32	20	15	15

Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA CABARET M2	BUFFET-BANQUET Persons	COCKTAIL Persons
Pacific 1	80	70	100
Pacific 2	80	50	80
Pacific 1 + 2	160	120	180
Atlantic	108	70	100
Total Space	268	200-500	300-350
Pre Convention Area	135	-	200
Meeting Suites	32	-	-

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PARK HOTEL, ATHENS

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Location

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Accommodation

Spacious Standard, Superior, Business Class rooms & ultra modern Suites equipped with FREE wi fi internet, TV, mini bar, Safe box, coffee tray, slippers and more, majority with view to the park whereas some Superior & Business Rooms with view to the Acropolis. Business Class rooms & Suites offer an extra touch of luxury with Nespresso machines & Olivia toiletries.

Facilities & Services

At lobby level, with view to the park, the all day Italian Gallo Nero restaurant serves variety of authentic dishes and wines from Tuscany in a trendy setting of bright colours and impressive ceiling lights. The multi awarded roof top restaurant bar St Astra East with Asian cuisine and sushi bar, in a relaxing lounge atmosphere offers stunning views of the Acropolis, Lycabettus Hill and Athens by night! During the summer one can enjoy a swim at the swimming pool on the roof garden, cool cocktails and fusion BBQ dinners under the stars. Other facilities include: Free fitness center, gift shop, business center, outside catering services, parking facilities.

Conference facilities

The Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens boasts for its uniquely designed meeting rooms SILVER FOREST & ATLANTIS! Decorated with state-of-the-art innovative materials, fitted with the latest in audiovisual equipment, free internet, with or without natural day light and ability to separate into smaller meeting rooms for 10 to 350 people. Plan your next conference, meeting, seminar, dinner or social event at the Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens with experienced staff looking after your every need!



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	DINNER/DANCE (Persons)	COCKTAIL RECEPTION (Persons)
SILVER FOREST	360	270	320
SILVER FOREST A	70	50	70
SILVER FOREST C+D	150	100	150
ATLANTIS	200	150	200

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE STYLE (Persons)	CLASSROOM STYLE (Persons)
SILVER FOREST	360	300	120
SILVER FOREST A	70	60	40
SILVER FOREST C+D	150	120	80
ATLANTIS	200	180	110

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Location

Located 50 minutes from the vibrant Athens city, 15 minutes from Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos", 60 minutes from major Piraeus Ferry Port & 30 minutes from Lavrion Ferry Port. Public Bus transportation: Route E 22 to Syntagma square every 30 minutes on weekdays & 50 minutes on weekends. Bus Stop at the hotel's entrance.

Accommodation

279 elegantly designed accommodations, including 109 luxury sea view rooms & suites at the main building and 170 waterfront bungalows, suites & villas offering magnificent sea view. Main accommodation features include: air-conditioning, 24-hour room service, twice-daily maid service, multi-line/direct dial telephone, wired & wireless high-speed Internet access, voicemail, satellite TV, Video-on-demand, fully stocked beverage mini bar, in-room safe, terry bathrobes & slippers, hairdryer.

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- Kids menu
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Leisures & Recreation

- 2 floodlit lawn tennis courts
- Sandy beaches with sun beds & umbrellas
- Jogging through hotel garden-patios & pathways
- Mini-golf
- Basket Ball court
- Beach volley
- Water sports & Scuba diving
- Personal training & swimming lessons
- Daily gym program
- Open-air cinema
- Boat trips

Restaurants & Bars

- **Captain's House**, Italian cuisine
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- **Ouzeri Aegeon**, Greek Seafood tastes
- **Galazia Akti**, Cretan cuisine
- **Mediterraneo**, Mediterranean cuisine
- **Aphrodite**, Breakfast buffet restaurant
- **La Piscina**, Poolside snack-bar
- **Veranda**, Lobby Lounge bar
- **Poseidon**, Seaside Greek Tavern
- **Veghera**, The Club

Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)	BOARDROOM (persons)
Cosmos Ballroom	12.110 / 1.125	1.350	800	108	120
Uranus Terrace	14.769 / 1.372	-	-	-	-
Ballroom Foyer	7.66 / 675	-	-	-	-
Zeus	5.651 / 525	600	180	84	100
Galaxy I	1.087 / 101	90	60	35	40
Galaxy II	1.216 / 113	100	60	40	48
Galileo	1.560 / 145	130	96	48	40
Aphrodite	5.490 / 510	380	340	80	100
Neptune	883 / 82	70	58	26	32
Achilles	840 / 78	60	40	26	32
Aris	668 / 64	60	45	26	30
Hector	678 / 62	180	40	26	22
Olympia	2.411 / 224	130	100	34	38
Delphi	861 / 80	80	48	24	26
Iliada	624 / 58	80	48	24	26

Banqueting Venues

HALLS	AREA (m ²)	SET MENU (persons)	BUFFET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
Uranus	1.372	724	644	1.350
Cosmos Ballroom	1.125	776	680	1.250
La Piscina	3.100	-	500	1.000
Veghera	936	480	420	650
Aphrodite	510	310	280	400
Aphrodite Veranda	378	250	250	300
Captain's House	267	120	80	150
Captain's House Bay	335	120	90	200
Captain's House Veranda	286	180	140	250
Kohylia	320	140	80	150
Kohylia Veranda	540	300	230	400
Ouzeri	434	120	80	150
Waterfront Venue suites	560	-	150	250
Exclusive Suite with Private Pool	260	-	70	120
Galazia Akti	250	-	80	120
Mediterraneo	300	100	100	150
Poseidon	660	-	400	600

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ATHÈNES

Meeting @ Novotel



Location

Member of the biggest European hotel chain (ACCOR) NOVOTEL ATHENES is ideally located in the heart of the city, just outside the traffic restricted area, close to National Archeological Museum and few minutes walking distance from Metro and suburban railway station Larissis.

Accommodation

Modern, spacious and comfortable 196 rooms have been designed to accommodate your wishes, regardless of the reason for your stay. Completely renovated, with ergonomic furnishing, double bed with duvet and a real convertible sofa-bed, pivoting desk, high technology amenities, free tea/coffee facilities, lap top safe, flat LCD TV, free Wi-Fi, mini bar, hair dryer. 5 suites, 5 family rooms, 5 disabled access rooms.

Facilities & Services

Restaurant "NOVAGORA" is open from 6:00am until midnight and offers a wide choice of meals. The comfortable "LE BAR" provides an ideal place for small meetings or for relaxation with friends in a warm atmosphere. Restaurant "CLAIR DE LUNE" at the roof garden opens during summer season offers premium drinks and the best view to Acropolis and Lychabetous Hill. Facilities also include: Outdoor swimming pool, free private covered parking space, tourist information, playground for children, boutique, free Wi-Fi, internet corner, fitness center, relax room, baby sitting upon request.

Conference Facilities

Novotel Athenes offers a total of 8 meeting rooms, 5 of which with natural light, all of them with high ceiling and no view-obstructing columns. The capacity of the meeting rooms ranges from 15 to 800 persons. Among the equipment offered you will find: screens, high-tech audio, slides projector, overhead projector, microphones (wireless) and amplifiers, modem connection, TV, VHS, podium, DVD player, CD player, Laptop, Laser point. Special lighting, central air condition/ heating system, special set up requirements. Online bookings at www.novotel.com/meetings



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m2)	BUFFET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
NYMPHES	620	570	750
ARMONIA	350	330	350
NEFELI	270	250	300
PLEIADES	285	280	350
ELECTRA	155	160	160
ALKYONI	130	130	140
ARTEMIS	40	25	-
ORION	20	12	-
CALYPSO	84	70	-
IKAROS	28	30	-

Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m2)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)
NYMPHES	620	800	450	120
ARMONIA	350	380	260	80
NEFELI	270	260	190	70
PLEIADES	285	330	240	70
ELECTRA	155	160	130	50
ALKYONI	130	130	100	40
ARTEMIS	40	40	25	20
ORION	20	15	12	10
CALYPSO	84	80	60	30
IKAROS	28	24	15	15

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Accommodation

For a rendez-vous with exceptional luxury and the highest standards of accommodation, the soundproofed guestrooms offer all the advantages of an international class hotel, adopting the very best of local traditions. Extending a discreetly personal welcome from the host country, the Sofitel Athens Airport makes guests feel instantly at home at any time, under all circumstances. Going even further, the hotel adds a subtle "art de vivre" expressed in the refined interior decor, the perfect melding of materials, the feeling of well-being and the warmth of true hospitality. Expertly furnished with plush and luxurious furnishings, the 345 standard and deluxe guestrooms which include 13 suites are appointed with modern amenities, including interactive TV system and high technology communications requirements, satellite/cable TV, radio, safe, "en suite" bathrooms and WCs, and mini bar. Guests requiring privacy and personalised services have the privilege of the Executive Floor with separate check in/out, concierge facilities and complimentary use of the Executive Lounge.

Facilities & Services

The Sofitel Athens Airport embodies the very best of hospitality in the elegance of its interior design, the warmth of the welcome, the sophistication of services and the art of exceptional cuisine. In Greece fine dining is as varied as it is plentiful, and the Sofitel Athens Airport reflects this tradition. Offering an atmosphere of refined elegance, traditional and creative cuisine and a comprehensive range of services, the hotel boasts superb restaurant facilities including a 350sq.m. snack/breakfast restaurant and a 300sq.m. panoramic restaurant. Both facilities feature a wide array of Mediterranean and international specialties and exquisite wines, expertly served by a highly trained culinary staff committed to bringing guests the most superb dining experience. The Sofitel Athens Airport boasts a string of facilities ranging from an indoor heated pool and fully equipped health club with sauna rooms for fitness and relaxation, to a beauty and wellness corner, 24-hour security and front desk service, two cocktail bars, car rental, baby-sitting, laundry/dry cleaning services, translation services, exchange facilities, concierge, tourist information desk and private underground parking.

Conference Facilities

Planning a conference or a banquet at the Sofitel Athens Airport is much more than an exceptional experience. Here guests can always find all the strategic resources required for business, whether it is setting up an advance outpost for a company in a foreign country or organizing a high-profile event. The hotel boasts a 1000 sq.m. conference space, including ten flexible conference rooms with maximum capacity of up to 600 persons. Appointed with sophisticated sound and audio-visual equipment and facilities, the purpose-designed luxurious meeting/function rooms comprise a business center with assistance, copiers w/printers, computers, facsimiles and secretarial services. The invaluable experience and meticulous attention to detail provided by the professional staff assists in making this establishment a great business centre in the heart of the Athens airport. The hotel's specially trained meeting organizers will listen carefully to customers' needs and provide hands-on support throughout the event to make it a resounding success, while, equally indispensable, customized catering services are available for everything, from a simple coffee break to a prestige reception.

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	DINNER (persons)	BUFFET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
CALLISTO I	280	180	144	220
CALLISTO II	320	220	176	280
CALLISTO I+2	600	400	330	600
SELINI 1	20	-	-	-
SELINI 2	20	-	-	-
SELINI 3	20	-	-	-
CASSIOPEIA	40	20	20	30
ORION	70	30	30	50
SIRIUS	96	-	-	-
VEGA	80	40	40	60
POLLUX	20	-	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATER LAYOUT (persons)	SCHOOL LAYOUT (persons)	"U" LAYOUT (persons)
CALLISTO I	280	220	120	54
CALLISTO II	320	310	160	60
CALLISTO I+2	600	600	340	90
SELINI 1	20	16	9	9
SELINI 2	20	16	9	9
SELINI 3	20	16	9	9
CASSIOPEIA	40	22	12	15
ORION	70	40	20	17
SIRIUS	96	-	-	-
VEGA	80	50	40	22
POLLUX	20	16	9	9

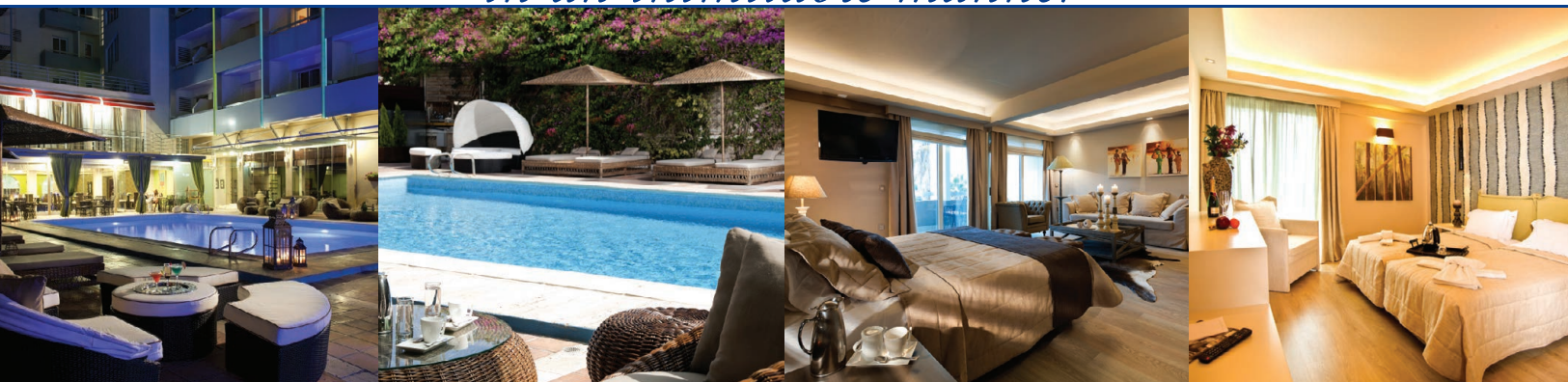


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*Exuding warmth and professionalism
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Location

The Congo Palace opens its welcoming doors in 1967 and embarks on a magical journey along the "Greek Riviera", instantly attracting personalities from the international political, art and sports scene and quickly becoming synonymous with finesse in an atmosphere of unparalleled Greek hospitality. Today, the hotel maintains the gracefulness of this bygone era within its modern, tastefully renovated spaces that exude warmth and professionalism in an inimitable manner.

The ideally situated hotel is just steps from the dazzling blue of the Saronic Gulf, while the shopping district and vibrant nightlife of neighboring Glyfada are literally at your feet. With easy access to the busy heart of the capital, the hotel enjoys the facilities of a modern city and cosmopolitan suburb, making it your ideal choice for both business and holiday stays and events.

Its strategic location, just 15 kms from the center of Athens, 19 kms from Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport and 18 kms from the port of Piraeus, makes it quickly accessible by taxi, bus or the more "eco-friendly" electric tram.

Accommodation

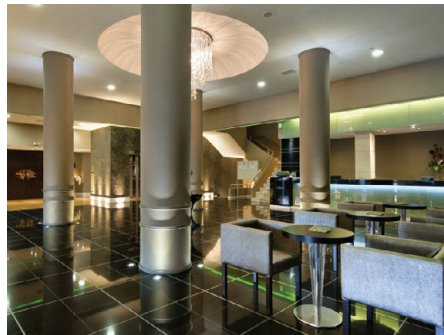
The Congo Palace's signature cosmopolitan air is evident in its bright, well-laid out, spacious rooms, all equipped with the comforts one would expect of a hotel of its category. All 92 rooms offer individually regulated air conditioning/heating, satellite television, safety deposit box, mini bar, telephone & hairdryer in the bathroom area, bathroom amenities, wireless internet, room service, laundry service, 24-hour concierge and babysitting (upon request), among others. Our crowning jewel, the stylish suites and executive rooms, reveal what is at the core of this hospitable hotel: graceful aesthetics and a calming, one-of-a-kind atmosphere with a personal touch. Soothing colors, fine cotton fabrics, select decorative objects with the revitalizing natural Mediterranean light playing off them, well-planned lighting, velvety textures; the combination of these carefully considered individual elements emphasizes a pervasive atmosphere of wellbeing, reminiscent more of a luxurious home than of a hotel. No matter what room category you choose, rest assured that your stay at the Congo Palace Hotel will be infinitely enjoyable and relaxing.

Facilities & Services

The Congo Palace takes inspiration from traditional values of hospitality and tailors them to modern needs for flawless services and optimal comfort. The brand-new, fully renovated pool area is a meeting spot in both the winter and summer months. Its serene beauty gives light to the adjacent restaurant area, and when weather permits, it is a lively setting for dips, a refreshing cocktail, a revitalizing coffee or even a special meal. Sea views that soothe the soul, proximity to shopping and entertainment, delightful cuisine, heightened aesthetics and a unique personal touch: surrender yourself to the calming luxury that the Congo Palace Hotel has to offer.

Conference Facilities

The success of your event is our top priority, and it is an honor that you have entrusted us with it. Let our expertly trained, highly experienced staff pamper you as you select from a wide variety of options the one that best suits the needs and tone of the event you are hosting. The Congo Palace's two meeting rooms, fully equipped with state-of-the-art technology, meet all contemporary needs for both personal and professional events. In addition, we can arrange for an infinite array of hi-tech equipment to be made available to you upon request if required. At 290 m², the hotel's largest room, the "Kinshasa", can host events of up to 300 guests while effectively combining spaciousness with warmth in an elegant venue whose walls are soothingly illuminated by the reflections coming off the surface of the pool just outside. The Mueru, roomy, cosmopolitan and overlooking the pool area, is an ideal choice for events up to 100 guests. The Boyoma Falls, the hotel restaurant, refurbished in a characteristic African style, is the Congo Palace's pride and joy and an ideal alternate venue to host special social or business events. The Congo Palace continually strives to provide upgraded services with our characteristic attention to detail and aesthetics, for effective, successful events of all types and sizes.



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
Kinshasa	290	280	300
Mueru	115	80	90
Boyoma Falls	165	90	100
Pool Area	295	200	200

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)
Kinshasa	290	300	150	70
Mueru	115	100	60	50
Boyoma Falls	165	-	-	-
Pool Area	295	-	-	-

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Location

The Hotel Fenix is conveniently located at the attractive coastal resort of Glyfada, only a 20 minute drive from the center of Athens and 24 Km from the New Athens Int'l Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" which can be easily accessed by public transportation, Taxi or the Hotel's shuttle bus. The location provides endless possibilities for leisure activities and entertainment, for Glyfada boasts the best golf course in the country, a bustling and cosmopolitan shopping center, marinas, beaches and great variety of nightlife. With its excellent facilities for conferences and meetings, the Fenix is an excellent choice for both business and pleasure.



Accommodation

Recently renovated, the hotel has 130 comfortable rooms and 4 suites, all equipped with double glazing, mini bar, TV with satellite reception, In-house movies, Direct dial telephone, ISDN lines, Wireless and Fast broadband Internet connection, Data port, Private balcony, Private facilities with bath tub or shower, Air condition, Hair dryer, Safety deposit box. Non smoking rooms are available.

Facilities & Services

Amenities include a restaurant serving a wide range of international cuisine, the magnificent Rotonda bar, outdoor swimming pool and sufficient parking space in the surroundings. The majority of the rooms have balconies, most of which overlook the Saronic Gulf. The Rotonda bar and the swimming pool area are ideal for meeting clients and associates in a warm atmosphere or just relaxing.



Conference Facilities

The Hotel Fenix has facilities for conferences, seminars, business meetings, product presentations and social events, fully equipped and tastefully decorated. The equipment includes Wireless and Fast broadband Internet connection, slide, data and overhead projectors, various screen sizes, microphone installations, PA system, tape decks, CD & DVD players, TV monitors, video cameras/recorders and laser printers. The staff of the Banquet and Conference Department is highly trained with broad experience in organizing all types of meetings and functions from 10 up to 250 persons. The Attica Center is operating since September 1999 with great success. The multi-purpose center is the ideal venue for cultural, educational and conference events such as exhibitions, product presentations, fashion shows, press conferences, seminars,

business forums and shareholders' meeting. The center comprises a large hall of 180 m2, which can be extended to 250 m2 or divided into three autonomous, sound-isolated areas. In addition, there is a fully equipped boardroom for 16 persons and an outdoor area (250 m2) with a magnificent view, suitable for a variety of events.



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	DINNER (persons)	BUFFET (persons)	RECEPTION/BUFFET (persons)	RECEPTION (persons)	COCKTAILS (persons)
ATTICA	250	200	150	300	250	200
IRO	250	280	220	300	300	300
XIOS	216	200	160	200	200	200
POOL	500	400	220	400	400	400

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE LAYOUT (persons)	SCHOOL LAYOUT (persons)	"U" LAYOUT (persons)
ATTICA	250	210	135	54
IRO	250	250	N/A	54
XIOS	216	180	110	30
POOL	500	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Profile

A leader in the MICE industry, **Active MICE Mouzenidis Group** provides comprehensive conference and travel services from planning to execution.

Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Special Events & Product-Launching, Sporting Events: A dedicated **Active MICE** Project Manager manages each project from enquiry to planning, on-site management to post-event evaluation.

Active Mice-multilingual, multicultural, professional, devoted, enthusiastic, creative teams deliver innovative yet cost-effective solutions for seamless, personalized events.

Meetings-organization of all kinds of corporate events;

Incentives-motivation trips and programs for employees, partners, customers;

Conferences-organization of conferences, congresses, scientific tours and expeditions;

Exhibitions/Events-participation

in exhibitions, organization of sports tournaments and teambuilding, regattas, festivals, contests, New Year's celebration parties;

Our advantages

- Development and managing of every event phase.
- No intermediaries, exclusive contracts with service providers, competitive prices, flexible discount system;
- Year-round regular flights and summer flights to Greek resorts from more than 35 regions of Russia and Eastern Europe wint own airline **EllinAir**; aircraft charters for groups;
- Several offices throughout Greece and a transport fleet, recognized as the best in Greece.
- Quality monitoring at all stages.

We invite you to Greece - a European country with ideal conditions for MICE industry, fabulous wea-

ther year-round, enormous variety of activities, quality accommodation and excellent conference facilities.

1) Business tourism

- Development of individual programs.
- Organization of all kinds of business activities.

2) Incentives

- **Nature tours** (fishing, rafting, diving, jeep safari, archery, etc.);
- **Sports tours** (golf, horse riding, sailing and regattas, cycling, basketball, football, volleyball, climbing, etc.);
- **Agrotours** (visiting traditional Greek villages and farms to get acquainted with local traditions and customs);
- **Gourmet tours** (visiting traditional wineries, cheese dairies, creameries, taverns, cellars; tastings);
- **Weekend tours;**
- **Presentations;**

3) Special Projects

Our company has long experience in organizing events of any scale.

4) Team Building

Applying innovative methods and techniques, we offer original ideas for team building.

5) Yachting & Regattas

Wide range of yachting activities, regattas, corporate events (presentations, business meetings and seminars on board a yacht, team-building, various corporate land and water), parties and gala dinner.

6) VIP services

VIP services at Makedonia International Airport of Thessaloniki (on arrival and departure), transfers, accommodation, leisure, shopping and much more.



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Beleon Tours Company was founded in 2003. Throughout our presence in the sphere of tourism, by continuously improving the quality of services offered, we managed to expand our activity on famous resorts in the country. That is why Beleon Tours Company is a leader on the Greek tourist market. Beleon Tours is specialized in organizing individual tours, corporate events, wedding ceremonies, VIP services and event tourism.

Exceptional standards of travel

The uniqueness of Beleon Tours consists in a simple, but clearly, well-set mechanisms. We promptly respond to all the requirements of our partners, constantly keeping in touch and having a remote access to our work mail. We are ready to instantly solve any problem, even on weekends. Moreover, we operate the service "Hotline 24 \ 7" exclusively for our company guests for solving any issue.

Incentive & Events

iGreece is one of the priority destinations in the field of event and corporate holidays. Participation in major international congresses and conferences require coordinated and efficient work plenty of time prior to the event itself. Beleon Tours takes responsibility for the implementation of such orders. Own car park and professional staff provide our partners with the most competitive prices on the market, which is especially important in the case of a tender.

Memorable weddings

Beleon Tours has been organizing for many years original, non-standard, stylish, lively weddings in Greece. Free your imagination and reveal your innermost desires and we will surely transform them into reality. Wedding on luxury yachts, in palaces, old churches or by the majestic ancient monuments, wedding ceremonies under the water or up the air... with us, the organization of weddings upgrades to a new level.

Inspirational transportation

Comfortable and modern fleet of vehicles of our company includes motor transport of any level: from mini-vans for small groups to VIP cars for individual luxury journeys in style. All of our vehicles have insurance with full coverage and are driven by professional drivers.

Luxury accommodation in a villa

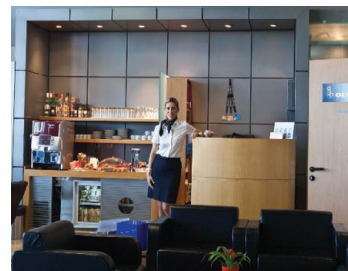
Luxurious decoration, private pool and lush gardens are harmoniously combined here with privacy and seclusion. Beleon Tours Company with pleasure will organize for its guests unforgettable vocations on the best Greek vilas. All the components of unforgettable holidays are at your disposal here: designer solutions of interiors with the attention to detail, interior painting by known European painters, state-of-the-art technology and impeccable individual service.

Around Greece on a yacht & by air

Our company with pleasure will organize a voyage on a yacht for you. Furrow the endless seas on the high-speed state-of-the-art technology yachts; arrange a fashionable party on the floating palace or set out on your private adventure journey around Ancient Hellas on the small sailing ship. In case you value mobility and individuality, the rental of private air transport will help you to travel with comfort and with maximum speed. We are ready to offer you a wide choice of VIP planes, as well as helicopters and hydroplanes. Beleon Tours is working directly with the owners of aircrafts, excluding intermediaries. This fact has its direct effect on price accessibility and high tempo of order processing.

Unique tours

Greece is unique country, full of unparalleled and extraordinary sights. Beleon Tours Company will help you to discover the most noteworthy places of Greece. We are offering Gastronomic tours, Religious tours, Excursions Adventure tours, Medical tours, as well as SPA & Thalasso tours.



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Profile

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Since 1995 ARTION has successfully organised major events and conferences for ministries, embassies, international organisations, chambers, Greek and foreign businesses, international scientific and trade associations, and European Union institutions.

ARTION develops impressive proposals and provides customised solutions that respond to the needs of the demanding and competitive modern marketplace. The ARTION key advantage is based on knowledge, experience, know-how, skills and specialisation, which result in high impact events and conferences.

Services Provided

The ARTION key assets are: its commitment to professional services, the effective planning and the efficient organisation that meets each client's needs.

ARTION provides complete support throughout the event and can be employed as a full turnkey solution or chosen individually.

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Profile

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Event Makers - DMC provides tailor-made destination management services from accommodation, transportation, venues and catering, to social programs, activities, entertainment, logistics and events management - in a wide range of destination management fields: incentives, events, meetings, conferences, all over Greece as well as abroad. We know our destinations inside out and this allows us to consistently create fresh ideas which will inspire even the most discerning traveler.

Event planning, designing, developing creative strategy, and implementing your event with **Event Makers - DMC** assures great success and value for money experience. **Event Makers - DMC** is defined by warm personalized service and passion for their locale thus we are always willing to go the extra mile for our clients.

Event Makers was established in 2004 by industry Professionals. A common vision of Top Executives in the field of Meetings, Conferences and Incentives in Greece, led them to form a customer-oriented Company that understands / incorporates the needs of our demanding Market. Although, a fairly new Company, Event Makers managed to achieve within a short period of time, recognition and entrustment and as a result developed a portfolio of many important Events

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Towards the end of 2009, the DMC Division of the Company became independent and Event Makers - DMC Ltd. was established.

The Headquarters of **Event Makers - DMC** are located in Athens and in 2011 the company expanded more in Events in Europe with a new office in London UK.

The opening of the new office in London "**EVENT MAKERS DMC Ltd**" focusing in provide events outside the Greek borders and dealing with International clients all over Europe.

Why work with us

Event makers - DMC, The destination management company, thinks outside the box to accomplish the wow factor and leverage your event for unqualified success.

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understanding client's corporate culture and how success is define for them.

Services

You will enjoy peace of mind and greater success when you take advantage of the personalized support and vast local resources of **Event Makers - DMC**.

Our **Event Makers - DMC** team devote their energy, creativity and unique consultative approach to make a genuine experience for your meeting, incentive travel program, conference or special event.

We are the reliable DMC partner with a deep knowledge of our destinations that can help Event Planners to offer the best event solutions and creative concepts to the corporate market.

No matter the type and complexity of the event: Meeting, Event, Conference or Incentive, the Team of **Event Makers - DMC** know-how to plan and operate your event with accuracy in every detail.

We strategically identifying your goals and event objectives and create tailor made solutions offering a growing portfolio of exciting itineraries to make your event memorable.

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Profile

Pam Tours was launched in Athens, Greece, in 1981. Our vision then and now is to provide our customers with the hospitality they want and the services they demand. We offer full travel and meeting services i.e. conferences, congresses, incentives.

Our Philosophy

To listen to our clients needs
To understand our clients objectives
To deliver a product that meets the above requirements
To strive for excellence in each and every occasion

In a market where the products on offer are so competitive we have understood the importance of delivering tailor-made services that are above all flawless.

Incentives

We understand the importance of rewarding your company's high achievers. Together we work in finding creative ideas that will meet the high demands of your clients.

We study your budgets, review your objectives, prioritize your needs and provide solutions to meet your goals by providing you with:

- The right hotels
- Unique venues
- Suitable transfers
- Creative themes
- Event organization
- Latest audio visual equipment
- Technical support
- Trained personnel

Meetings

The professional and specific requirements for the delivery of a productive meeting is an exact science.

Having had the privilege of working with some of the largest international companies for their meetings (sales conferences, product launches, team building, motivation seminars, etc) we and have accumulated valuable experience.

We have learnt what are the important components of a well-organized meeting and to focus on what is important to our clients.

The building of long term relationships with suppliers of highly sophisticated services has been one of the rewards that has come to us through close collaboration with experts in all fields to meet the demands of our exacting clients

We have realized that:

- The selection of the right venues
- The efficient coordination
- The reliability of our people
- Cost management

... are but a few of the services that are important. However the understanding of our customers needs is the most important aspect of the delivery of a well-organized meeting.

Experience

We have delivered the correct program at the right price to many very happy and satisfied clients.

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Thessaloniki the crossroads



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The city stands as a crowning jewel at the top of the Thermaikos Gulf, stretching over twelve kilometers in a bowl formed by low hills facing the Aegean. To the west the city reaches the banks of Gallikos river, where the industrial zone with its dense infrastructure is situated and to the east spreads as far as the luxurious suburb of "Panorama".

The city proper is divided into the Upper town (Ano Poli), with its narrow alleys and Ottoman styled houses huddling around the remnants of the Medieval fortifications and the Modern town which was fully redesigned and reconstructed on a grid system after being devastated by fire in 1917.

Transportation

Thessaloniki is by far Greece's most open city to the world. Its cosmopolitanism is courtesy of its function as Greece's main rail and road gateway to Central and Eastern Europe. As befits a major city, bus and train links are good all year, servicing also Southeastern Europe, Turkey and the Black sea region.

A token of Thessaloniki's openness is the city's thriving port, which has a special free zone, providing facilities and access to the Mediterranean to the neighbouring countries. It is here that visitors allured by the sea will easily find ferry or hydrofoil transportation to the Greek island of their dreams.

The city's accessibility is reinforced by the renovated international airport "Makedonia" which offers regular and charter connections to several European and Asian states as well as to other destinations in the Greek mainland and the islands.

Soon, with the completion of the new East-West 'Egnatia' motorway, the city is aspiring to enhance its role as a regional transportation and commercial junction.

*Thessaloniki
Greece's second
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oad between East and West



History & Culture

Thessaloniki was founded in 316 B.C., on the site of older city of Thermi, which gave its name to the Thermaikos Gulf. Its founder, King Cassander of Macedonia, named it after his wife, Thessaloniki, sister of Alexander The Great. Soon it became Macedonia's most important port and since then, Trade has always been the order of the day for this city.

The Romans endowed Thessaloniki with access to Via Egnatia through which it became a prominent commercial and military center on the way to the East. It was here that Paul the Apostle preached the new religion (50AD) and Cyril and Methodius, two missionary brothers devised from Greek the Cyrillic alphabet in order to bring literacy and Christianity to the Slavs.

The history of the city, is one of repeated changes in ruler as the warring powers through the centuries have fought to secure its strategic position; leaving a legacy of impressive monuments and even more spectacular fortifications.

After changing hands between various raiders, Latin lords and Byzantine sovereigns the city fell to the Turks in 1430. Looting and repression forced many of its inhabitants to flee, but the city was soon revived due to the arrival of 20,000 Spanish Jews. The entrepreneur Jews ensured the economic welfare of the city well up to WWII when the occupying German forces deported the Jewish population to the death camps.

Decisive piece on the city's historical and cultural puzzle was the year 1923 when thousands of industrious Greeks emigrating from Turkey settled in Thessaloniki, boosting its economy and cultural diversity.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Landmarks

Among the numerous monuments in the city of particular interest are those from the Roman period, the Triumphal Arch of Galerius and the excellently preserved Rotonda. Thessaloniki is, however, above all famous for its Byzantine period, being second only to Constantinople itself. Its many churches whose fine mosaics and wall paintings are representative of various periods of Byzantine art have survived to enhance the image of the city. They include St. Dimitrios, the Holy Apostles, St. Sophia, St. Catherine, St. Nicholas the Orphan, the Prophet Elijah, and the Monastery of Vlatadon. Large sections of the city-walls are also still standing, together with one of their main bastions and the city's best-known landmark, the White Tower.

Being in Thessaloniki one should not miss the treasures from the Macedonian Royal Tombs of Vergina, displayed among other amazing artifacts in the **Archaeological Museum**. If Byzantium is what you are

after, in Thessaloniki there is a **Byzantine Museum** containing the finest collection of Byzantine art in Greece. Another Byzantine exhibition is hosted inside the White Tower, albeit is put to shame by the city views available from the top of the tower. Among the many smaller museums worthy of a visit there is the city's **Municipal Art Museum**. Situated in an eclectic 1905 mansion, this gallery displays over 800 works mainly of Greek modern art and sculpture.

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Thessaloniki the crossroad



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People & Lifestyle

Thessaloniki is a thriving city and one of the most important trade and communications centres in the Mediterranean. This is evident from its financial and commercial activities, its port with its special Free Zone, its international airport, its important industrial complex and the annual International Trade Fair - "HELEXPO", held in September, which attracts thousands of visitors from abroad.

Nevertheless this city's down town atmosphere is not just that of a cosmopolitan commercialism but also that of tolerance and coexistence. At Aristotle's Square is where the real heart of this city beats, with its diverse crowds of tourists, immigrants and locals, its traditional coffee shops coexisting with modern cafes, student hangouts with confectioneries full of sweet temptations from the East and the West; they all blend in this crossroad of history and culture.

Sports & Leisure

Part of the Macedonian people idiosyncrasy is being keener at sports than Southern Greeks. Thus, it is only natural that Thessaloniki has a plethora of athletic installations. There are plenty of basketball, football and tennis courts and three Olympic sized swimming pools, both for the athletes and for the public, two marine clubs, where the visitors may enjoy the sea sports. In addition there are horse-riding clubs, skiing centres within an hour's distance from the city and a golf court in the nearby Halkidiki. The city is also proud of the "Alexandria Palais des Sports" in the ground of HELEXPO and the PAOK basketball dome, both hosting frequently international competitions.

The visitor may also go for a walk in the promenade, or visit the Zoo in Kedrinos Hill or the forest nearby.

Sports and leisure



Road between East and West



Gastronomy & Shopping

The gastronomic legacy of the Ottoman palaces and the traditions of Asia Minor exchange populations blend with the eating habits of the Balkan hinterland in this city, which has a food culture of its own. One has to gain the experience of the flavors and the scents of this city in order to master some of the knowledge that the 2,300 years of its life span enclose. Thessaloniki is famous for the traditional dishes, especially fishes and seafood, cooked in ways that reveal its various influences. Ladadika, the seashore at Krini and the Modiano market are packed with ouzeries and picturesque tavernas with unique atmosphere and unforgettable appetizers.

In the central streets of Thessaloniki, like Tsimiski Str., there is a great variety of boutiques where one can buy fashionable clothes at high or low prices. Thessaloniki is also famous for its food markets. Modiano is the biggest food market in the city and next to it there are many flower shops that give a special colour to the area.

Other traditional marketplaces are those of Agora Solomou, and Vardaris. In stoa Karasso (Karasso Arcade) and Bezesteni women may purchase real or fake jewellery, and innumerable little fashionable objects. A few blocks away, there is a great number of small coppersmith shops where the eastern influences are clearly manifested.

Cultural Events

Every year in September the International Trade Fair is held in Thessaloniki, exhibiting Greek and foreign products of every description. After the fair is over, the Greek Film Festival takes place, showing short subjects and full-length feature films. Then October is the month for the "Dimitria", the artistic and cultural events held in honor of the city's patron saint Dimitrios, as well as the Greek Song Festival.

In addition to its two Universities (Aristotelian and Macedonia), there are numerous institutions that contribute to the academic and cultural life of the city. Among them are the State Conservatory, marvelous Theatres and Orchestras, the Society of Macedonian Studies, the Institute for Balkan Studies, and other cultural and artistic organizations. The city especially takes pride of its newly acquired jewels: The new Concert Hall of Thessaloniki and the fully renovated and majestic Royal Theatre.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Thessaloniki is a youthful city hosting the country's largest university community right in its heart. Thus, innumerable sidewalks cafes are always bustling with activity and flocks of night revelers gather in mainstream clubs at Ladadika, a restored former industrial area, or at the bouzouki places near the Airport. Not to miss is the Modiano's Market nightlife, with trendy bars and youthful joints. Finally, Thessaloniki is renowned in Greece for hosting the country's best underground rock scene, where many independent bands perform on their way to stardom.

Ecology

Ecology minded tourism, although relatively young in Greece, has easily found its place in Thessaloniki and its surrounding areas, because of their natural beauty and landscape. Eco-tourism has been developed by the lakes of Saint Vassilios and Volvi and in the delta of the main rivers of Axios, Loudias and Aliakmonas. These places are home for thousands of birds, plants and many flower species. Furthermore, the lakes can also be used for fishing and water-sports.

Conference Facilities

The superb hotel infrastructure of Thessaloniki as well as the installations of the HELEXPO, offer a variety of conference halls capable of hosting meetings of up to 2,700 participants (Vellidis Hall). These halls are fully equipped with all modern age audio-visual facilities for congresses, seminars and all types of meetings. Auxiliary equipment include photocopy and fax machines, while a number of services are provided such as secretarial, translation and typewriting.



Chalkidiki the culture a



Location

The sun, vegetation and the sea reign jointly and in harmony, sharing justly their influence over the piece of land called the Chalkidiki Peninsula, set Southeast of Thessaloniki, in Northern Greece.

It may sound odd, but when a visitor comes to Chalkidiki, he gets the feeling that he has left behind the familiar world and has suddenly entered what appears to be mythical ground.

Mountains with their curving skylines succeed one another, while down in the valleys cool clusters of trees grow among wild flowers of amazing colour combinations. The Aegean Sea, which laps upon the shores of all three prongs which extend out of Chalkidiki (Kassandra, Sithonia and Mount Athos) sends its spray and breeze across the geranium-filled courtyards, the stairways and the village alleys, the churches and the majestic monasteries.

Transportation

The natural marvels of Chalkidiki are just a stride from the bustle of Thessaloniki and even closer from the 'Macedonia' airport. Both Kassandra and Sithonia are connected to Thessaloniki by a network of fast new roads that extend around their coastlines. Buses also run frequently to all the larger resorts.



Mt. Athos on the other hand is a different story. For men who wish to experience Athonite life, a visit involves some procedures in order to obtain an entrance permit for this millennium old monastic republic, autonomous within the Greek state. The most that women can do is to glimpse the buildings from the sea. It is possible to take boats rides from the two small resorts on the periphery of the peninsula - Ierissos and Ouranoupoli.

History & Culture

Chalkidiki took its name from the ancient city state of Chalkida, then a power on the island of Euboea, that colonized it in the 8th and 7th century B.C. Even earlier, it was believed that this craggy, wild place was the home of the giants, the primeval enemies of the gods, and that many of their legendary battles were fought here. In fact, Athos, the Holy Mountain, was named after a giant called Athos who, in his rage, was said to have hurled it against the gods. While Sithonia comes from Sithon, a son of Poseidon, Kassandra's name is historical, reflecting the influence of King Kassander, a prominent Macedonian King who succeeded Alexander the Great.

The earliest written mention of Chalkidiki appears in Herodotus' description of the Persian Wars. Subsequently, the thirty-two most important towns of the peninsula united towards the end of the 5th century B.C. under the leadership of Olynthos to form the Chalkidean League. In 352 B.C. they joined the Athenians in an attempt to halt Philip II of Macedonia's ambitions to conquer all of Greece. To no avail; Philip marched against Chalkidiki, destroying the entire League's member states and annexed the whole area to his Macedonian Kingdom.

After the decline of Macedonia, the area was an integral part of the Roman Empire and subsequently of the Byzantine Empire.

Notwithstanding, throughout the Middle Ages it was subject to incessant invasions by Germanic and Slavic tribes. From the 13th to 15th century, it was alternately under Venetian or Byzantine rule, until 1430 when it was taken by the Turks, who were to remain in possession until 1912, when Macedonia was finally reunited with the rest of Greece.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Polygyros, the capital of Chalkidiki (69km from Thessaloniki), can make a wonderful starting point for sightseeing. Built upon a "balcony" of Mt. Holomontas the town has a commanding view over the peninsula and the sea beyond that. There's also an archaeological museum here containing sculptures and pottery found in the surrounding area, as well as some neighbourhoods almost untouched by time.

No one who has the opportunity should miss the chance to visit Mt. Athos. While the most common access for men is via clique from Ouranoupolis, travel agents also offer cruises along the coastline of the Holy Mountain so that both sexes can admire the beauty, the mystery and the sacredness of this magnificent place.

and nature destination



Another popular pilgrimage on the eastern coast of Chalkidiki is a trip to ancient Stagira, the birthplace of Aristotle. A statue to the great philosopher stands in the very pleasant park of modern Stagira.

Nea Roda at the narrowest point between Mount Athos and the main Chalkidiki peninsula is also of great historic interest. Here Xerxes the king of Persia, dug a channel to shorten the route for his fleet during his second attempt to invade Greece in 480 B.C. During the first try, eleven years earlier, the elements of sea blocked his way, throwing many of ships against the rocky coast.

Above all, the greatest attraction of Chalkidiki is its own unique setting, in accordance with the realm of one's dreams. With more than 300 days of sunshine throughout the year, 41 E.U. blue flag awards for the clean waters of its sandy beaches - more than any other Greek region, its lush landscapes, its picturesque villages and peaceful fishermen's hamlets, the visitor has a unique opportunity to appreciate the beauty of nature at its best.

People & Lifestyle

Man and its creations are overwhelmed by nature's force in this odd piece of land in courtship with the sea. The Greek inhabitants, with signs of their culture present here since history was first recorded, justly feel indissoluble ties with Chalkidiki's environs, alike the rumours of the ancient ruins and the Byzantine monasteries. They take pride being part of this land and welcome the chance to acclimatize visitors to their relaxed life-style.

Sports & Leisure

Chalkidiki's resorts boast all the necessary infrastructure for sporting, fitness and fun, including a golfing court, several extensive watersport centers on the beaches. Those brave the mountains and are willing to leave the beach paradises, are advised to move on in to the fresh air of the pine forests, for trekking adventures in Mt. Holomonta.

Gastronomy & Shopping

The eating habits here are no different than the rest of the Macedonian mainland, albeit restaurants, tavemas and ouzeri throughout the peninsula show a particular preference for fresh fish from the nearby crystal clear waters of the North Aegean.

Chalkidiki has also an impressive variety of goods to offer shoppers, from top designer labels and exquisite jewelry to fine antiques and high quality leather goods. Fine examples of folk art and crafts are also

displayed in shops all over the peninsula: Hand-woven textiles and embroideries with intricate designs, objects of all kinds carved out of olive wood and silver utensils.

Cultural Events

The Cassandra's Summer Festival takes place from June through August at the Siviri Amphitheater. For four years now this festival is presenting a rich programme of events and it has been established as an important appointment for Greek and foreign artists.

Central cultural events of the summer are the religious fairs and traditional celebrations on the 15th of August at the villages of Megali Panagia and Sarti. In July there is an exhibition of local handicrafts and products at Amea accompanied by feast and dancing, called "Sokratia". Carnival celebrations are held at Polygyros during the end February and early March and a grand exhibition of local handcraft.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Chalkidiki never fails to please a visitor. The popular bars, pubs, music clubs, and clubs offering live Greek music and local dances that can be found all over tourist areas, will keep one entertained until the early hours.

Conference Facilities

The whole peninsula caters to tourism, whether taste runs to one of the many capacious hotels set amongst its woods or along the sea. Its deluxe hotels and resorts offer a complete range of facilities, from fully equipped conference halls with state of the art technical support systems, to a wide selection of recreational services that go a long way to making every visit a highly memorable occasion.



Pieria olympus riviera



Location

The realm of mythology for ancient Greeks, runs along the golden southern shores of Thermaikos Gulf to the mouth of the river – God Pinios. Defining the lands boundaries to the west, raising about 3,000 metres from the sea, stands the massive bulk of the Gods residence, Mt. Olympus.

Amidst the lush vegetation and springs of Pierian plain and the green slopes ascending swiftly to Olympus, one beholds the land of the nine Muses, the source of inspiration for the Greek miracle.

Transportation

A forty-five-minute drive from Macedonia International Airport of Thessaloniki will take you to the popular resorts of the Olympian coast (Olympiaki Akti) and Leptokaria.

If Athens your first port of call you should head north along the main motorway and railway line towards the capital of Macedonia. Once you've gone through the pass of Mt. Olympus guarded by the Frankish castle of Platamonas, you'll enter Pieria, the southernmost part of Macedonia.

History & Culture

In antiquity the majestic nature of Pieria was related with myths, deities, Muses and Heroes. The gods had chosen the high mountain peaks of Olympus to live on and from there they often intervened in or even determined the life of mortals. Pieria was often mentioned by Homer, as the region from which the Gods descended and "flew" to other places. The Macedonians also selected the embellished by Olympus site of Dion as their most sacred site.

Pieria's strategic position for the communications between Macedonia and southern Greece made it a much-desired target for conquerors throughout the ages. The Medieval castle of Platamonas built in 1204 stands as a mark left by the Frankish occupation. The Turks occupied the territory in 1489, but in spite of their long lasting occupation the high peaks of Olympus were never subdued. They remained the symbol of the Greek resistance and a perfect hiding for the freedom fighters.



Sightseeing & Monuments

Among Pieria's most significant ancient sites are Pydna, a prominent city that was the apple of discord between the Athenians and Macedonians, and Dion. The latter was dedicated to the father of the gods Zeus, as its name implies ("Dias" is another name for Zeus in Greek) and for the Macedonians was just as important as the sanctuary of Zeus in Olympia for the rest of the Greeks. It was here that Alexander offered sacrifices before embarking on his victorious campaign, which led him to the banks of Indus, deep in Asia.

At the resort of Platamonas one should not fail to notice the beauty of the landscape stressed by the very well preserved Frankish castle, which is also used as a site for holding various cultural events.

The view of Olympus is magnificent from Katerini, the capital of Pieria. Here in the capital of Pieria, Katerini, a visitor can have a pleasant time taking a walk to the city zoo or visiting the Byzantine Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary in Kontariotissa. The view of Olympus is magnificent here, but one has to reach Litochoro to appreciate the full sense of wonder and respect for mother Earth. The peaks of Olympus rise majestically above this village built in the banks of Epineas river, whose rich waters flowing down the mountain form small lakes, while in some places disappear into underground cavities.

People & Lifestyle

The gods have definitely blessed the land of Pieria giving it unparalleled natural beauty and the perfect environs for the prosperity of its people. The name "Pieria" actually means "fruitful and fertile land", a fact easily witnessed by visitors crossing any part of the region.

Zeus Xenios (the hospitable) has ensured that Pieria and its people know what hospitality is all about and have a strong urge to offer it to all. In that respect an interesting story, pertinent to the capital of the region, is quite revealing for the character of modern day Pierians and the beneficiary results of their tolerance to strangers: Katerini is a relatively young city for Greek standards, built only 300 years ago by a group of refugees from Sinai, who created here a community dedicated to St. Katherine. After the region was united with the Greek state a new wave of Greek refugees from Turkey settled this area, giving priority to commerce and economic development, thankful at all times of the land and its people for their generosity.



Sports & Leisure

Pieria's diverse settings are perfect for doing horse riding, rowing, surfing, jogging, biking and it is even a popular site for extreme sports like hang-gliding. Mountaineering, mountain climbing so close to the Pantheon of Mt Olympus makes you feel the presence of the gods through out your stay.

Gastronomy & Shopping

In Pieria you have complete freedom of choice: tranquility and relaxation, lively times of endless fun, leisure and entertainment and new gastronomic experiences.

Katerini is the major commercial centre of the region, with plenty of shopping opportunities. Many cozy little taverns adorn the golden sandy beaches of Pieria. You should savour the traditional and delicious Greek cuisine, which truly acquires new qualities and becomes a novel experience as the gentle sea breeze caresses your face.

Cultural Events

For more than twenty years the Olympus Festival features the best Greek and International cultural events for the summer. Special emphasis is placed on Ancient Greek tragedy and comedy and such plays are performed at the Dion ancient theatre. Every summer dozens of thousands of visitors are given the opportunity to witness the revival of the Hellenic spirit and drama in a truly imposing ancient environment.

The International Folklore Week is another major event, which invites the participation of music and dance groups from all over the world. For seven days Pieria accommodates a global feast celebrating the friendship and joy of different nations. Pop concerts, modern theatrical performances, and art exhibitions all add to the cultural life of Pieria and meet the expectations of the most demanding audience.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Social and lively of pleasures alternate with moments of serenity and tranquility, which one may seek and find either at the well-organized hotels in Pieria or at the numerous cafes, bars and night clubs of all the holiday resorts. The breathtaking imagery, whether in shade of mountains or at the popular beaches, makes Pieria a perfect place for the beginning of friendships and long lasting relations, in the company of refreshing long drinks, which there with the help of the gods are transformed into the nectar.

Ecology

Irresistible beaches and mountain scenery of unparalleled beauty will lead the visitor on a special journey through image wrought by the serenity and the might of nature.

Mt. Olympus is one of Greece's most important National Parks, with its wild life and over 170 rare species of birds. UNESCO has also included Olympus in its list of global biosphere conservation sites. Finally, a splendid marine Conservation Park of Alikes-Kitros invites the interest of ecological organizations and environmentalists from all over the world.

Conference Facilities

The diverse scenery of Pieria, together with its high-standard tourist infrastructure, offers a variety of choices for organizing conferences, both in summer and in winter. Its fully equipped hotels, which are continuously upgrading their range of amenities, have succeeded in placing Pieria amongst the leading contenders for business and leisure combined meetings.

Sports and Leisure



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Sun Beach Hotel	A	2392051221	2392051245	www.sunbeach.gr	3	50-220	
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Best Western Vergina	B	2310516021	2310529308	www.vergina-hotel.gr	7	20-200	
Queen Olga	B	2310824621	2310830550	www.queenolga.gr	3	20-200	

Chalkidiki

* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Aegean Melathron	L	2374020820	2374024707	www.aegeanstar.com	2	50-150	
Alexander the Great Hotel	L	2374020210	2374023588	www.papcorp.gr	2	20-40	
Alia Palace Hotel	L	2374061166	2374063301	www.alia-palace.com	1	70	
Athos Palace - Pallini Beach Hotel Complex	L	2374022100	2374023605	www.g-hotels.gr	7	50-800	
Danai Beach Resort & Villas	L	2375022310	2375022591	www.dbr.gr	2	50	
Eagle's Palace Hotel & Bungalows	L	2377031047	2377031383	www.eaglespalace.gr	3	20-220	
Istion Club	L	2373041900	2373041500	www.istionclub.gr	2	700	
Oceania Club Hotel	L	2373095100	2373095109	www.oceaniaclub.gr	3	60-350	
Porto Carras Grand Resort	L	2375071381	2375071229	www.portocarras.com	21	80-2100	63
Possidi Holidays Hotel	L	2374042169	2374042028	www.possidi-holidays.gr	1	200	
Sani Resort	L	2374099400	2374099508	www.saniresort.gr	9	20-600	64
Simandro Beach	L	2374022100	2374023605	www.g-hotels.gr	2	110-530	
Alexandros Village Hotel & Suites	A	2377031424	2377031100	www.alexandros-hotel.gr	7	80-650	
Athena Palace Hotel	A	2375023000	2375023001	www.athena-pallas.gr	4	70-400	
Kassandra Palace Hotel	A	2374051471-5	2374052080	www.kassandra-palace.gr	4	20-500	
Kriopigi Beach	A	2374052502	2374052524	www.kriopigibeach.gr	1	150	
Mendi Hotel	A	2374041323-5	2374041326	www.mendi-hotel.gr	4	25-150	
Portes Beach Hotel	A	2373041925	2373042125	www.portesbeach.com	1	180	
Portes Palace	A	2373043070	2373043119	www.portespalace.com	1	120	
Potidea Palace Hotel	A	2373041653	2373041885	www.potidea-palace.gr	1	400	
Secret Paradise Hotel & Spa	A	2399048588	2399024041	www.mykonosparadise.com	1	80	
Theoxenia Hotel	A	237701060-6	2377071079	www.theoxenia.gr	2	35-200	
Gerakina Beach Sithonia Village Hotel & BGLS Resort	B	2371052302	2371052118	www.gerakina-beach.gr	2	220-300	



NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
Pieria							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Mediterranean Village	L	2351064600	2351064601	www.mediterraneanhotels.gr	2	400-600	
Olympian Bay	A	2352031311	2352031315	www.olympianbay.com	3	50-250	
Poseidon Palace Hotel	A	2352031602	2352031680	www.poseidonpalace.gr	5	700	
Mythos Hotel	B	2351082930	2351082930	www.hotelmythos.gr	1	100	
Pella							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Leventis Art Suites	L	2381034141	2381034142	www.leventisartsuites.gr	1	80	
Florina							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Lingos Hotel	B	2385028322-3	2385029643	www.hotel-lingos.gr	1	50-150	
Kastoria							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Edika's Conference Centre		2467027771-3	2467027774	www.edika.gr/conference/index.htm	1	350	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Limneon Resort Hotel & Spa	L	2467085111	2467085160	www.limneon.gr	7	150-600	
Dedis Hotel	B	2467085552-4	2467085696	www.dedis.gr	1	600	
Tsamis	B	2467085334	2467085777	htsamis@otenet.gr	3	20-600	
Kavala							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Batis Multiplex		2510243975	2510245690	www.batis-sa.gr	1	500	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Imaret Hotel	L	2103640441	2103633733	www.yadeshotels.gr	3	60-120	
Lucy Hotel	L	2510600060	2510600080	www.lucyhotel.gr	5	150-450	
Egnatia Hotel	A	2510242891-5	2510245396	www.egnatiahotel.gr	5	35-100	
Kozani							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Tselikas Hotel		2461035172	2461037997	http://users.forthnet.gr/koz/tselikas-hotel	1	10-100	
Serres							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Elpida Resort & Spa	A	2321020000	2321062222	www.elpidahotel.eu	4	150-700	
Alexander Hotel	B	2321078777	2321078355	www.alexander-hotel.gr	2	150-550	
Thassos							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Ilio Mare Beach Hotel	L	2593072083-4	2893072085	www.iliomare.gr	2	80-350	
Alexandra Beach	A	2593052391-8	2593051185	www.alexandrabeach.gr	1	60-180	
Bungalows Makryammos Hotel	A	2593022101	2593022761	www.makryammos-hotel.gr	1	150	
Edessa							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Alexander the Great Conference Centre		2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	4	60-230	
FOE Conference Centre		2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	4	80-450	
Mitropoli Conference Centre		2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	5	50-280	
Pella Conference Centre		2381023101	2381024359	www.edessacity.gr/conference	4	50-290	
Waterfalls of Edessa Municipal Enterprise - WEME		2381020300	2381020227	www.edessacity.gr/conference	10	80-2500	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Aigai Hotel	A	2381025444	2381022926	www.aigai-hotel.gr	1	80-100	
Pella Hotel	B	2382081433-6	2382081437	www.hotelpella.gr	3	40-350	
Hotel Xenia		2381021898	2381029708	www.xeniaedessa.gr	5	30-280	
Veria							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Municipal Conference Centre & Theatre of Veria		2331078100	2331027914	www.veriaculture.gr	3	30-650	
Municipal Enterprise for Local, Cultural & Social Development		2331078100	2331027914	www.veriaculture.gr	1	200	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Aiges Melathron	A	2331077777	2331077770	www.aigesmelathron.gr	5	40-480	
Naoussa							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Cultural Center of Aristotle's School		2332043437	2332043438	www.sxoliaristotelous.gr	1	80	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Vermion Hotel	B	2332029311-5	2332029311	www.hotelvermio.gr	2	20-220	

Convention Centres & Resort Hotels

Hotels with Conference Facilities in Thessaloniki - Chalkidiki



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Location

The largest hotel in Thessaloniki, Capsis Hotel, stands in the heart of Thessaloniki, (18, Monastiriou str.) 17 kilometers away from the international airport and parted 300m from the railway station, within easy reach of museums, historical sites, shops, nightclubs, and traditional tavernas. Comfort, professionalism and superb level of services represent the core qualities offered in Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki. Latest technology designs and recent renovation have made Capsis one of the best-known and foremost central hotels in Thessaloniki, being an ideal option for business meetings, conference receptions and

tours around the city of great religious and cultural significance.

The Capsis Hotel, a representative member of the eminent Capsis Hotel Chain, is the largest city hotel in the Northern Greece. The hotel's 407 rooms and 18 Conference multi-use centers are fully supplied with upgraded technological equipment, aiming to satisfy the demanding needs of the modern business people. The hotel is carefully designed to enable access and transportation of individuals with special needs throughout all main hotel facilities.

Accommodation

Capsis Hotel offers a range of three different categories of Club rooms - Club Business, Club Elegance, and Club Classic to choose from. Differentiation criteria are based on the guest's aesthetical approach as well as the scope of his/her visit. Executive rooms,

Junior & Executive Suites, complete capacity of the 407 rooms of the hotel. The total of ten rooms and all public areas are particularly designed to meet the needs of the physically challenged. Every room is fully equipped with wireless internet access and all the necessary gadgets that will satisfy even the most eclectic visitors.

Facilities & Services

The impressive "Byzantium" restaurant can host private dinners for up to 300 persons or receptions for up to 450. The new Stay Late service allows guests to checkout at 8 p.m. instead of the traditional 12 p.m. deadline, essentially gaining an extra day in the city, Free Wi-Fi, round-the-clock room service, secretarial service, medical service, baby-sitting service, currency exchange, laundry and dry-cleaning service, safe deposit boxes, car rental, organized excursions, reservations and bookings, underground parking for 50 cars, are also available.

Sports & Leisure

The Hermes Health Studio is a gym fully supplied with the latest equipment, saunas, and revitalizing massages performed by pro-

fessional physiotherapists. Club members and hotel guests are invited to create personalized workout programs alongside trained specialists, enjoy relaxing massages, and bask in the sauna's rejuvenating heat. Irene's Piano Bar has its own fanatic fans. Live music, large repertoire of songs and adequate service placed it among the best piano-bars of Thessaloniki. During the summer, guests of Capsis Hotels can enjoy refreshment drinks and snacks near the outdoor swimming pool at roof garden.

Conference Facilities

The Conference Center of Capsis Hotel has 18 conference, seminar and reception rooms, professionally supplied with the latest technology equipment, natural light, no obstacles blocking the view and direct contact with the kitchen. Their total capacity exceeds 2000 people, while if used independently, the venues can host a range of 8 to 500. Our competitive advantage is the congress lobby of 750sqm outside Theodora, an ideal place for placing stands of the sponsors of each congress.



Capsis Hotels

Capsis Hotel
Thessaloniki

Capsis Astoria
Heraklion Crete

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	RECEPTION (persons)	BANQUET (persons)	ROUND TABLE (persons)
THEODORA	372	400	304	90
CONGRESS LOBBY	700	-	-	-
FILLIP	190	144	110	68
FILLIP I	128	96	80	50
FILLIP II	62	-	-	28
VERGINA	216	144	110	-
VERGINA I	99	-	-	42
VERGINA II	117	-	-	30
IASON	170	120	96	50
ALEXANDER	62.5	-	-	32
SITHONIA	46	-	-	34
KASSANDRA	44	-	-	22
IOANINA	52.5	-	-	26
PELLA	31.5	-	-	14
DION	21	-	-	7
OFFICE No 1	24.4	-	-	8
OFFICE No 2	28	-	-	8
OFFICE No 4	49	-	-	8

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)
THEODORA	372	475	200	78
CONGRESS LOBBY	700	-	-	-
FILLIP	190	200	120	64
FILLIP I	128	150	90	45
FILLIP II	62	50	30	23
VERGINA	216	175	93	-
VERGINA I	99	120	63	36
VERGINA II	117	66	36	27
IASON	170	170	72	43
ALEXANDER	62.5	50	36	28
SITHONIA	46	60	30	28
KASSANDRA	44	40	18	18
IOANINA	52.5	40	24	20
DIOMIDIS	65	35	27	18
PELLA	31.5	20	12	-
DION	21	15	9	-
OFFICE No 1	24.4	-	-	-
OFFICE No 2	28	-	-	-
OFFICE No 4	49	-	-	-

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Location

Located close to one of the most picturesque areas of the northern Greek port-city of Thessaloniki, the five-star Mediterranean Palace Hotel is an establishment of ultimate hospitality for guests with high expectations. It has the features of its host city, including lively cosmopolitan atmosphere, refined sense of tranquility and warm hospitality. The hotel's style and luxury combines with its privileged location to make it an ideal destination for business travelers and holiday makers.



Accommodation

Designed to provide the highest standards of comfort and luxury, the hotel's 111 rooms, 1 executive suite and 5 junior suites are elegantly decorated and finely equipped to satisfy the most discerning guest. Each guestroom is appointed with modern amenities, including air condition, mini bar, Satellite TV, Pay TV, data socket, room safe, direct phone line, Free Wi-Fi internet connection, telephone in bathroom, 220V power supply, hair dryer, balcony or window with a view, bathrobe, slippers and working desk.

Facilities & Services

The Mediterranean Hotel chefs prepare delightful dishes from the Greek and international cuisine for a true feast impeccably served in luxurious ambiance. An ideal place for a business lunch or dinner accompanied with selected wines, the hotel's "Diplomatico" restaurant is the place where lunch or dinner becomes an art of good living and a feast of tastes. "The Hours" café bar boasts discreet and intimate environment, fine decoration, warm atmosphere and personalized service for professional or personal meetings over a cup of aromatic coffee, a light snack or exotic cocktails. The hotel's Wellness Center offers a discreet environment for relaxation, revitalization, reinforcement and well being, including an indoor heated swimming pool, mini gym, sauna and massage room.

Conference Services

Seven conference rooms are available to host all types and sizes of corporate events, from 20 to 400 people. The fully equipped multiple function meeting rooms, ideal for product launches, seminars and presentations, are carefully designed by the experienced banqueting staff. Services include state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, high speed internet connections (Wi-Fi & Wired internet connection), secretarial services, notepads and pens for all participants, musical coverage, venue decoration, menu suggestions, portage services, parking services for participants and assisting areas. At the Mediterranean Palace the gastronomic suggestions of unique taste and presentation, the elegant decoration of the reception halls and the personal care of a well-trained staff turn every event into a luxurious experience for up to 300 guests. The ideal location of the Mediterranean Palace Hotel, the extensive experience of the hotel's staff and the remarkable catering services guarantee the seamless organization and success of every business or social event.

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
ZEUS	300	300	450
IFIGENIA (I)	160	140	180
NAFSIKA (II)	86	72	90
(I + II)	246	180	250
POSIDON A	86	72	100
POSIDON B (A + B)	54	48	50
	140	120	150
APOLLON (A)	90	96	120
DIPLOMATICO (D) (A + D)	115	80	-
	205	164	-
ERMIS	17	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATER (persons)	SCHOOL (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)
ZEUS	300	400	250	100
IFIGENIA (I)	160	190	120	50
NAFSIKA (II)	86	100	60	40
(I + II)	246	-	180	-
POSIDON A	86	80	50	35
POSIDON B (A + B)	54	35	25	22
	140	115	75	-
APOLLON (A)	90	110	70	50
DIPLOMATICO (D) (A + D)	115	-	-	-
	205	-	-	-
ERMIS	17	10	-	-

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Location

Thessaloniki is Greece's second largest and historical city situated in the northern part of the mainland and very close to all southeastern European countries. Its commercial port is also of great importance for the whole area.

Grand Hotel Palace constitutes Thessaloniki's most integrated hotel in the mice sector, with building and facilities of high specifications. Convenience and luxury are combined with aesthetics and a friendly environment, providing a truly high quality of stay.

Accommodation

An expression of elegance that reflects a graceful blend of architecture. The 222 Deluxe rooms, 34 Executive rooms on the Executive Floor (6th floor) of the building, 3 Deluxe Suites and the 2

Presidential Suites, each with balcony, direct telephone line, Internet access, radio, mini bar, TV, PAY TV, satellite TV, bathroom, hair dryer and other accessories provide a various level of comfort and elegance. Each room and suite in the Hotel has been designed to provide high standards of convenience. Its decoration, distinguished by its aristocratic and fine taste, its excellent equipment that covers every visitor's needs and the outstanding service constitute a guarantee for an unforgettable stay. All rooms are climate-controlled with individual heating and air conditioning.

Features & Facilities

Grand Hotel Palace offers various services and facilities, covering in full the needs of the business or leisure traveller and adding to the main objective of making our

guests' stay the most pleasant and comfortable.

These services include the Business Centre, an 'office away from the office', which provides a full range of business and secretarial services. Other indoor services are custom-made to the needs of our guests. Outdoor activities that can be arranged nearby include mountain hiking, mountain biking, private boat trips and sailing, all major water sports, private airplane rental, riding, and vineyard excursions.

Services & Facilities

Concierge, Laundry and valet services, All major credit cards accepted, Parking, Babysitter on request, Multilingual staff, 24-hour Room Service, Currency exchange Parking, Hairdresser, Tobacco & Gift, Car rental, Limo Service, Rooms and Facilities for physically disabled guests, No smoking floor, Health

Club, Indoor Swimming Pool, Shuttle Bus Service.

Meetings & Convention Facilities

Grand Hotel Palace offers a wide range of conference and banqueting facilities, suitable for large and small events, meetings and conferences for up to 3300 participants. An internationally trained catering management team is available for total event coordination.

Settings include the New Conference Center "Olympia", Grand Ballroom, "Voula Patoulidou" Conference Hall, Ilida meeting room, Kalipatira meeting room and 2 boardrooms. A diverse selection of sophisticated digital audio-visual technology may be drawn on to suit any event need.

Type of Event

HALL	Surface Area (m ²)	Cocktail provision (persons)	Banquet provision (persons)
OLYMPIA A+B+C+D	950	1500	900
OLYMPIA A	220	340	200
OLYMPIA B	200	300	180
OLYMPIA C	240	370	220
OLYMPIA D	105	160	95
OLYMPIA FOYER	115	180	105
GRAND BALLROOM	650	1000	600
GRAND BALLROOM I	325	500	300
GRAND BALLROOM II	325	500	300
VOULA PATOULIDOU	400	650	370
VOULA PATOULIDOU I	200	325	185
VOULA PATOULIDOU II	200	325	185
VOULA PATOULIDOU FOYER	100	150	-
LOBBY	300	450	-
KALIPATIRA	100	150	90
ILIDA	60	90	55
SEMIFLOOR FOYER	100	150	-
MEETING ROOM	38	-	-
MEETING ROOM I	22	-	-
MEETING ROOM II	16	-	-
TV ROOM	35	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	Surface Area (m ²)	Theatrical Provision (persons)	School Provision (persons)	Provision Π
OLYMPIA A+B+C+D	950	1300	730	300
OLYMPIA A	220	300	170	70
OLYMPIA B	200	270	60	60
OLYMPIA C	240	330	190	75
OLYMPIA D	105	140	80	30
OLYMPIA FOYER	115	160	90	35
GRAND BALLROOM	650	900	500	200
GRAND BALLROOM I	325	450	250	100
GRAND BALLROOM II	325	450	250	100
VOULA PATOULIDOU	400	550	300	120
VOULA PATOULIDOU I	200	275	150	60
VOULA PATOULIDOU II	200	275	150	60
VOULA PATOULIDOU FOYER	100	-	-	-
LOBBY	300	-	-	-
KALIPATIRA	100	140	80	35
ILIDA	60	80	45	20
SEMIFLOOR FOYER	100	-	-	-
MEETING ROOM	38	50	30	15
MEETING ROOM I	22	35	20	10
MEETING ROOM II	16	15	10	5
TV ROOM	35	50	30	15

GRAND HOTEL PALACE

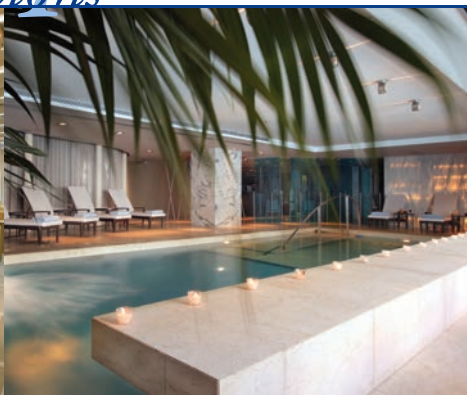
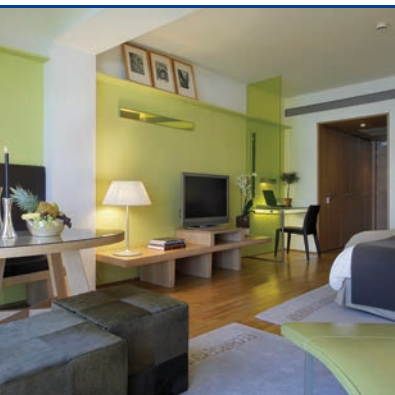
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Location

Hotel Nikopolis Thessaloniki is a De Lux 5 star Boutique City Resort, built in an area of 25.000 sqm. The Hotel is situated 3 km from "Makedonia" airport and 20 minutes from Thessaloniki's city center and 45 minutes by car from the best beaches of Chalkidiki. It's location within short walking distance to shopping centers, at the heart of a wide and continuously growing district of commercial activity, positions the Hotel as a destination for the business travelers.

Accommodation

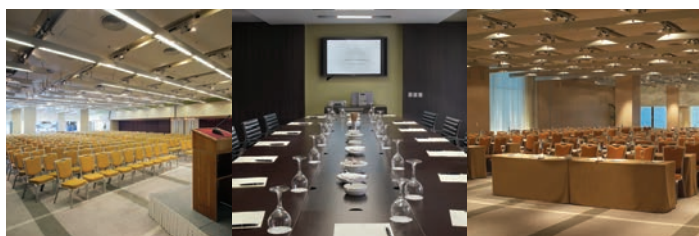
The modern design of 99 luxurious rooms and suites, decorated with unique pieces of furniture and lights carry the signature of the most well known contemporary designers of the world. All rooms offer spectacular view at the pool or at the gardens, marble bathroom with separate shower and bathtub, LCD Flat Screen TV with satellite connection and Pay TV, individually controlled air-conditioning, soundproof windows, work desk, wireless and cable connection to the Internet, personal electronic safe box and mini bar.

Facilities & Services

- Da Vinci Italian Restaurant
- Galaxy Bar
- BarCode Bar
- Blue Bar (seasonal)
- Business Center
- 24hours room service
- Laundry, dry cleaning and pressing
- Indoor and outdoor parking
- Limo service and car rental upon request
- Wireless Internet connection at all public areas
- Free parking
- Exclusive Aqua Club Spa Facilities
- 1700 sqm Outdoor swimming pool
- Indoor heated swimming pool
- Fitness Centre
- Sauna
- Jacuzzi
- Power Plate
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Variety of Massages

Conference Facilities

Hotel Nikopolis Thessaloniki accommodates high-level professional business meetings, conferences, seminars and social events for up to 1.000 people. Complete ultramodern audiovisual equipment is available to all rooms and can be tailor made according to the needs of any event. The contemporary architecture of the glass surrounded room **The Atrium** (465 sqm) with the natural light and the view to the impressive outdoor pool and the gardens, makes the perfect room for conferences, private parties and wedding receptions up to 600 persons. **The Ballroom** (415 sqm) is an absolutely modern conference room. The view to the outdoor pool waterfall, the design and the complete ultramodern audiovisual equipment, have established the room as one of the most hospitable places in town. In addition, the meetings rooms **Alpha** (100 sqm), **Omega** (100 sqm) and **Kappa** (40 sqm) all with natural light, can serve the needs of meetings, demonstrations and seminars.



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	SET MENU (persons)	SITED BUFFET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
The Ballroom	415	250	238	400
Ballroom A	150	80	60	100
Ballroom B	160	96	82	110
Ballroom C	105	60	50	60
Ballroom A & B	310	200	150	250
Ballroom B & C	265	130	110	200
Alpha Meeting Room	100	-	-	-
Omega Meeting Room	100	36	-	40
Kappa Meeting Room	40	24	-	30
The Atrium	465	350	396	600
The Atrium & The Ballroom	880	684	600	1000

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	U-SHAPE (persons)	O-SHAPE (persons)	THEATER (persons)	SCHOOL (persons)
The Ballroom	415	56	68	350	200
Ballroom A	150	30	40	120	72
Ballroom B	160	32	44	130	100
Ballroom C	105	28	32	80	48
Ballroom A & B	310	56	84	270	160
Ballroom B & C	265	-	-	200	120
Alpha Meeting Room	100	16	20	-	-
Omega Meeting Room	100	24	30	45	24
Kappa Meeting Room	40	15	18	30	15
The Atrium	465	120	160	600	350
The Atrium & The Ballroom	880	-	-	-	-

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Location

On the western side of Halkidiki Sithonia Peninsula, where the verdant slopes of Mt Meliton stretch down to mingle with the crystal clear waters of Toroneo Gulf, lies the Porto Carras complex. The seaside paradise of 1,763 hectares, has a 9 km of unspoilt coastline and 25 secluded sandy coves each lapped by crystal clear waters offering a variety of services and facilities that becomes the ideal vacation place for all guests.

The Porto Carras Grand Resort consists of 4 hotels, international standards Golf Course and Golf Club, Porto Carras Domain, Convention Centre and meeting facilities, Marina with shopping arcade, restaurants, tavernas and bars. Guests come across a variety of sports and entertainment facilities and two Thalasso & Spa centres, one of which is the biggest (4,700sqm) in South Eastern Europe. Porto Carras Grand Resort offers the "Dine around" program, which allows half board guests to experience other restaurants throughout the resort, at an additional charge.

Accommodation

The two hotels boasts: Meliton 5* Deluxe Thalasso & Spa (480 rooms), Sithonia 5* Thalasso & Spa (477 rooms) plus the Villa Galini, with 7 suites and 11 rooms satisfying the most demanding expectations. The Thalassotherapy & Spa Centres in Me-

liton and Sithonia Hotel offer a full range of beauty, fitness and relaxation programmes, including massage, physiotherapy, aerobics, weight loss, firming, toning, color therapy and aromatherapy.

The private Marina is the biggest is the largest and best organized in Northern Greece and for years has proudly flown the EU blue flag of quality. With 5.5 metres of water and ample room for 315 yachts (max. length: 55 metres), it is also extremely sheltered and offers all the necessary services. Where else can you moor your yacht directly in front of you suite!

Sport & Entertainment

At Porto Carras the day is yours to do what you like with, and you can be just as active or lazy as you choose.

For sports enthusiasts, there is a wide range of choices:

- Golf (the international-standard 18-hole course is open year round)
- Tennis Academy
- Diving Centre
- Water Sports Centre
- Riding School
- Football pitches (5X5, 8X8, 11X11)
- Hiking trails
- Beach Volleyball
- Gymnasium

In addition, the resort's team of experienced activities leaders undertake to keep the younger guests creatively occupied, so that

their parents can enjoy a few hours of carefree relaxation. Also our expert Animation Team entertains the guests.

Mediterranean cuisine, local specialties and gourmet delights await you in a wide variety of restaurants and bars with fabulous views of the sea and the marina.

Excitement is in the very air at the cosmopolitan Porto Carras Casino. Roulette, blackjack, slot machines and all the other games of chance, plus daily draws for special gifts, guarantee you a wonderful evening.

Conventions and Events

With the capacity to accommodate a total of 5,300 delegates, the Porto Carras Grand Resort Convention Centre is the perfect place for meeting and events of just about any size.

The idyllic location, superb facilities and discreet security managements are recipe for success whatever the scale of the event, up to and including the European Summit 2003 and also the visit of the President of Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin.

Olympic Hall

The world-class Porto Carras Conference facility dominates the area of the marina, is the biggest and best equipped convention hall in Northern Greece and can accommodate 2,300 delegates in a continuous space measuring 1,900 sq. metres. The Olympic Hall hosted the meeting of the European

Summit during Greece's presidency of the European Union in June 2003.

Flexible enough to be partitioned in three acoustically sealed areas, can comfortably host independent events or meetings that are part of the large - scale event. Thanks to its privileged location, it is suitable for congresses, concerts and exhibitions.

The Olympic Hall is ideally supplemented by 3 theatres, Gina Bahauer (indoor 454pax), Apollo open theatre (800pax) and Small Open Theatre (up to 3000pax).

Also more than 20 indoor meeting rooms throughout the resort can accommodate from 10 up to 400 delegates.

Venues

- Events in numerous indoor and outdoor venues
- Theme nights, barbeque & beach parties at Kohi - kohi beach
- Glamorous receptions at the Marina
- Nights with multicultural character in one of resorts Theatres (Gina Bahauer; Apollon Open Theatre, Open Area Theatre)
- Pre Dinner Reception & Cocktails in the gardens & Sunset Gala Dinner at the swimming pool of Villa Galini, with the astonishing view to hall Toroniaios Bay
- Cocktail Receptions at the lagoons of both hotels
- Wedding receptions in next to the sea Restaurants (Pefko & Pergola Beach Restaurants)

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATER (persons)	SCHOOL (persons)	BANQUET (persons)
Olympic Hall	1900	2300 pax	1460 pax	1730 pax
Olympic Hall I	595	740 pax	460 pax	550 pax
Olympic Hall II	775	960 pax	600 pax	680 pax
Olympic Hall III	470	600 pax	365 pax	430 pax
Meliton Hall A	240	290 pax	180 pax	160 pax
Meliton Hall B	240	290 pax	180 pax	160 pax
Terpsichory	135	120 pax	90 pax	80 pax
Erato	154	110 pax	90 pax	80 pax
Thalia	90	90 pax	75 pax	70 pax
Chloe	96	80 pax	66 pax	70 pax
2 Boardrooms	30	30 pax	20 pax	-
Meliton Night Club	700	340 pax	-	150 pax
Meliton Junior Ballroom	480	580 pax	360 pax	320 pax

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATER (persons)	SCHOOL (persons)	BANQUET (persons)
Meliton Ballroom	475	-	-	330 pax
Marina I	95	80 pax	70 pax	70 pax
Marina II	140	130 pax	90 pax	80 pax
Day Light Room #1	15	20 pax	15 pax	-
Day Light Room #2	15	20 pax	15 pax	-
Sithonia Night Club	660	330 pax	270 pax	260 pax
Sithonia Junior Ball Room	307	484 pax	-	-
Sithonia Hall A & B	307	484 pax	-	-
Olynthos	30	25 pax	20 pax	35 pax
Pella	25	20 pax	15 pax	15 pax
Aristoteles	150	90 pax	60 pax	80 pax
Gina Bahauer	400	464 pax	220 pax	-
Apollon Theatre	750	800 pax	-	-

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SANI RESORT

The Mediterranean Destination

An event to remember



Location

Sani Resort is a privately developed ecological reserve set in a breathtaking location just 45 minutes from Thessaloniki international airport in Northern Greece. It features four luxury hotels, a marina, 3 spas, 34 restaurants and bars and a convention centre, offering a wide variety of elegant and exclusive venues for corporate and private events. With excellent national and international transport facilities, along with an impressive range of facilities, Sani Resort is a popular choice for corporate and private events from 20 to 700 delegates. Its wide range of excellent accommo-

modation and top quality restaurants can meet the most demanding needs. Our dedicated meetings and conference team are also available to help you plan and make sure that everything you need is available and that all runs smoothly and successfully.

Conference & Event Facilities

- 9 multi-function conference rooms for 10 to 600 delegates theatre style
- State-of-the-art audiovisual equipment
- Remote control lights and PA systems
- Simultaneous translation systems
- Secretarial services, business centre, audio and video recording
- Wi Fi in-room internet
- Organisation of cruises, excursions, adventure walks etc

- Shows, performances, musicals
- Catering for all banqueting requirements



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	SET MENU (persons)	BUFFET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)	PARTY (persons)
Aristotle's Ballroom	540	400	400	800	380
Aristotle's 1	270	250	250	500	-
Aristotle's 2	270	150	150	300	-
Alexandros	250	200	200	300	-
Alexandros 2	20	-	-	-	-
Pella	65	-	-	-	-
Press room	22	-	-	-	-
Interview Room	16	-	-	-	-
Philippos	27	-	-	-	-
Breakout room 1	101	-	-	-	-
Breakout room 2	44	-	-	-	-
S & C conference room	56	-	-	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE STYLE (persons)	CLASSROOM STYLE (persons)	"U" SHAPE (persons)	BOARDROOM (persons)
Aristotle's Ballroom	540	650	400	-	-
Aristotle's 1	270	350	180	80	-
Aristotle's 2	270	200	100	60	-
Alexandros	250	260	150	60	-
Alexandros 2	20	20	10	10	-
Pella	65	50	30	22	30
Press room	22	20	10	10	10
Interview Room	16	20	10	10	10
Philippos	27	30	15	15	15
Breakout room 1	101	80	40	30	30
Breakout room 2	44	30	18	15	15
S & C conference room	56	40	20	20	20

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Congresses *in* Thrace

Convention Centres & Resort Hotels
Hotels with Conference Facilities



Thrace *the recreational destination*



Komotini

Nestos river

Location



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Alexandroupolis

History & Culture



Evros river

Thrace or Thraki is the northeastern part of Greece, bordering Bulgaria to the north, Turkey to the east and the Aegean Sea to the south. A place of many contrasts, it is marked in its passage down the ages by traces of the mysterious atmosphere of the East. In addition to the tribe that Homer called Thracians, Ancient Thrace was home to numerous Indo-European tribes, and all of them managed to remain rural peoples, usually living in fortified hilltops. The presence of the Greek element here goes back to the 7th century BC.

It is a quiet place – a stable and unspoiled landscape - but also an unexpected landscape. It is on an ever-present antithesis that its identity is based. It is the easternmost point of Europe and the westernmost part of the East, a dreamland abounding in sea and rivers, rich in mountains, rain, sudden downpours and uncompromising sunlight.

There are three administrative areas in Thrace: Xanthi, Rhodopi and Evros. Xanthi, the Lady of Thrace, offers an escapade to a land away from the mundane. A refuge for recreation, generously endowed by nature, it is an experience worth living while taking back home some images that will stay indelible for ever on your memory.

The namesake capital-city Xanthi, a modern city rich in history, traditions and customs, dates back to 879 AD. It began as a small village and experienced all the tumultuous periods of the history of Thrace, such as raids, disasters, ethnic conflicts, civil wars. Renowned for its tobacco quality, it was led into a course of prosperity through tobacco commerce in the 18th century.

Nowadays, it is the commercial and spiritual center of the region, characterized by its multicultural aspect and a harmonious co-existence of its Christian and Muslim communities. It holds a significant position in the region owed not only to its privileged geographical location, but also to its status as a powerful commercial, manufacturing and cultural center with venues for the development of special services, research and innovation, exploiting the presence of the Polytechnic School of Democritus University of Thrace.

The contemporary town is lined with impressive mansions, museums, churches and monasteries, shops, squares, parks, halls of entertainment, cafes, restaurants and taverns of great aesthetic. It is known as the City of the Thousand Colors, with many attractions for the visitors. One should not miss the Carnival (either February or March), the Old Town Festival beginning of September and the Xanthi Bazaar every Saturday.

The varied landscape of Thrace continues into Rhodopi, a harmonious combination of valleys filled with sweet smelling bloom, pine-clad mountains, forests, antiquities and the sea.

The capital Komotini is built in a lush landscape and has a strong Anatolian color. Situated along the Via Egnatia, Komotini was founded in the early Christian era. Traces of the Byzantine fortress walls are still visible at the entrance of the city. A modern urban center in continuous development, it is the seat of the regional government of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace region, the administrative center of Thrace and the host-city of Democritus University.



Xanthi (Old city)



Lighthouse of Alexandroupolis



Rodopi

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Evros has a continual presence since antiquity and Byzantine time till today. While in this region, it is worth attempting an initiation into the wonders of nature: the forest at Avanda, the forest at Dadia with its plentiful wildlife, and the wetlands in Evros' Delta, the most important rare bird sanctuary in Southern Europe with its flora and fauna undisturbed. The spellbinding beaches and turquoise sea are vacationlands par excellence. Makri and Nea Hilli, right on the sea, are fast evolving into popular summer resorts.

Alexandroupolis, the capital of the prefecture of Evros, is an important seaside city with rapid economic development, a commercial center complete with a major harbor and railroad station. It boasts high quality of life with environmental balance and continuous cultural development, vibrant culture and multiple opportunities for entertainment. A pretty town with well laid-out streets and neo-classical mansions, it combines the cultures of East and West, a pole of attraction for museum, entertainment and gastronomy lovers. The days are filled with visits to the folk, church and national museums, shopping at the vibrant local market. Nights are full of fun with friends or family at the numerous taverns indulging in new tastes, fresh fish and seafood that abound in the area.

In recent years, Evros and especially the city of Alexandroupolis, has significantly developed congress tourism, boasting infrastructure and facilities that can accommodate large numbers of participants, and, most importantly, meet their high standards and requirements. The city has outstanding 4* and 5* hotels, with state-of-the-art conference facilities.



Niki of Samothraki

Convention Centres & Hotels with Conference facilities

NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
<i>Alexandroupolis</i>							
* CONVENTION CENTRES & RESORT HOTELS							
Thraki Palace Hotel & Conference Center	L	2551089100	2551089119	www.thrakipalace.gr	9	20-700	68
Alexander Beach Hotel & Conference Centre	A	25510 39290-5	2551039070	www.alexbh.gr	6	60-650	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Grand Egnatia Hotel	L	2551038000	2551082800	www.grecotel.gr	3	55-470	
Nefeli Hotel	A	25510 40401-3	2551040455	www.nefelihotel-sa.gr	2	100-300	
Panorama Classic Hotel	A	2551040040	2551040046	www.panoramahotel.info	1	200	
<i>Komotini</i>							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Arcadia Hotel	A	2531089100	2531089119	www.arcadiahotel.gr	5	60-900	
Chris & Eve Hotel	B	25310 33560-3	2531026979	www.chris-eve.com	3	15-600	
<i>Xanthi</i>							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Hotel Casino Xanthi	L	2541084805	2541084814	www.hotelcasinoxanthi.gr	1	350	
Z Palace Hotel	L	25410 64414-6	2541064410	www.z-palace.gr	3	400	
Le Chalet Hotel	B	25410 68511-5	2541068516	www.lechalet.gr	1	350	

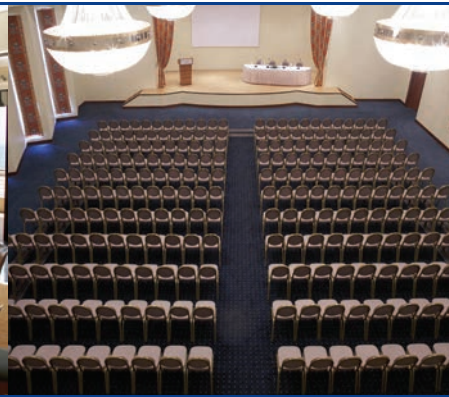


THRAKI PALACE



HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

A reference point for quality in conference facilities



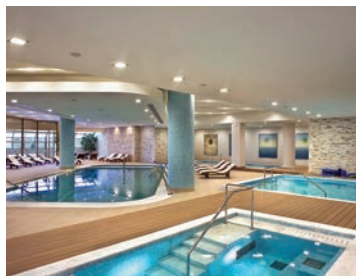
Location

Ideally located on a beautiful beach west of the northern Greek city of Alexandroupolis, Thraki Palace Hotel is one of the largest investments in the field of holiday and business tourism in northern Greece. Situated at only 9 kilometres from the airport, this five-star establishment is a new reference point in the Balkans and a major tourist attraction in one of the most beautiful and least explored regions in the country.



Accommodation

Built in modern style, perfectly blending with its natural environment, the main building houses 139 comfortable guestrooms and 10 elegant suites, all appointed with all modern amenities. Each guestroom is tastefully decorated and has all modern amenities including individual bath, central heating/air conditioning, Satellite TV, phone line with PC connection, mini bar, safe deposit box, service, and balcony.



Facilities & Services

Expert culinary personnel prepares and serves delicious international and local menus at the hotel's elegant "Allegro" restaurant. The wealth of facilities include a swimming pool, large parking space, children's pool, pool bar, souvenir shops, mini market, hairdresser facilities, gym, children's playground, laundry, baby sitting service and 24-hour room service.

Thalasso and Wellness Spa

Thraki Palace Hotel is proud to present its new, beautifully designed, ultra-modern Thalasso and Wellness Spa in an area of 2400 sq.m. Opened in December 2010. Our aim is to provide guests with the complete range of customised spa treatments, but also to encourage them to adopt healthy living practices that can blend harmoniously into their daily life.

Conference Facilities

Thraki Palace offers the ideal venue for conferences, seminars, exhibitions and all types of social events. The hotel boasts European-standard, contemporary function facilities that can cater to both large and small events. Combining state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained staff, the luxurious ground-floor conference center can accommodate up to 2000 people. Reflecting an elegant and relaxed atmosphere and combining top of the line service with latest technology conference equipment Thraki Palace brings a unique approach to business meetings.

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	SCHOOL (persons)	BOARD (persons)
DIMOKRITOS 1	352,80	430	250	90
DIMOKRITOS 2	201,60	230	160	70
DIMOKRITOS 1+2	554,40	750	410	180
ORFEAS	160,00	180	90	50
LEFKIPOS	162,80	170	80	50
NIKI	201,60	230	160	70
EOLOS	193,20	200	130	45
ATHENA	57,20	70	40	18
OFFICE 1	20,00	20	12	8
OFFICE 2	20,00	20	12	8
FOYER APOLLO	500,00	500	300	110

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET (persons)	RECEPTION (persons)
DIMOKRITOS 1	352,80	250	350
DIMOKRITOS 2	201,60	150	250
DIMOKRITOS 1+2	554,40	380	480
ORFEAS	160,00	120	220
LEFKIPOS	162,80	120	220
NIKI	201,60	150	250
EOLOS	193,20	140	190
ATHENA	57,20	50	60
OFFICE 1	20,00	15	20
OFFICE 2	20,00	15	20
FOYER APOLLO	500,00	300	400

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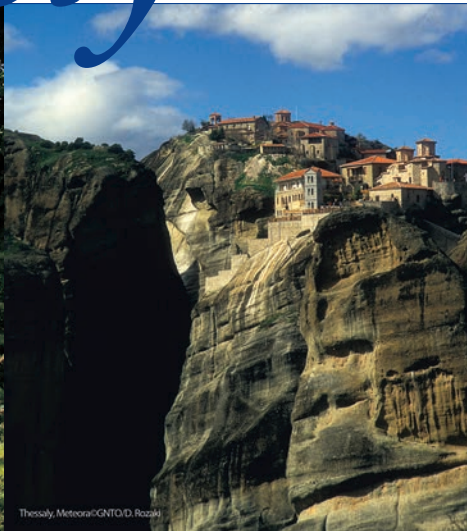


Congresses
in *Central Greece*

Hotels with Conference Facilities



Thessaly the heart of the



Thessaly, Meteora © GNTQ/D. Rozak

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Location

Tall, verdant mountains surround the fertile plain of Thessaly, separating it from the rest of the Greek mainland. Mt. Olympus and Mt. Orthrys are set at the northern and southern borders respectively, while in the west the Pindus mountain range forms a natural barrier separating Greece's largest agricultural region from Epirus. To the east stands the majestic Mt. Pelion, which is the only Thessalian outlet towards the sea.

Transportation

The road and rail networks of Greek mainland run straight through the flat land of Thessaly. Larissa, which is the largest city in the region, occupying a central position, serves as an important transportation hub. Fast motorways connect this city directly to Athens, Thessaloniki and the rest of the administrative centres in the region.

History & Culture

The ancient Thessalians were prudent enough to remain outside of the murderous wars that were ranging for centuries between the Greek city-states. However this did not spare them from the Macedonian conquest. They remain integrated in the Macedonian Kingdom throughout its struggle against the Romans. During that time their cities suffered immensely from the destructive rage of the Roman legions that finally succeeded in subduing the region, transforming it into a Roman province in 168 BC. In Medieval times, the region was invaded by the Huns and Goths (4th century), followed, from the 6th century onwards, by Slavic tribes and the Bulgars. After the fall of Constantinople to the Crusaders in 1204, Thessaly became a ceaseless battleground between the Frankish lords, the Epirot despots, and the Emperors of resurrected Byzantium. In addition, the area was invaded by the Serbs, who added themselves to the list of Thessaly's claimants, until the year 1396 when the Turkish armies marched in, encountering little resistance.

About that time, the Byzantine monks formed monastic communities in Meteora, the numerous perpendicular rocks that are a unique geological legacy of the region.

The Turks remained in power until 1881, when the Ottoman Empire, during the Berlin conference, was persuaded to cede the province to the Greek state.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Most visitors to inland Thessaly head directly to Meteora, one of Greece most recognizable sights. Here, among the woods, the gorges, and the picturesque villages, rise numerous imposing monoliths that reach for the sky. Twenty-four Byzantine monasteries have been clinging to the tops of the tall gray rocks for over six hundred years, challenging and inviting pilgrims from all over Greece to this center of Christianity. On the foothills of the Meteora range lays the town of Kalabaka, which is also famed for its Byzantine churches.

Wandering around the valley and the surrounding mountains one will come across numerous traditional villages, spas, old churches and antiquities. Especially picturesque are the villages scattered on the peaks of the Agrafa mountain range, while in the district of Trikala can be found the ruins of the ancient sanctuary of Asclepius. Around the town of Farsala, in the district of Larissa, are places of great archaeological interest: the ruins of ancient Farsala, which according to a myth was the birthplace of the Greek hero Achilles, the Nymphean cave, which was a sanctuary of the god Pan and the Nymphs and a Prehistoric vaulted tomb. The rich findings from the archaeological digs in this area are exhibited in the museums of Volos, Almyros and the Louvre in Paris.

Sports & Leisure

The region's has a long established equestrian tradition. For thousands of years Thessaly has served as the breeding ground for Greece's finest horses. Ancient Thessalians passed so much time of their time mounted that southern Greeks believed Thessaly to be inhabited by Centaurs, the legendary half-man, half-horse creatures. Besides horse riding, the region's flat verdant plains and rolling hills make it an ideal terrain for cycling excursions. For water sports head east, to the popular resorts of Platamonas and the highly reputed resorts of Pelion. Finally mountain climbers and trekkers will have the chance to try their stamina and skills on the steep southern slopes of Mt. Olympus, in the scenic region of Meteora and other mountainous locations of Thessaly.

mainland



Gastronomy & Shopping

The shopping centre of Larissa is the most important in the region and among the best in Greece, offering a huge variety of goods at the best possible prices. The local traditional products include various handcrafted goods, fabrics and cloths. A wide range of dairy products are produced in several parts of Thessaly with rich pastures, while the town of Timavos is famed for its ouzo production. If ouzo is not strong enough for you and you feel like forgetting your cares and troubles for a while, try a little of the potent local brew, called "tsipouro"...

Local cuisine is excellent making full use of the rich traditional tastes. Juicy meat (preferably lamb) with spinach placed in ceramic or metal utensil called "gastra" and cooked in the hearth, is truly exceptional. A pie called "plastos", made from corn flour, cheese, eggs and leek is the favourite food in the mountainous Karditsa district, while trout is also popular in communities near lakes and rivers, like Kefalovriso in the Larisa district. Finally, while at the village of Ambelakia try some of the local delicacies and the superb red wine, to which the town owes its name ("Ambelakia" meaning grape vines).

Cultural Events

In the town of Trikala, the Hadjipetria Festival, which features athletic contests, national dances and lectures takes place around the end of the May.

At about the same time (20th to 30th of May) the neighbouring town of Karditsa hosts "Karaiskaki" folkloric celebrations with dancing, parades and pageantry, honouring the lives of the guerrillas who fought against the Ottoman rule. Quite interesting is also an old Easter Monday custom in the village of Rentina, in the Karditsa district, called the "bairakia". The priests lead the litany of the religious banners, while the pious villagers outbid each other in money for the honour of holding them.



People & Lifestyle

The large farm plots of Thessaly, having always required collective labour, have led people in this region to learn to depend on each other in order to perform their tasks and earn their living. Thus it was only natural that in Thessaly were created the first organised farmer partnerships and co-operatives in Greece. In the 18th century the people of Ambelakia near Larissa, founded a pioneering industrial cooperative, for producing, processing and exporting red thread and yarn. The cooperative had agencies in most of the countries of Europe and 6000 members. Today the cooperative tradition continues as Ambelakia's women participate in the development of the area through a state-assisted venture that combines customary rural living with tourism.

The Thessalian rich agriculture has spurred a lively intellectual activity: Important figures like the language reformist Alexandros Delmouzos and various educational institutions in this region, have played a key role in the modernization of the Greek state, with the introduction of novel ideas that were much disputed in their time.

Nightlife & Entertainment

During the winter Larissa is very popular with young people who gather in its lively center to enjoy the city's various entertainment opportunities. Besides numerous bars, music clubs and cinemas the city hosts the Thessalian Theatre, which has a quite successful history and has promoted many worthy artists.

In the summer, when temperature in valley is high, people head to the refreshing water of the popular beaches in the coast of Platamonas or in Magnesia. There, beach bars are in abundance and the fun never ceases.

Conference Facilities

Thessalian experience in co-operation and their team spirit are valuable assets in organizing gatherings of any nature. They have also seen that many parts of Thessaly command the necessary facilities, capable of upholding conferences, meetings, seminars and exhibitions. Many hotels in the coasts of Magnesia, in Platamonas as well as in the city of Larissa are excellent for these purposes.

Magnesia the treasury of



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Location

Magnesia constitutes the eastern part of Thessaly. It is characterised by the Pagasitikos Gulf, which is embraced almost entirely by the peninsula of Mt. Pelion. At the innermost point of Pagasitikos and at the foot of the evergreen slopes of Pelion is built Volos, the capital of the region. The city is situated conveniently at the centre of the Greek mainland, at an approximately equal distance from the country's two main urban centres, Athens and Thessaloniki.

Transportation

Magnesia is the first Thessalian territory one comes across when travelling along the main road and rail route of Greece connecting Athens to Thessaloniki. To get to the region's capital, Volos, all is needed is a short detour, about 35km, from the main motorway. Volos harbour is particularly active. It is the main export centre of Thessaly and the scene of much commercial and passenger traffic bound for the Sporades island complex, the great ports of Mediterranean, Syria and other Middle Eastern cities.

History & Culture

Magnesia, was among the first areas in Greece to be inhabited. Archaeologists have discovered Mesolithic finds that played an important role during the Bronze Age. All these discoveries prove the existence of significant cities in the district surrounding present-day Volos, which reached a peak during Mycenaean times. Among these was the legendary city of Iolkos, the capital of Mycenaean Thessaly. This was the starting point for Jason and the Argonauts, who set sail for the distant shores of the Black Sea, in quest of the Golden Fleece.

At the end of the Mycenaean period the cities of this region started to decline and submitted first to their neighbours from Thessaly, later to Macedonians, followed by the Romans and Byzantines.

During the Turkish occupation much of the population moved towards the highland of Pelion, gathering in villages, which developed into major centres. Economic prosperity together with intellectual activity, have left their beneficiary marks on the recent history of this region.

Sightseeing & Monuments

The beautiful urban centre of Volos was destroyed in the earthquake of 1955 forcing its inhabitants to rebuild it from the beginning, this time with modern city plans and durable materials. Nevertheless, there are still some quarters that haven't lost their traditional colour, like the "Tsipouradika", which constitutes a gathering point for all the visitors to the city. The other main attraction of the city is its excellent Archaeological museum, hosting findings from the whole of Magnesia and the Sporades islands.

Without doubt a visitor will notice that most of the beauty of Magnesia is focused in Mt. Pelion. Its picturesque villages, clinging to wooded slopes or hidden away in verdant ravines, are so much a part of the scenery that, seen from a distance they create the impression of having sprouted up along with the trees. The distinctive traditional architecture of the old houses with their narrow windows and decorated walls, stone stairways and roofs of gray or greenish slate; the Byzantine churches with wonderful frescos and icon screens; the winding cobbled paths, sculpted fountains, courtyards redolent of basil and gardenia - are all typical features of a Pelion village. The largest and most renowned are the villages of Makrinitza, Portaria, Milies, Tsagarada and Zagora.

Sports & Leisure

On the mountainside of Pelion, at the location of Hania you will find an excellent winter sports center. The facilities include a refuge, ski lifts, a big slope for experienced skiers and a separate area for beginners, along with all the comforts of a modern ski resort. The option for mountain climbing is offered at the facilities of the Mountain Climbing Association of Volos at Mt. Pelion, with marked paths and refuges with overnight accommodation and food.

For water sports head to Alikes, Anavros, Kala Nera, Kato Gatztea or Milina, to mention only some of the several organized beaches offering for hire speedboats for water-skiing, windsurf boards and canoes.

In order to practice basketball, volleyball or tennis you may inquire at the one of the several athletic associations in Volos or at the National Stadium of Almiros, the Municipal Gym of Velestino or even in some of the well-organized resorts.

the tradition and culture



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Gastronomy & Shopping

Volos offers an interesting and diverse cuisine. In the city, by the sea, you will find the renowned "Tsipouradika" district. Innumerable tavernas, ouzeries and restaurants stand there, all next to each other, each one offering its own particular taste and producing a unique environment. Try the fresh fish dishes, or the various kalamari, octopus and other seafood, traditional Greek "mezedes" (small rations of food usually accompanying drinks).

If you are looking for something different head for Mt. Pelion and visit any of the picturesque villages there. When in Portaria you should try the tasty local delicacies; bean soup, cheese bread (tyropsomo), and "spetzofai" - a spicy concoction of sausages and peppers- served in the traditional restaurants in the square. Do not forget to refresh yourself with the local succulent apples called "fyrikia".

In Pelion you will also find great bargains for various handicrafts, while the city of Volos you will be busy exploring the choices that this city's excellent commercial center offers.

Cultural Events

While visiting the villages of Pelion you will be fortunate indeed if you happened upon a traditional Peliotic wedding celebrated in one of them. The weddings in local costume and the traditional rites observed there during Easter week and on May Day are not to be missed if you happen to be in Greece in the spring. In Portaria on May Day, you may see some wild revels very reminiscent of ancient Dionysian rites.

People & Lifestyle

The leafy slopes of Mt. Pelion, which were an inspiration to Homer, Pindar, and Euripides, have continued to influence the modern popular muse. People of Magnesia, whether living in the region or not have made an impact with the novelty of their spirit. 19th century painter Georgio de Cirico was born here, while his contemporary Theophilos spent in Volos most of his life and talent, painting murals in exchange for meals. The political activist Regas Ferreos, during the late 18th century, contributed greatly to the awakening of national consciousness of the Balkan peoples and paved the way for the 19th century independence movements against the Ottoman rule.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Volos, is gradually developing into a dynamic European city with a new modern university, an active cultural life and varied opportunities for leisure and entertainment. The coastal avenue of the city is bustling with life and is lined with cafes, restaurants and bars that meet any kind of taste and desire. The streets in the villages of Pelion on the other hand, are ideal for night strolls. Occasionally you will be allured into one of the little family owned tavernas by the melodies of bouzouki or accordion performed by local amateur musicians.

Conference Facilities

Plentiful hotels and guesthouses, renovated traditional houses, self-catering accommodation in well-equipped summer resorts are available throughout the area providing for a relaxed and enjoyable stay in one of Greece's most picturesque environments. Moreover, Volos has a number of modern hotels located on the charming waterfront, which are all ideal for hosting international conferences and meetings.



Evia the dreams island



Location

The second largest island in Greece, mountainous Evia, is long and narrow, stretching over the Aegean Sea alongside the shores of mainland Greece, separated from it by the Gulf of Evia and the Straits of Evripos.

It is often seen as merely an adjunct to the mainland it hugs so closely. Even the capital Chalkida, can't seem to make up its mind and clings to both island and mainland.



Transportation

The capital Chalkida is linked to the mainland, by an old-fashioned swing bridge and a modern suspended bridge, which is part of the motorway from Athens. The city also hosts the terminal rail station of the northern suburban train of Attica.

Ferries run regularly from Rafina to Evia's southern port of Karystos, while numerous other ferry connections exist in minor crossing points along the island's coast.

History & Culture

The ancient history of the island is characterized by the great rivalry between its two most important cities: Chalkida (or Chalkis) and Eretria. The two cities fought a succession of wars for control over the Lilantian plain, the plain that separates them, out of which Chalkida emerged victorious about the end of the 8th century BC. During the 7th and 6th century the prosperous cities of Evia sent out colonists to populate the Asia Minor, Southern Italy, Sicily and the region of Macedonia which is still called Chalkidiki. About the mid-5th century BC, the Athenians had placed the island under their control and they began settling it, thus creating long lasting bonds between the two regions.

In 191 BC, Evia yielded to Rome and followed a period of decline, which was continued under Byzantine rule. After the dissolving of the Byzantine Empire in 1205, it was taken over by the Franks and the Venetians, who kept it until 1470 when it was passed on to the Turks. Since the beginning of the Greek revolt of 1821 the Turkish garrisons in the island's fortresses where posing strong resistance and it was not until 1830 that the Sultan allowed the island to become part of the first modern Greek state.

Sports and Leisure





Sightseeing & Monuments

The Evripos Channel in Chalkida is surely Evia's most noteworthy sight, and boasts a 2500-year pedigree as a tourist attraction thanks to the odd combination of land and currents, which make the tide change eight times a day. Since the building of the first bridge over the 30-meter wide narrows, in the 5th century BC, people have wondered over the phenomenon. Aristotle is reputed to have thrown himself into the sea in exasperation at his inability to explain it. Signs of antiquity are not very evident in the modern city and archaeology fans should head to the Archaeological Museum, which houses findings from all over the island. The remains of ancient Eretria offer better sightseeing. One can still see the city's ancient theatre, the foundations of several important houses and sections of public buildings, complete with the best-preserved archaic period gate in Greece.

There is something of interest to be seen at every turn in Evia. Towns brisk with tourist traffic and peaceful villages, apparently forgotten by time, wait to be discovered. Going north - west we will come to Steni, one of the mounts tourist resorts of Evia. The difference shades of green, the steep mountains and the running streams together with the hospitality of the local people are the elements that will make you visit there unforgettable.

Sports & Leisure

Chalkida has a good sporting infrastructure, complete with a municipal stadium and an indoor sports hall. For water sports head to one of the plentiful organized tourist resorts. Most cheerful are those of Limni to the north and Eretria to the southern half of Evia. The surfers meeting point in the island is the hillside resort of Kymi, set on the eastern part of the island, facing the open Aegean Sea.

The northern Evian town of Edipsos is Greece's premier spa-town, which has emerged as a popular holiday destination since the late 19th century. Today it has modern spa accommodations and installations for hydro-therapeutic purposes. To the north there are also wooded mountainsides where mountain climbers can enjoy themselves as much as they opt.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Chalkida is the favourite place of those enjoying seafood. The town is famous for its grilled octopus as well as for the varieties of shells and fishes, enjoyed better with a good quantity of ouzo. For a taste of the local artistry in cooking meat visit the mountain villages of Drifi to the north. Chalkida serves also as the main commercial centre of the region and it is the best place for shopping any kind of goods and in particular the locally produced honey, figs and splendid olive oil.

Cultural Events

Modern life in Evia thrives alongside splendidly preserved traditions. All over the island there are picturesque country fairs where genuine local customs survive.

People & Lifestyle

Evia is that close to the mainland that one may not expect to see any distinct characteristics in its inhabitants culture and lifestyle. Even so, living on this mountainous island was never too easy; in fact the islanders were totally depending on the disadvantaged agriculture and coal mining to get by until the recent development of tourism. This may well explain the fact that life here has remained simple, and that people are originally openhearted and unpretending.

Nightlife & Entertainment

The waterfront of Chalkida is very popular among young people for both day and night entertainment. Nevertheless, in Evia you will not find much noisy nightlife, apart from some bar and clubs in and around Chalkida and some other resorts. Evia's short distance from Athens attracts mainly week-enders seeking some relaxations along the beautiful beaches and fresh air in the leafy mountainside resorts, but above all some peace and quite away from the city bustle.

Conference Facilities

The island caters for both winter and summer tourism, offering the best environment for those who wish to combine business with pleasure and relaxation. Chalkida and Eretria have the best-equipped hotels for conferences, providing also a range of auxiliary services to ensure success of all types of meetings.

Sporades islands



Location

The Sporades island complex stretches out into the Aegean, east of the Pelion peninsula. With its dense vegetation and mountainous terrain, it seems almost like a continuation of the mainland. There are over 700 islands in this pine-forested northern archipelago - some the size of rocks, while others are much bigger. Of these the four larger are Skiathos, Skopelos, Alonnisos and Skyros.

Transportation

The island of Skiathos has an international airport, connecting it with Athens and Thessaloniki, as well as to many European cities by charter flights. Skyros airport also receives frequent flights from Athens, especially during the summer.

Skiathos, Skopelos and Alonnisos can be reached by ferry and hydrofoil through the ports of Agios Konstantinos and Volos, while Skyros is connected to the mainland by the port of Kymi in Evia.

History & Culture

There is constant human presence in the main islands of the Sporades since the Paleolithic period. According to Greek myths, Skyros was the island where Theseas, the hero of Athens, was assassinated by the king of this island Likomides. According to Homer the same king had been entrusted by Thetis to hide her son Achilles - disguised as a girl - in order to keep him away from the Trojan War, but Odysseus uncovered their deceit.

A significant point in the islands history was their participation in the Athenian-led alliance of 478 BC. Later they submitted to the Romans followed by the Byzantines. From 1207 Sporades are dominated by the Venetians, who remained there up to the Turkish conquest of 1538. All the islands were all liberated in 1830, joining the Greek state.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Skiathos town, gifted with a picturesque mixture of red tile roofs, white buildings and bell towers, is a main attraction in it self. The only "sight" as such is the well-preserved home of the island's most famous son; the 19th century poet Alexandros Papadiamantis. From the port you can pick up the daily boat tour, stopping briefly at the Blue Cave - a sea cave on the east coast, and at Kastro, site of the medieval centre of the island.

Skopelos on the other hand, boasts a fair number of ancient ruins. Apparently, the island was a Cretan colony and its first king and settler was Stafylos. His grave was discovered by a cove bearing his name. It contained weapons, a gold crown and funerary offerings, among other findings, all of which are housed today in the Volos Museum. The 9th Century chapel of Agios Athanassios has been built on the ruins of an ancient temple. There are also the ruins of a Venetian fortress, the Kastro - a vantage spot for a sweeping view all round.

Very interesting is the sight of the old hilltop capital of Alonissos, called Chora, which was deserted after a disastrous earthquake in 1965 left it in ruins. Most inhabitants were moved then to the modern capital of Patitiri. In this port you shall find excursion boats for a tour to the Alonissos Marine Park.

The town of Skyros climbs to an impressive Venetian castle, with superb view over the island, housing as well a small archaeological museum. In the town there is also a folk museum in the form of a traditional house, decked out with examples of the island wares. Those acquainted with English literature will not omit to visit the grave of the early 20th century poet Rupert Brook, which is set in an area called the "Pirate bay", on the southern shores of Skyros.

Sports & Leisure

There is not much planned sporting entertainment in these Aegean islands, beside those offered by the hotel facilities. So a basic appetite for just enjoying swimming and lazing in the sun is essential, getting your supplementary pleasures from short sea trips by motor boat, fishing, or rambling at will.

The luxurious wellness resort is built in neo-classical style and offers



Location

Spreading over an area of 3,000-plus square meters of splendid beachfront property, Galini Wellness Spa & Resort is located in Kamena Vourla (Hot Springs), about 150km north of Athens. Nestled in a valley of eucalyptus trees, the luxurious wellness resort is built in neo-classical style and offers simple yet elegant spaces for relaxation. Its location serves as an ideal springboard for walks in nature, hiking tours, trips to the nearby Parnassos mountain ski-center and visits to important sites, including the breathtaking Meteora monasteries, Delphi and Thermopyles.

Accommodation

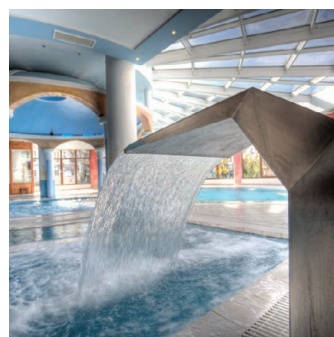
The 224 guestrooms are carefully appointed with a typical Mediterranean décor and offer all the comforts of a five-star resort. Amenities include air-conditioning/heating, bathroom w/bathtubs, hairdryer, bathrobes/slippers, direct dial telephone, mini bar, Satellite TV, balcony or terrace with a fantastic view, safe deposit box and thermal water in the bathroom (on request).

Facilities & Services

A variety of resort & sport facilities for the entire family are available at the Galini Wellness Spa & Resort Hotel: one outdoor swimming pool with fresh water, one outdoor spring water thermal pool and 3,000 square meters Spa on site. Lilliputean guests can enjoy the separate children's pool or make new friends at the playground or the children's disco. There are also tennis court hard floodlight, beach football, 5x5 court, tennis lessons and equipment rental (extra charge), as well as multilingual animation for day & night entertainment.

Conference Facilities

An ideal venue for a wide range of business meetings and social events, Galini Wellness Spa & Resort provides state-of-the-art facilities and trained professionals, including five meeting rooms of total capacity up to 750 pax, fax, photocopy service, stand, meeting table and wireless microphones, speakers, slide & data processor, stage w/podium, flip charts, laptop, WiFi/Internet access, 2*2 screen, CD player, Video, TV & DVD. Equipment and services including video conference, translation services and Satellite connection are available from outside suppliers.



Type of Events

HALLS	Surface Area (m ²)	Dinning/Banquet (persons)	Reception (persons)	Buffet (persons)
Thetis	144	80	80	60
Leonidas	203	190	300	170
Leonidas + Thetis	347	270	380	230
VIP Room	44	30	30	-
"Knimis" Hall	271	250	350	230

Conference Layout

HALLS	Surface Area (m ²)	Theatre (persons)	Classroom (persons)	U-Shape (persons)
Thetis	144	70	50	35
Leonidas	203	330	160	40
Leonidas + Thetis	347	400	210	-
VIP Room	44	25	20	20
"Knimis" Hall	271	350	180	60

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Convention Centres & Hotels with Conference facilities

NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
Trikala							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Aeton Melathron Hotel	A	24310 63130-4	2431063135	www.aetonmelathron.gr	2	50-180	
Amalia Hotel & Conference	A	2432072216	2432072457	www.amalia.gr	6	10-500	
Ananti City Resort	A	24310 63950	2431063955	www.ananticityresort.com	2	70-700	
Divani Meteora Hotel	A	2432023330	2432023638	www.divanis.gr	8	70-1000	
Karditsa							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Domotel Ami Hotel	A	2441022161	2441073080	www.domotel.gr	3	20-200	
Naiades Hotel	A	2441093333	2441093173	www.naiades.gr	1	250	
Larissa							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Larissa Imperial	L	2410687600	2410687687	www.classicalhotels.com	11	30-160	
Divani Palace Larissa Hotel	A	2410 250251-3	2410252791-5	www.divanis.gr	2	800	
Fokida							
3 CONVENTION CENTRES							
European Cultural Centre of Delphi		210 3312781-5	2103312786	www.eccd.gr	5	15-1100	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Santa Marina Arachova Hotel	L	22670 31230-4	2267032175	www.santa-marina.gr	1	50	
Villa Olympia	L	22650 41810-3	2265041746	www.villaolympia.gr	2	70-150	
Amalia Hotel	A	2265082101	265082290	www.amalia.gr	2	100-200	
Anemolia Hotel	A	2109238620	2109234017	www.anemolia.gr	3	80-380	
Elatos Resort & Health Club	A	22340 61162-3	2234061163	www.elatos.com	1	80	
Vouzias Hotel	A	22650 82232-4	2265082033	www.hellastourism.gr/hotelvouzas	3	300	
Fthiotida							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Galini Wellness Spa & Resort	L	2235080501	2235022307	www.mitsishotels.gr	4	25-400	77
Levendi Complex	A	22350 32251-2	2235032255	www.levendi.gr	2	80-250	
Sissy Hotel	B	2235022190	2235022191	www.hotelssissy.gr	1	180	
Volos							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
Forum Conference Centre		24210 36510-5	2421028645	www.amhotels.gr	3	45-150	
Thessaly Conference Center		2421064043	2421062492	www.synednakothessalias.org	13	30-500	
Town Hall Theatre		2421038339	2421031442		1	900	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Anovolios Hotel	L	2428086893	2428094270	www.anovolios.gr	1	50	
Chania Palace	A	2428096400	2428096421	www.pelionhotels.gr	2	50-200	
Xenia Volou Hotel	L	2421092700	2421092800	www.domotel.gr	4	150-800	
Pilio Holiday Club Hotel	A	2426049777	2426049778	www.pilionholidayclub.gr	1	150	
Volos Palace Hotel	A	24210 76501	2421076507	www.volospalace.gr	2	120-320	
Hotel Kanapitsa Mare	B	2427024440	2427024439	www.kanapitsamare.com	1	90	
Park Hotel Volos	B	24210 36510-5	2421028645	www.amhotels.gr	3	40-150	
Valis Resort	L	24280 97260	2428097200	www.valisresort.gr	4	10-800	
Xenia Portaria Hotel	B	24280 99980-3	2428099526	www.amhotels.gr	3	40-150	
Skiathos							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Skiathos Palace Hotel	L	2427049700	2427049666	www.skiathos-palace.gr	5	25-600	
Skiathos Princess	L	2427049731	2427049740	www.skiathosprincess.com	3	15-350	
Esperides	A	2427022535	2427021580	www.esperidesbeach.gr	1	250	
Kassandra Bay Resort Hotel	A	2427024204	2427021992	www.kassandrabay.com	1	250	
Karpenissi							
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Avaris Hotel	L	22370 89100-6	2237089107	www.avarishotel.gr	1	180	
Hotel Spa Montana	L	22370 80400-7	2237080409	www.montana.gr	7	20-500	
Evia							
* CONVENTION CENTRES							
"Giokalio Idrima" - Caristos Convention Centre		2224022472	2224022472		1	300	
Eretria Village Resort & Conference Centre	A	2229041000	2229061300	www.hie-ev.com	8	1000	
Negroponte Resort Eretria Conference Centre		2229061935	2229062120	www.negroponteresort.gr	6	320	
* HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Thermae Sylla Spa Wellness Hotel	L	2226060100	2226022055	www.thermaesylla.gr	3	60-270	
Best Western Lucy Hotel	A	2221023831	2221022051	www.lucy-hotel.gr	6	40-350	
Club Palmariva Eretria Hotel	A	22290 62411-7	2229062418	www.palmariva.gr	2	40-200	
Eretria Village Resort & Conference Centre	A	2229041000	2229061300	www.hie-ev.com	8	1000	
Kymi Palace	A	22220 34003	22220 23500	www.kympalace.gr	2	250	79
Pelagos Hotel	A	22210 99310-7	2221098636	www.hotelpelagos.gr	5	20-200	
Thalatta Seaside Hotel	A	2103615844	2103606738	www.thalattahotel.gr	1	100-190	
Airotel Malaconda Beach Hotel	B	2229068120	2229068118	www.airotel.gr	2	50-250	
Grand Blue Hotel	B	2229062111	2229061099	www.bluewhite-hotels.gr	1	100	
Holidays in Evia Hotel	B	2229041000	2229041110	www.hie-ev.com	2	250	
Palina Hotel	B	22210 28001	2221081959	www.palina-hotel.gr	4	70-280	

A dash to luxury and pleasure



Location

Evia, the second largest Greek island, is the ideal congress destination. Easy accessibility, modern infrastructure and luxurious accommodations combined with thickly wooded mountains, azure waters and Medieval castles guarantee the success your conference or social event. Homeric Chalkis, the chief town of Evia, is linked to the mainland by two bridges and has railway connection with Athens and Piraeus. The hotel is located in the all-time-classic coastal town of Kymi, famous for its mansions, quaint shops and nice beaches.

Overlooking the blue expanse of the Aegean Sea, Kymi Palace Hotel Complex is synonymous to quality, elegance and luxury. A mere 2.5-hour-drive away from Athens airport, the hotel combines sophisticated facilities with the traditional Greek concept of hospitality.

Accommodation

The 51 spacious guestrooms, 2 junior suites, 3 executive suites and 1 presidential suite are appointed with all modern amenities, including individual air conditioning, mini bar, TV with DVD (suites), hair dryer, luxurious personal effects, wired Internet, terraces with sea view, fireplace and private pool (presidential suite). Six of the guestrooms offer accessible accommodation for guests with disability.

Facilities & Services

At the hotel restaurant guests can enjoy a stunning view of the Aegean along with an exquisite menu that combines simplicity with pure, fresh ingredients. A rich buffet breakfast served with a smile is the best way to start the day. The bar by the lobby offers the setting for private or business meetings over refreshments or cocktails. Guests can relax over a drink and snacks at the hotel's spacious terraces overlooking Kymi's port and the Aegean. Other facilities include a large pool and children's pool, a pool bar, parking facilities combining covered and open parking space, an Internet corner, billiards, table football and free Wi-Fi access.

Conference Facilities

The hotel features one of the best equipped conference and events facilities in Evia, where work is turned into pleasure in 2 multi-purpose, well appointed conference rooms capable of accommodating up to 250 people. They offer a wide range of options for any event, from conferences and weddings, to simple meetings and reunions. The expert catering team has many creative proposals for business luncheons, gala dinners or just parties. The conference rooms are appointed with loudspeaker installation to support up to 250 people, wireless microphones, conference microphone system, translation, support live music, projection system, Satellite link view, possible presentation DVD, Power Point etc, possibility to connect laptop to podium, special lighting effects and lighting halls fully controlled by console. A coordination and controls safety technician is also available.



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Epirus untamed beauty



Location

The region of Epirus, with its unmatched natural beauty and distinct cultural identity, lies on the northwestern corner of Greek mainland. It extends from the peaks of the ever snow-capped Pindus mountain range to the shores of the sapphire Ionian Sea and is separated into four administrative districts: Ioannina, Thesprotia, Preveza and Arta.

Transportation

Ioannina, the capital of Epirus, enjoys a modern airport, with daily flights from Athens and three flights per week from Thessaloniki. There are also international flights to neighbouring Albania.

Modern buses offer frequent rides to all major cities of Epirus from Athens and Thessaloniki, while the town port of Igoumenitsa is connected via ferry with several Italian Adriatic cities, Corfu and the port of Patras.

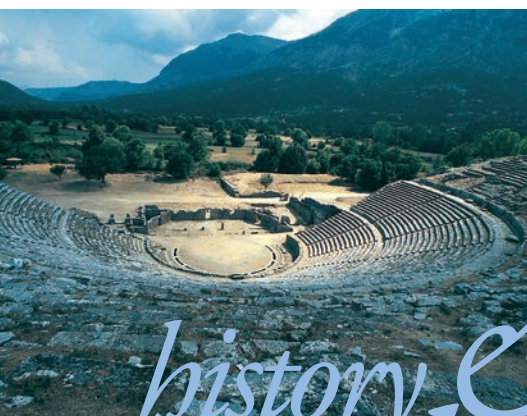
History & Culture

Life in Epirus has its origins well before the dawn of history. The region witnessed all the ups and downs of Ancient Greece, Rome, Byzantium and the modern era, gaining a uniquely individual sense of history and culture.

The first Greek tribes that settled the area, between the 19th and 15th century B.C., where the Thesproti, followed by the Molossi and the Chaones. In 800 B.C. the Corinthians founded colonies in the area, thus establishing frequent contacts between the Epirots and the culture of southern Greece. In the 5th century, Tharypas, the King of the Molossians, united the various clans of Epirus into a federation and endeavored to upgrade his Kingdom culturally by inviting scholars and artists from southern Greece to his court. By the 4th century B.C. the Kingdoms of Epirus and Macedonia had become close allies because of a royal marriage between Olympias, the niece of an Epirot King and Philip II of Macedonia. Their son was Alexander the Great.

After a period of unrest, Pyrus ascended to the throne of Epirus and in 280 B.C. decided to undertake what was to become one of the last Greek stands against the rising power of Rome. He mounted a campaign against the Romans, but following some impressive but exhausting victories he was defeated and returned to Epirus. Soon, the Romans subjugated Epirus and revenged Epirot resistance by utterly destroying seventy towns in the region. A couple of centuries later, most of the region's habitants were forcibly settled at the town of Nikopolis, built by Octavian to celebrate his victory at Actium (31 B.C.) over the joint fleets of Antony and Cleopatra.

In 369 A.D. the Goths invaded Epirus followed in 550 by great numbers of Slavs who settled the region. Various raiders plundered the area from time to time until it sought independence from the ailing Byzantine Empire, in the 13th century. Then Michael Komninos founded the Despotate of Epirus, with Arta as its capital and in the whole region a favorable climate for the development of culture and sciences was established. In 1430 the Ottomans annexed the province and held it for almost 500. By the end of the 18th century the famous Ali Pasha became the ruler of Ioannina and expanded his



history & culture





sovereignty beyond Epirus, to western Macedonia, Thessaly and much of the mainland Greece. At that time, this Pasha of Albanian origin, felt strong enough to revolt against the Sultan, but he ended up assassinated on the small island of the lake of Ioannina in 1822. The region of Epirus was liberated by the Greek Army and united with the modern Greek State, in 1913.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Ioannina is the capital and largest town of Epirus, standing on the western shore of Lake Pamvotis (or Ioannina Lake), which is the site of a tranquil island. The old quarter reflects the city's role as a major commercial and intellectual center during the Ottoman rule. Within the city walls there are picturesque narrow lanes flanked by Turkish-styled buildings and two mosques. Attractions in greater region of Ioannina include the very important ancient oracle of Dodoni, with its colossal 3rd-century BC theatre, the acropolis, and the Sanctuary of Zeus.

Further north lays the area of Zagorohoria, comprising 44 villages, offering some breathtaking views. An outstanding feature of the villages is the architecture, as the houses are built entirely of slate from the surrounding mountains – a perfect blending of nature and architecture.

To the south stands Arta, the old capital of Epirus. The town is mostly known for its famous stone bridge, the largest and oldest in Greece and for the numerous excellent Byzantine monuments in and around the town.

At the southernmost point of Epirus stand the picturesque town of Preveza with its three Venetian castles, old churches and a Venetian clock catching the visitors

attention. In the same district one can see Acherousia; the place where the ancient Greeks believed that stood the gate to Hades, the underworld. At the mouth of river Acheron, on the road to Hades, is still preserved the Necropolis and the Necromancy oracle. This was a place where the mortals went when they wanted to communicate with the souls of the deceased in order to learn about the future.

Leaving the dead behind us, a very lively town awaits us nearby. It is not without reason that Parga is one of the most cosmopolitan vacation spots in Western Greece. Nature was more than generous with this location, decorating it with numerous small inlets, coves and islets surrounded by wooded hills. One cannot resist the temptation of an excursion by caique in the sapphire waters of this scenic landscape.

Conference Facilities

The Epirus region is pleasant alternative for conference organizers, especially if the focus is on holding meetings on a creativity-inspiring environment away from busy crowded tourist areas. The natural beauty of Epirus and its surroundings, along with the traditional architectural style of the towns and villages in the area is certainly a refreshing change.

The technical infrastructure for conference holding is at its best here and it is being continuously modernised and upgraded, as Epirus is establishing itself at its natural position, as a cultural bridge, connecting the European Community with the Balkans and the Orient.

Convention Centres & Hotels with Conference facilities

NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
Epirus							
³ CONVENTION CENTRES							
"Karolos Papoulias" Conference Centre of University of Ioannina		2651098091		www.uoi.gr	3	90-450	
Metsovo Conference Centre "Diasselo"		2656041770	2656042320	www.mcc.gr	4	80-230	
Ioannina							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Du Lac Congress Center & Spa	L	2651059100	2651059200	www.hoteldulac.gr	12	5-1.000	
Epirus Palace & Congress Centre	L	2651093555	2651092595	www.epiruspalace.gr	4	250-950	
Grand Serai Congress & Spa	L	26510 90550	26510 90557	www.mitsishotels.com	12	15-750	82
Princess Lanassa Hotel	L	2659022600	2659022601	www.hotellanassa.gr	1	70	
Olympic Hotel	A	2651025888	2651022041	www.hotelolymp.gr	1	80	
Preveza							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Margarona Hotel	B	26820 24360-3	2682024369	www.amalia.gr	1	280	
Igoumenitsa							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Angelika Palace Hotel	B	2665026900	2665022105	www.angelikapallas.gr	1	250	
Sivota							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Agios Nikolaos Hotel	A	2665093017	2665093180	www.agiosnikolaos-hotel.com	1	180	



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Accommodation

Opulence and comfort are not confined to the hotel's public areas. Beckoning with utmost luxury, all spacious guestrooms and suites offer an oasis of calm and tranquility. Each of the 216 rooms and suites is expertly furnished to meet the needs of the most discerning guests, beautifully appointed and elegantly decorated with warm colors and delicate fabrics. All rooms are soundproofed and have air conditioning, mini bar, safe deposit box, luxurious bathroom amenities, Internet access, direct telephone lines, satellite and pay TV. Non-smoking rooms and specially adapted rooms for disabled guests are available.

Facilities & Services

Grand SERAI Congress & SPA, with attention to details for the care and well being of guests, comes to satisfy the need to escape from the daily routine. Tastes from the Medi-

terranean and the Middle East are created and expertly presented in a space of high aesthetics at the "Jasmine" a la carte restaurant; the "Onar" Gourmet Restaurant, with a panoramic view of the lake, the "Kourabas" main bar, a sophisticated place with exceptional service, offers a wide range of cocktails or coffee by the warmth of the fire place in winter and a fantastic view of the hotel gardens. Other services include reception with lobby, daily selection of local and international newspapers, daily maid service, wakeup service, 24-hour room service, guest relations, TV corner, laundry & dry cleaning service, car rental, porters, indoor guest parking, doctor upon request, baby sitting upon request, shuttle service to and from Ioannina Airport and outdoor swimming pool. A unique relaxation spot, Grand Serai Spa, the unique spa center in Ioannina, has been created for pampering body and soul offering Thalasso aqua therapy in the indoor swimming pool,

face and body treatments, massage, hair care, manicure-pedicure and a fully equipped fitness room.

Conference Facilities

The "GRAND SERAI Congress & SPA" is the perfect venue for all conference needs. With its eight versatile, highly aesthetic and state-of-the-art conference rooms the hotel has everything required for making any conference a success. Company meetings, business lunch gatherings, exhibitions, sampling, ballroom nights as well as wedding receptions can impeccably and successfully be held. Ideal for residential conferences, it provides extensive conference facilities able to accommodate up to 1,000 delegates. Whether it be a large residential conference, or a small day-meet, the GRAND SERAI Congress & SPA is as versatile as the occasion demands.

Type of Event

HALL	Surface Area (m ²)	Banquet (persons)	Cocktail (persons)
Kastro	50	-	-
Limni	50	-	-
Krystalli	55	-	-
Sirako	40	-	-
Pogoni	40	-	-
Aristi	40	-	-
Sirako-Pogoni-Aristi	120	-	50
Evergeton 1	500	280	380
Evergeton 2	500	280	380
Evergeton 1-2	1000	700	850
Lord Byron	550	240	400
Dodoni	75	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	Surface Area (m ²)	Theatre (persons)	Classroom (persons)	U-Shape (persons)
Kastro	50	40	30	25
Limni	50	40	30	25
Krystalli	55	50	30	25
Sirako	40	30	25	20
Pogoni	40	30	25	20
Aristi	40	30	25	20
Sirako-Pogoni-Aristi	120	100	-	-
Evergeton 1	500	380	240	70
Evergeton 2	500	380	240	70
Evergeton 1-2	1000	850	600	150
Lord Byron	550	300	210	60
Dodoni	75	80	50	25

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Congresses
in Peloponnese

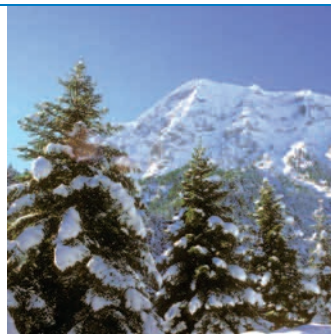
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Hotels with Conference Facilities



Peloponnese the outst



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Transportation

Transportation infrastructure to the Peloponnese is good and is being continuously upgraded. All major cities are interconnected and connected to Athens with fast new roads, while travelling with the wonderful little trains, that service this region, would be a joy.

You can fly to Kalamata, Sparta and the island of Kythira from Athens on "shuttle" services. These airports are open during the summer for Charter Flights booked by various holiday companies from all over Europe. Several resorts and towns in the eastern coast of the Peloponnese are connected with boats and hydrofoils to Piraeus, while the ports of Kyllini and Patra on the western coast offer rides to the Ionian islands. Patra is also the main sea route, for people and freight, connecting Greece to Italy and Western Europe.

History & Culture

The island of the mythical king Pelopas (the etymology of "Peloponnese"), from Mycenaean and Corinth to Sparta and Mistra, has seen more than its share of history. This is where Paris stole Helen from King Menelaos and where Agamemnon set forth with his fleet to besiege Troy. It is the land where the athletic spirit of Olympiads was created and where ancient city-states flourished, becoming the very heart of what is known to the world as the marvel of the Greek civilisation.

From the 8th century B.C. onward, the Peloponnesian city-states of Argos, Corinth, Sparta and several others, were among those that broadened Greek horizons of knowledge by establishing colonies and trade stations throughout the Mediterranean. United the Greek cities defeated the invading armies of the Persian Empire on several occasions (early 5th century BC), but their growth led to rivalries and conflicts. Wars between cities culminated with the destructive Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC), which sucked in it most the ancient Greek world, including Southern Italy and Sicily, Cyprus and the Asia Minor. Sparta was the victor, but regardless of the outcome the civil wars had weakened the city-states, making their submission an easier task for the rising power of the Macedonian Kingdom (338 BC).

The Romans in 146 BC dissolved the Achaean Confederation, the last standing Greek alliance, and the whole region became a roman province. By the 4th century AC, raiding parties of Goths and Slavs were reaching beyond the Isthmus of Corinth pillaging and

One of the most historic geographical sites of Greece

standing beauty



destroying what was left of ancient Greece. The Byzantines gradually adopted the name "Moreas" for the Peloponnese, which remained in use for many centuries, well into the modern era. The Franks, dissolving the Byzantine Empire in 1204, managed in short time to subdue the whole of the Peloponnese, apart from the domain of the Byzantine lords of Mystras. The heavily fortified hills of Mystras where the source of the regenerated Byzantine state which was to last for a couple more centuries. For more than 30 years the Byzantines resisted the Turkish raids along the walls of Isthmus, before being completely overrun in 1458, dismayed by the fall of Constantinople five years earlier.

The modern era of Greece starts from the Peloponnese. In March 1821, the local chieftains supported by Greek intellectuals from abroad, organised an uprising against the Ottoman Empire, which ended in 1829 with the creation of a small independent Greek state. Nafplion was the first capital and the Peloponnese was once again the heart of Greece.

History & Culture

Sightseeing & Monuments

One cannot start talking about this land whose every corner brings to mind some myth or historical event. Innumerable scenic sites, natural wonders and famous archaeological areas constitute this region.

On crossing the Corinth Isthmus one beholds the famous canal, one of the more impressive feats of 19th century engineering. Visitors may know the ancient city of Corinth, at least by name, from the Apostle Paul's epistle to the Corinthians in the New Testament. The Acrocorinth is the Acropolis of Corinth, which rises up from the ancient city. It is the largest and oldest fortress in the Peloponnese, containing a number of shrines and temples including the Temple of Aphrodite. The view from Acrocorinth is simply incredible and if for no other reason this site should not be missed.

Moving on to the south is the peninsula of Argolis, the region once ruled by King Agamemnon of Mycenae. The city was utterly destroyed by the nearby Argos in 468 B.C. and what remains today of its glory are parts of the prehistoric citadel, with its gigantic or "Cyclopean walls" and the Necropolis, the burial site of the kings. In the same area is the site of Epidauros, renowned for its ancient amphitheatre, with incredible acoustics. It is the best-preserved example of classical Greek theatre, which seats up to 14,000 spectators. It is most likely that people will choose the pretty seaside town of Nafplion, with its elegant buildings and massive castles, as their base for discovering the aforementioned and other significant sights of Argolis.

To the west, in peaceful, serene, verdant, valleys of Elia, stands Ancient Olympia, with the grandiose temple foundations, the colonnades, the stadium and the altars. The numerous interesting archaeological findings exhibited in its museum are crowned by that masterpiece of sculpture, the Hermes of Praxiteles.

Entering into Lakonia, we reach its capital, Sparta. Unlike the Athenians who built temples and massive walls, the men of Sparta considered the walls. There are few ruins from classical times, but they include the remains of the ancient acropolis, the sanctuary of Artemis and the tomb of Leonidas, whose small band of Spartan warriors held the Persians at Thermoplaea. On nearby Mount Taygetos lie numerous traditional villages, well worth a visit and the Byzantine castle-state of Mystras with its incredible churches, monasteries, palaces, and mansions. On the eastern coast of Laconia the citadel town of Monemvasia is placed. It's a walled city on the site of a giant stone mountain, which rises from the sea, connected by a narrow isthmus.



Peloponnese *the outst*



When in Messinia, worth visiting besides the capital Kalamata with its 13th century fortress, are the little Venetian hideaway towns of Koroni and Methoni. Astonishing are also the villages in the rough land of Mani. The Maniots, are renown in Greece for their indomitable spirit, and the fortified towers they call homes underline their unique temperament.

Sports & Leisure

The heart and soul of Greece offers the very best in sporting facilities in the country. Its' mountainous scenery is a constant challenge to the senses, a paradise for winter sports. The two modern skiing centers placed, at Kalavrita, on the mythical mountain of Helmos and at Mt. Menalon in Arcadia, offer all the necessary amenities and a special environment, which stimulates all the senses. The rivers, running streams, deep gorges, Frankish forts, Byzantine churches, monasteries, and ancient cities of Peloponnesian landscape are also as the setting of numerous trekking trails. Perfectly fashioned is the trekking route at the Lousios gorge in Arcadia, passing nearby picturesque villages, over an old Frankish bridge and the ruins of the ancient city of Gortys.

If spa towns meet your like then Loutraki is the best place for you to be. Situated in the entrance of the Peloponnese, protected by the Gulf of Corinth, Loutraki offers the best setting for water sports. It is also home of an excellent water entertainment park and a fine Casino, both very popular for weekend excursions from Athens.

The extensive Cave of Diros near Sparta, famous for their stalagmite and stalactite, will thrill speleology fans. Much of the tour takes place in boats as the cave contains a sizable underground lake.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Traditional Greek recipes in their Peloponnesian version make good use of the olive oil, lemon juice and other natural ingredients, which are in abundance in this region. For example, in the Peloponnese a refreshing Greek salad will be extra oily and will have extra oregano seasoning, while roasted, grilled or oven meat and fish, will normally acquire the beneficial touch of fresh lemon taste.

The vines, which are cultivated in a variety of climates and terrains throughout the Peloponnese, turn out some of Greece's finest wines. Most renown wine producing areas are Achaia, Arcadia and the region of Nemea in Corinthia, which also produces the famous sultana raisins.

For shopping jewellery and antiques the best quality and variety can be found in the cosmopolitan towns of Nafplion, Monemvasia and Gythion. In many towns and villages, on the mountains of the interior, you'll come across several fascinating shops of handcrafts and everyday life items, which were on use on the Greek countryside just a couple of the decades ago. These shops sell traditional farming tools, pots, lamps, guns, small items or furniture, church ornaments, old stamps and coins, all legally exported.

Cultural Events

Cities all around the Peloponnese organize cultural activities throughout the summer attracting many Greek visitors as well as foreign tourists. In May 29th starts the "Paleologiko" Festival at Mistras, which is combined with a requiem mass in memory of Constantine



sightseeing



Standing beauty



Paleologos, the last of the Byzantine emperors.

The Epidaurus Festival is one the oldest and probably the best institution in Greece promoting ancient Greek theatre. The plays are presented at the much renown for its setting and acoustic, ancient theatre of Epidaurus.

Patra is famous for its annual carnival (Jan.- Feb.), which lends a particular folk atmosphere to the city and attracts enthusiasts from every part of the world, as it is the world's biggest non-commercial celebration. The International Patra Arts Festival takes place from July to September on an annual theme, featuring music from classical to jazz, art exhibitions, theatre and other events.

During July at the district of Messinia several cultural events take place. The most prominent are the events during the "Vlahemia" festival at the town of Filiatra. The festival features dance groups and theatrical plays. At the capital Kalamata an annual documentary film festival and a traditional folk festival is organized, held in the town's medieval castle. Finally, in mid-August, at the resort of Gythion in the district of Laconia a festival, which includes ancient drama takes place.

People & Lifestyle

Everywhere in the Peloponnese people are lively, hospitable, and above all proud of their origin. Like the spirited people of the wild limestone region of Mani, they feel they uphold long established traditions and share strong feelings about their local identities. Often Peloponnesians go as far as to regard themselves as original Greeks, looking a bit down upon those Greeks born beyond the Isthmus. The reason for this is probably the fact that there has not been much population mobility in this area for the past hundreds of years, juxtaposed to the reality for the rest of Greece, which underwent severe population shifts because of wars and population exchanges.

Yet the people here share the innate tendency of the Greeks to enjoy life to its fullest, which is the original Greek ingredient that completes the recipe for a good life.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Everything you should ask you'll find it here. Being well populated the region enjoys a vibrant nightlife all year round. This means you will get across plentiful live music clubs, discos, bars and pubs, doing their best to give you a great time. Nevertheless, Greeks usually choose Peloponnese as a vacation place to avoid crowds and noisy nightlife. Evenings and nights are social event - a time to meet old friends and make new ones - and the pleasure is in watching a movie in an open-air theatre, sharing good food, a drink and good company in pleasant and relaxed surroundings.

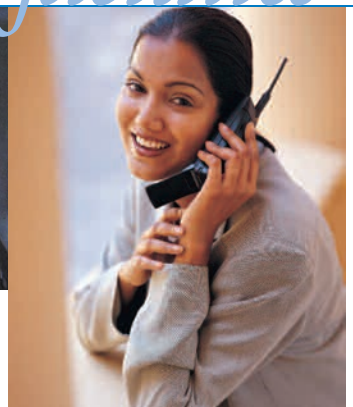
Conference Facilities

Because of its easy access from Athens, the beauty of its diverse landscape and the symbolical importance of its sites to the Western civilization, the Peloponnese is one of the favorite locations for international conferences in Greece. The region is fully equipped in terms of modern tourist facilities and there are many excellent hotels in holiday resorts, major cities and near archaeological locations, which operate all year round, offering a wide range of facilities for conventions and congresses.

Sports and leisure



Conference facilities



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Convention Centres - Convention Centres & Resort Hotels - Hotels with Conference facilities



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Achaia							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Achaia Claus		2610368100	2610338269		2	100-600	
Conference & Cultural Centre of the University of Patras		2610993999	2610994999	www.confer.upatras.gr	12	120-2000	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Airotel Achaia Beach Hotel	A	2610991801-4	2610992487	www.airotel.gr	4	70-140	
Astir Hotel	A	2610277502	2610271644	www.hotelastirpatra.gr	1	10-750	
Helmos Kalavryta Hotel	A	2692029222	2692029225	www.hotelhelmos.gr	1	80	
Pavlina Beach Hotel	A	2693024040	2693022020	www.pavlinahotel.gr	1	200	
Porto Rio Hotel - Casino	A	2610992124	2610992115	www.portorioriohotel.gr	3	80-300	
Patras Palace Hotel	A	2610623131	2610623972	www.patraspalace.gr	5	60-250	
Poseidon Palace Hotel	A	2610241313	2610241315	www.poseidon-hotels.gr	6	30-300	
Florida Blue Bay	B	2610931279	2610931977	www.floridabluebay.gr	2	70-250	
Argolida							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Cultural Centre		2752027153	2752028607		1	250	
Nafplia Luxury Hotels Executive Conference Centre		2752070800	2752028783	www.nafplionhotels.gr	4	15-220	
Trianon Cinema - Conference Hall		2752027153	2752028607		1	130	
• CONVENTION CENTRES & RESORT HOTELS							
AKS Porto Heli Hotel & Conference Centre		2754053400-4	2754051549	www.aksconference.com	28	15-700	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Amphitryon Hotel	L	2752070700	2752025850	www.amphitryon.gr	1	30	
Kandia's Castle	L	2752070600	2752070610	www.kandiascastle.gr	5	15-335	90
Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas	L	2752070800	2752028783	www.nafpliapalace.gr	3	50-200	
AKS Hinita Bay Hotel	A	2754057401	2754057402	www.aks-hotels.com	1	150	
Amalia Hotel	A	2752024401	2752024400	www.amalia.gr	4	20-250	
Flisvos Royal Hotel	A	2752059783-4	2752059738	www.flisvos-hotel.gr	1	150	
Porto Hydra Hotel	A	2754041112	2754041295	www.portohydra.gr	16	15-600	
Club Ermioni	B	2754031430-3	2754031434	www.clubermioni.com	2	350	
Corinthia							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Alexandreio Conference Center of Loutraki		2744021124	2744069153	www.loutraki.gr	4	20-400	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Alkyon Resort Hotel	L	2741052010-1	2741051166	www.alkyonhotel.gr	3	200-600	
Club Hotel Loutraki	L	2744060300	2744060400	www.clubhotelloutraki.gr	10	25-800	92
Poseidon Resort Hotel	L	2744067938-47	2744067950	www.poseidonresort.gr	8	60-900	
Kalamaki Beach	A	2741037653-6	2741037652	www.kalamakibeach.gr	1	90	
Kyllini Beach Resort	A	2623064000	2623095206	www.kyllinibeach.com	7	15-320	96
Isthmia Prime Hotel	B	2741023454	2741076397	www.hotel-prime.gr	4	80-700	
Iliia							
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Aldemar Olympian Village	L	2621054640	2621054647	www.aldemarhotels.com	4	140-450	
Grecotel Mandola Rosa Suites and Villas	L	2623064400	2623064455	www.grecotel.gr	16	50-1100	
Grecotel Olympia Riviera Thalasso Hotel	L	2623064400	2623064550	www.grecotel.gr	16	50-1110	
Amalia Hotel	A	2624022190-1	2624022444	www.amalia.gr	2	300	
Antonios Hotel	A	2624022349	2624022112	www.olympiahotels.gr	1	200	
Olympia Palace Hotel	A	2624023101	2624025525	www.olympia-palace.gr	1	200	
Lakonia							
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Limira Mare Hotel	B	2734022236	2734022956	www.limiramare.gr	3	120-350	
Sparta Inn	C	2731021021-3	2731024855	www.spartainn.gr	1	250	
Messinia							
• CONVENTION CENTERS AND RESORT HOTELS							
The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort	L	2723096000	2723095000	www.romanoscostanavarino.com	12	15-1.700	
The Westin Resort Costa Navarino	L	2723095000	2723095000	www.westincostanavarino.com	12	15-1.700	95
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Classical e-Filoxenia Hotel	L	2721023166-8	2721023343	www.classicalhotels.com	4	90-650	
Sunrise Village Beach Hotel	L	2722032120	2722031799	www.sunrisevillagebeachhotel.com	1	220	
Akti Taygetos - Conference Resort	A	2721042000	2721064501	www.aktitaygetos.gr	3	80-400	
Elite City Resort	A	2721022434	2721084369	www.elite.com.gr	6	60-1000	
Pharae Palace	A	2721094421-4	2721093969	www.pharae.gr	1	200	
Messinian Bay Hotel	B	2721041001-2	2721041071	www.messinianbay.gr	2	230	
Arcadia							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Dimitsana Cultural & Convention Center		2795032111		www.spkd.gr	3	40-200	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Archontiko Kaltezioti	A	2710235822	2710234335	www.kaltezioti.gr	2	50-200	
Seleni Suites Boutique Deluxe Hotel	A	2795031750	2795022896	www.selenisuites.com	2	10-150	

Argolida *place of civilization*



Location

The prefecture of Argolida, which occupies the eastern tip of Peloponnese, is characterized by mountains that together with a well-irrigated fertile plain and a mild climate made the area the perfect place for civilization to develop as early as the prehistoric times.

Transportation

Argolida is easily accessible from Athens by car, bus, train or boat. Frequent boat schedules connect it to the port of Piraeus, while public bus itineraries reach the main towns from Athens. The area can also be reached by train from Athens with stops at Argos and Nafplio.

History & Culture

The region of Argolida was the "heart" of Greece from 1600 to 1100 BC under the Mycenaeans. With their decline, the Dorians controlled the fate of the area until its conquest by the Romans. During the Byzantine era Argolida shared the fortune of the rest of the Pelopon-



nese. It was ruled by the Franks and surrendered to the Turks in 1460; Nafplio, however, remained in Venetian hands until 1540.

Nafplion was the capital of the newly formed Greek state from 1828 to 1834, when this role passed to Athens.

Sightseeing & Monuments

The 5,000-year-old city of Argos, the most ancient city in Greece, is built at the foot of Larissa and Aspida hills; Nafplion, the forever charming first capital of the Greek state, is a pole of attraction for thousands of tourists each year; Epidavros, with its quaint harbour and verdant landscape, is the location of the Ancient Theatre, a world heritage monument; and naturally the Mycenae, the matrix of the Mycenaean civilization evidenced in the multitude of ruins such as the Acropolis, the Lions Gate, the Mycenaean Palace, the Mycenaean Tombs and more, a pole of attraction for thousands of visitors each year. The region is also strewn with Byzantine and post-Byzantine monuments, monasteries and churches dating back to the 10th century. At the Argolic Gulf in the south, there are numerous tourist centres and villages: There is Tolo with an organized camping and nice sandy beach, Porto Heli with lush greenery and crystal waters, as well as the seaside resorts of

Asini and Ermioni, offering a variety of travel services, archaeological explorations and plenty of opportunities for water sports.

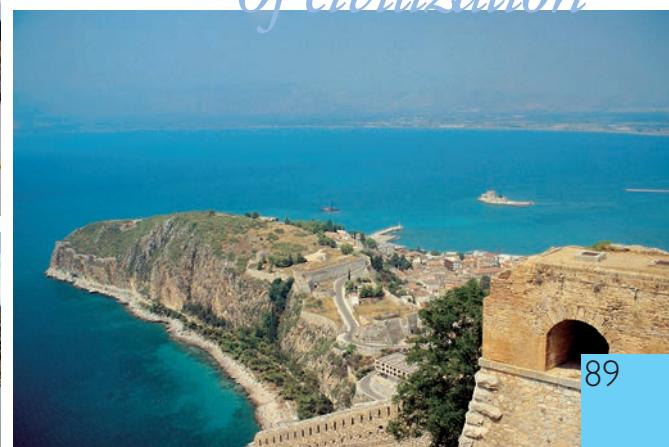
Cultural Evnts

Epidavros, the most celebrated theatre of ancient Greece, is today one of Greece's most important cultural treasures and each year thousands of visitors attend performances at what is considered by many to be the most acoustically perfect theatre in the world. Festivals and religious fetes are organized in almost all towns and villages year-round.

Hotels & Conference Facilities

Extensive investments in the hospitality sector have resulted in accommodations of all levels, ranging from luxurious hotels to complexes of room rentals, guarantying a pleasant stay. Argolida is an ideal congress destination boasting impressive conference facilities with ultramodem technology and experienced staff and has hosted top-level international meetings (such as the European Union meetings in 2003 during Greece's EU presidency).

*5000 years
Of civilization*





a new ideal venue for Conferences, Meetings & Congresses



Location

Rising over a private beach on the Argolic Gulf in southern Greece, Kandia's Castle Hotel, Resort & Thalasso is a five-star establishment ideal for luxurious vacations. Located in the peaceful sea-side village of Kandia, the hotel is near many exciting sites, including the beautiful town of Nafplion, the ancient theatre of Epidaurus (20km), Mycenae (35km), the Cyclopien Walls of Tyrintha (22 km) and Athens (150km).



Accommodation

All guestrooms are luxurious, decorated with unique style and elegance, appointed with all modern amenities to ensure a pleasant stay. Each room features air conditioning, full bath or shower, hairdryer, mini bar, safety deposit box, Satellite TV, telephone and balcony opening to splendid views.

Facilities & Services

Designed with a unique architectural style which combines the castle appearance (hand crafted stone) with the natural environment, Kandia's Castle offers modern and luxurious facilities and services. The main restaurant serves a variety of Mediterranean and Greek dishes, known for its unchallenged gourmet services. Other amenities include 24-hour reception desk, bar, breakfast buffet, fitness center, garden, Internet facilities, lobby, luggage storage, outdoor swimming pool, parking, room service, facilities for disabled guests, sauna, Thalasso and Wellness Centre. Kandia's Castle is the first hotel complex in the area to offer a complete Thalassotherapy Centre, with two swimming pools, complete beauty treatments, exotic massage and other various treatments.

Conference Facilities

Kandia's Castle Hotel, Resort & Thalasso, is a new ideal venue for either large or small Conferences, Meetings & Congresses. The Grand Conference Hall can seat up to 335 people in theater style and may be conveniently split into two independent and soundproof parts. The unique and Elegant Board room with 20 seats will satisfy any demanding CEO. A multi-purpose break out room is conveniently located close to the Grand conference Hall and may be used for various auxiliary purposes. Satisfactory exhibition area is available to complete the needs of any special event. All events can be supported with state of the art audiovisual equipment, secretarial and translation services.



Sports & leisure

Various beach sports and a tennis court are available to all residents. Enjoy unique Theater performances at the world famous ancient theater of Epidaurus, only 30 minutes driving distance. The new Marina of the hotel is an ambitious project, expected to be fully operational within 2010.



Conference Layout

Hall	Surface Area (m ²)	Theater (persons)	Classroom (persons)	U-Shape (persons)	Oval (persons)
Grand Conference Hall	265	335	100	60	66
Conference Hall I	125	170	45	30	33
Conference Hall II	140	165	54	36	39
Board room	35	-	-	19	20
Break out Room	30	35	20	15	18

Type of Event

Hall	Surface Area (m ²)	Banquet persons	Cocktail persons
Grand Conference Hall	265	168	300
Conference Hall I	125	72	150
Conference Hall II	140	96	150
Board room	35	24	-
Break out Room	30	20	-

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Corinthia

popular destination for new experiences



Location

The Prefecture of Corinthia joins Central Greece with the Peloponnese, welcoming all visitors. Mountainous Corinthia is a very popular destination that attracts people interested in short expeditions and new experiences. Its villages are picturesque and have avoided excessive tourist development. The prefecture of Corinthia is dominated by Mt Kyllini (Cyllene) and the Gerania Mountains as well as the coasts of the Saronic Gulf and the Gulf of Corinth. Gorges and mountain streams with accessible beds form tempting idyllic landscapes and lead you to both cosmopolitan and tranquil regions.

Sightseeing & Monuments



The capital city of Corinth is located on a narrow strip of land, known as the Isthmus of Corinth, which connects Peloponnese

with Central Greece. The isthmus, which in ancient times was traversed by hauling ships over the rocky ridge on sledges, is now cut by a canal. The Corinth Canal, carrying ship traffic between the western Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea, is about 4 km east of the city.

Corinth was inhabited since the Neolithic period and acquired great power and prosperity in the 9th through the 5th century B.C. It was conquered by the Romans in 146 BC, but flourished again under Roman rule. It was visited by St. Paul who preached there on 52 A.D. Due to its strategic location, Corinth has suffered raids from the Goths, Slavs, Franks, the Knights of Rhodes, the Venetians and the Turks. There are many interesting historical sites in the city and its periphery, as well as a variety of entertainment. Once there, you should visit St. Paul's Metropolitan Church and the tribune from which St. Paul addressed the Corinthians. To the south is

the ancient city. The most important monuments are the archaic Temple of Apollo, the Lecheos Road that linked the city with the port of Lecheon in the gulf of Corinth and the Krini of Glafki. Acrocorinthos is the largest and oldest castle in Peloponnese, built on a hill of 575 m height. The imposing walls date back to the medieval years.

In Corinthia, you should visit Stymphalia Lake and artificial Doxa Lake with its wonderful chapel; the spa town of Loutraki with its casino; the island complex of Alkionides for beautiful and remote beaches; the popular seaside town of Kiato; the town of Xylokastro renowned for Pefkia, the unique pine forest of the Corinthian Coast; Nemea with its interesting archaeological sites and lively wine festival; the verdant mountain of Kyllini with its smooth valleys and crystal-clear lakes; and last but not least Trikala of Corinthia, famous for its verdant landscapes.





Celebrate meetings

in style & elegance



Location

The Alkyon Resort Hotel & Spa is considered the leading five-star hotel in the area and is conveniently located in Peloponnese near Corinth, just 120 km from Athens Airport and 80 m from the lovely beach of Vrahati with fine pebbles and clear waters. The hotel is located near unique archaeological sites, beautiful beaches and the mountainous region of Corinth, convenient for getaways at all seasons of the year. Discover Ancient Corinth museum, browse the castle trails Acrocorinth, the largest castle in Peloponnese. Visit the lake of Stymphalia where Hercules achieved his sixth labor and follow the wine road from Vrahati to neighboring wineries of Nemea.

Accommodation

The luxurious Alkyon Resort Hotel & Spa complex, consisting of 12 buildings with 139 rooms and 26 luxurious suites, offers guests the opportunity to choose from a variety of room styles with all the modern amenities that provide a sense of relaxation and complete serenity and ensure a comfortable and top-quality stay.

Facilities & Services

Enjoy the hospitality and experience your senses at all hours of the day with the sky light that penetrates the impressive atrium which dominates the center of the lobby. Close to the reception is the Internet Corner provides service 24

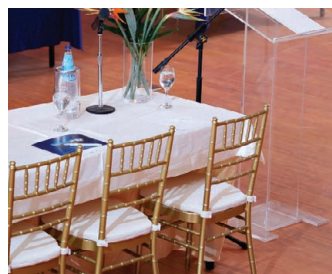
hours a day. Relax in the comfortable lounge, enjoy aromatic coffee or your favorite drink at the Sky Bar and taste delicious breakfast, lunch & dinner at Sky Bar Restaurant. During the summer you can relax and enjoy a refreshing cocktail or a light meal at the GP Bar next to the spectacular pool.

The award-winning SPA CENTER's facilities include: Indoor heated pool 18x5m, Heated Jacuzzi of a 6 person capacity, Turkish bath, Hammam, 2 Saunas, Spa jet, Relax area, Gym, Anti-Aging department, 5 individual treatment cabins, Spa Suite, Aromatic whirlpool bath, Hairdresser, Spa Boutique.

People with disabilities: rooms and access to all areas.

Conference Facilities

Alkyon Resort Hotel & Spa offers fully equipped, aesthetically pleasing halls with great flexibility while also providing quality services to help guarantee the success and prestige of any professional event. All meeting rooms, each with its own style, can meet the demanding requirements of conferences and business meetings all year round. Fully equipped with state-of-the-art media and most featuring natural lighting, the meeting rooms ensure the best possible outcome of any gathering from a small meeting to a conference with maximum capacity of 630.



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUETS (persons)	RECEPTIONS (persons)
"EV AGGELIA"	548	500	1100
"MIKIS THEODORAKIS"	322	420	800
MIKIS THEODORAKIS I	136	130	230
MIKIS THEODORAKIS II	186	200	500
ARMONIA	61	-	60
IV	69	-	70
WINTER'S ROOM	143	110	200

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	U SHAPE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	THEATER (persons)
"EV AGGELIA"	548	125	360	630
"MIKIS THEODORAKIS"	322	150	230	550
MIKIS THEODORAKIS I	136	50	80	150
MIKIS THEODORAKIS II	186	100	120	250
ARMONIA	61	30	40	50
IV	69	40	45	60
WINTER'S ROOM	143	60	70	100

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Messinia

compose the unique charm



Location

Tucked away in the southwestern tip of Peloponnese, Messinia is one of the most beautiful regions in Greece. Tranquil nature, gentle autumns and mild winters, lush landscape, fertile soil, extensive beaches, many springs and abundant water, verdant mountains, Venetian castles and traditional villages compose the unique charm of this prefecture.

Transportation

Messinia can be reached by boat, bus or train from Athens. The airport of Kalamata, its marinas and the road arteries that end here facilitate all means of transportation that lead to this magical corner.

History & Culture



Messinia attracted human populations early in the history of mankind and has been inhabited since prehistoric times. The Mycenaean civilization flourished in the region, as evidenced by the abun-

dance of findings across the prefecture. In the middle ages, Messinia shared the fortunes of the rest of the Peloponnese. During the Byzantine times it suffered many barbarian raids, from Goths and Slavs, while it came under Frankish occupation in 1204 and fell under the Ottoman yoke in 1460. After a long independence struggle, Messinia was finally liberated in 1828 and became part of the modern Greek State.

Sightseeing & Monuments

As expected, Messinia is rich in archaeological sites and monuments of its rich historical past. In the beautiful seaside capital of Kalamata, the Frankish castle predominates, built on the remnants of the ancient acropolis. Kalamata is a contemporary city with parks, wide streets and broad educational and artistic activities. There are numerous Byzantine churches scattered all over Messinia, all of them holding incalculable wealth in religious art within them. A walk through the towers of Old Kardamyli is fascinating, while the tomb of Dioscuri are interesting Byzantine churches. Amphitheatrically built in a typical Mediterranean environment at the foot of Mt. Ithomi, Ancient Messini is one of the best preserved ancient cities,

never having been destroyed or covered by later-day settlements. The wild beauty of Mani, its fortified villages spread across the moon-like landscape, waits to be discovered at the end of a route crossing age-old areas considered the cradle of European civilization.

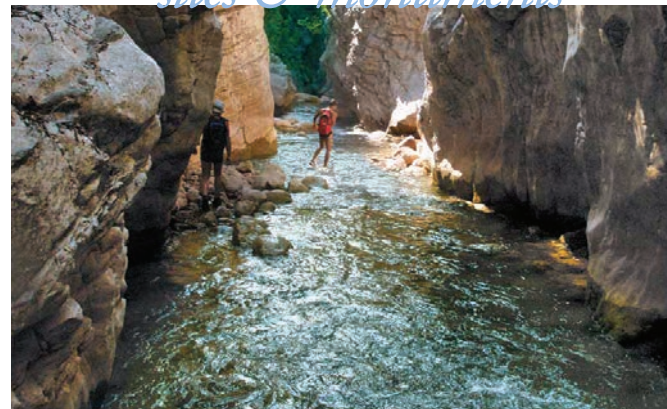
Cultural Events

A wide range of cultural events (festivities, carnivals, flower fests), art events (international dance festival, plethora of theatrical performances carried out by many groups, international documentary film festival) and athletic events complete the beauty of Messinia.

Hotels & Conference Facilities

Boasting an excellent tourist infrastructure, the prefecture is ideal for conferences. Vast investments in the tourism sector have given luxurious resorts, complete with quality accommodation and conferences centers, sea-therapy centers and golf facilities.

Rich in archaeological sites & monuments





Tranquil nature, lush landscape extensive beaches, abundant springs



Profile

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CVB and Alternative Tourism Bureau of Messinia.

The Bureau, established by the Commercial Chamber of Messinia, aims to play both the role of a local CVB and in the same time of a body promoting systematically all forms of thematic-alternative tourism, that Messinia can offer.

As a local Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Bureau:

- promotes the region of Messinia as a business tourism destination for Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conferences and Exhibitions
- provides detailed information on the possibility to host business tourism travel in Messinia, to all the professionals, who organize and distribute events conferences etc. In other words, to the potential demand (tour operators, travel agencies, buyers, companies and scientific associations, that organize conferences, etc.) and
- brings together the demand for all forms of business tourism, with all the tourism business sectors of Messinia, representing the respective tourist offer (convention centers, conference facilities, hotel accommodation, etc, catering and recreation facilities,

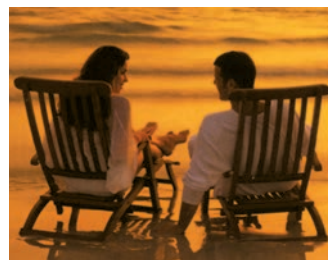
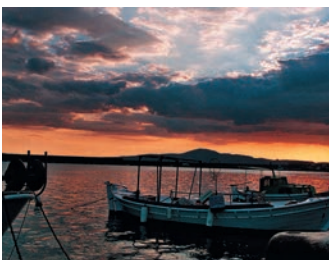
tourist agencies, rent a car agencies ,professionals of the audiovisual industry, translators, etc.).

As a local promotion agency for - alternative forms of tourism, the Bureau:

- promotes these forms to the respective actual and potential markets and
- provides detailed information to tourism professionals and individual tourists, who are interested in each form of alternative tourism and in the alternative tourism products of the region.

Visit the website of the CVB and Alternative Tourism Bureau of Messinia:

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RESORT

COSTA NAVARINO

Relax, recharge and discover
Messinian inspiration



Location

The Westin Resort Costa Navarino is the second property of Starwood Hotels and Resorts that operates at Costa Navarino, the new prime destination in the Mediterranean. Overlooking the Ionian Sea coastline of The Dunes Beach, the 445 rooms and suites, inspired by old Messinian mansions, spring from nature and create an ambiance of genuine hospitality.

Accommodation

Most of the rooms enjoy unobstructed views of the Ionian Sea, while almost all ground-floor units have individual infinity pools and a mix of garden, golf and resort swimming pool views. The Westin Resort Costa Navarino also provides a smoke-free environment in a purely sustainable destination while, at the same time, promises a restful sleep with the ultimate comfort of the Heavenly Bed®.

Facilities & Services

Voted as the "Best Family Destination" in the Mediterranean amongst Europe's Starwood Hotels & Resorts, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino is the ideal destination for family getaways, presenting a plethora of children activities;

a wonderful aqua park with water slides, a playground and a recreational center including an indoor sports arena for basketball and volleyball, ten-pin bowling, video arcades, cinema and ping pong. In addition, two specially designed hubs for children, Cocoon and SandCastle, are the most innovative and supporting facility for family holidays at the resort. Cocoon is addressed to our little toddlers and up to the age of 3, while SandCastle offers an extensive range of educational and recreation activities for kids between 4 and 12 years of age.

For the ultimate gastronomic delight of your palate, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino is the pioneer regarding the number of choices. Start your day with a buffet breakfast that includes dishes rich in antioxidant foods and SuperfoodsRX®, combining certain raw materials to offer you all of their benefits and flavors. Flame restaurant is an exceptional venue, located at golf's Clubhouse, offering magnificent golf landscapes and sunset views. Flame menu includes home-grown meat, selected from local farms, combined with the finest and freshest materials from the best local producers of each area, together with seasonal vegetables and herbs that are handpicked just before the food preparation. Whether you prefer Mediterranean or international cuisine, local Greek, Lebanese, Italian or Pan Asian, The Westin

Resort Costa Navarino has many more to offer with its vast variety of venues and special concepts.

Pampering through the day you may relax by the lounge areas or pool bars and enjoy fresh juices and tasteful cocktails, snacks and delicious desserts or experience a signature oleotherapy® treatment at Anazoe Spa.

Leisure & Entertainment

Two signature golf courses, 18-hole and par-71 each, set Costa Navarino as the new luxury golf destination in Greece. The Dunes Course has been designed by the US Masters Champion and Ryder Cup Captain Bernhard Langer, in association with European Golf Design, and offers an exciting round of play along with spectacular sea and river views. Alternatively, The Bay Course - just a few minutes from The Westin Resort Costa Navarino and next to the historic Navarino Bay, proposes a different set of challenges and choices, with greater emphasis on strategic play and positional golf. The Bay Course has been designed by the internationally acclaimed architect Robert Trent Jones Jr.

For those who seek more adventures, or exercise for their body and mind, the options are endless. Energize yourselves with Navarino Outdoors, Navarino Sea and Navarino

Racquet Academy. Learn more about the surrounding area, exploring the nearby attractions and train your body with unique experiences through bicycle tours, hiking and Nordic walking. Navarino Sea will be your perfect guide under-water with experienced divers for scuba diving and snorkeling or on-water with non-motorized sports, varying from windsurfing and paddle boarding to kite-surf. Racquet enthusiasts will choose among nine different racquet sports and play in any of the two tennis courts. Mini tennis courts are also available for our younger guests.

Conference Facilities

Finally, the 5000m2 conference and meeting spaces, place The Westin Resort Costa Navarino amongst the ultimate choices for successful incentives, conventions and events. Featuring the latest state-of-the-art conference facilities and a totally versatile function area which combines in-house and outdoor options, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino is the preferred location to organize and present your business in perfect success.

Our experienced team will assist you setting everything in time and to the tiniest detail.

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m²)	BANQUET (persons)	CABARET (persons)
Ground Floor			
The Great Hall	1.372	1.188	720
Orion (IA+IB+IC) – Cosmos (ID+IE+IF)	2 X 578	432	288
Orion IA/IB/IC – Cosmos ID/IE/IF	6 X 196	96	64
Ethos	115	72	48
Ethos A	64	24	16
Ethos B	50	24	16
Character	90	48	32
Atrium	307	-	-
Patio 1	93	-	-
Upper Level			
Dialogue	52	15	-
Strategy	52	15	-
Theory	117	72	48
Idea	117	72	48
Meter	84	48	32
Astronomy	199	120	80
Logic	88	36	24
History	139	72	48
Synergy	180	108	72
Patio 2	116+35	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)
Ground Floor			
The Great Hall	1.372	1.200	900
Orion (IA+IB+IC) – Cosmos (ID+IE+IF)	2 X 578	400	288
Orion IA/IB/IC – Cosmos ID/IE/IF	6 X 196	150	96
Ethos	115	100	64
Ethos A	64	50	21
Ethos B	50	30	21
Character	90	-	-
Atrium	307	-	-
Patio 1	93	-	-
Upper Level			
Dialogue	52	-	-
Strategy	52	-	-
Theory	117	100	60
Idea	117	100	60
Meter	84	60	36
Astronomy	199	180	120
Logic	88	35	45
History	139	90	70
Synergy	180	140	80
Patio 2	116+35	-	-

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The enchanting location at the west of Peloponnese



Location

The Kyllini Beach hotel facilities comprise a surface of 160000 m² nearby a fantastic, golden sandy beach surrounded by wonderful natural gardens with palm trees and Mediterranean plants. The airport of Araxos lies about 50 km, Athens about 300km, the port of Patras about 75 km away and Zakynthos island airport is one hour distance with the ferry. The beach with its very fine sand is about 11 km long. The enchanting location at the west end of Peloponnese provides a marvelous view to the Ionian Sea and its islands - as well as unforgettable sunsets. The short distance to archaeological sites such as Olympia allures to day trips or half-day excursions.

Accommodation

From the 310 comfortable rooms at Kyllini Beach you can in any case enjoy the marvelous view - either to the sea or the park of the hotel facilities. The rooms are equipped with

balcony, bathroom or shower/WC, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, which is available in all the rooms and all over the resort, safe, mini-bar, TV, hairdryer and direct - dial phone. Apart from the family, double and single rooms the new Executive and Junior Suites with their first-class and top modern facilities provide a unique living comfort with a sea view and Jacuzzi if you need something really special.

Facilities & Services

Fanciful buffets are provided in the main restaurant and the dinners are in 14 themes rhythm. The à la carte Restaurant, apart from a magnificent sea view, offers further culinary delights. The Hotel has 4 Bars, so that the right atmosphere for everybody is assured: the Pergola-Bar, which is the core of our hotel and lies directly by the Pool, the Lobby Bar, the Tennis Bar and the Pool Bar. Pergola Bar offer all inclusive with coffee, drinks, ice-creams and snacks. The hotel has also its own Night Club Galaxy. Moreover the hotel offers 2 outdoor swimming-

pools, one children's pool and a heated indoor swimming pool, a SPA and Wellness area with sauna and steam bath and a marvelous sauna garden, massage and cosmetics facilities, one Fitness-Studio, a stage on the beach for all group fitness programs and a shop. Wi-Fi all over the resort is available, laundry, parking place, a renovated children playground with kid's program in specific times and much more.

Sports & Leisure

Sports as football, beach - volleyball, etc, are scheduled on an everyday basis, as well as group fitness courses like Aerobics, Step, Pilates, etc. The hotel also has a base for all kind of water sports, with catamarans and surfboards, archer, 10 professional sandy courts, 2 of them with flood lights and a driving range. Furthermore the back-country is excellent for wonderful mountain - bike excursions. And of course the hotel provides an excellent entertainment program: cultural program, games and sport events the

whole day long. Greek nights, with folk music, shows in the theatre and dance music by the pool and more.

Conference Facilities

The 7 new conference halls for seminars and conferences are flooded with day light and offer state-of-the-art technologies and equipment. They provide a space capacity for 20-280 people and they make it possible to combine business with pleasure. The paradise-like environments and the long experience in the field of event organizing provide for the incomparable combination of work and leisure and for a successful event. At the same time attention is paid to the surrounding spaces for the breaks. A cosy outdoor bar next to the conference halls provides for a casual and informal atmosphere. The organized excursions and incentives offer you the possibility to discover the country and its people.



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET persons	COCKTAIL persons
Olympia:	135	70	150
Delphi:	156	80	170
Olympia & Delphi combined	281	150	320
Kriti	39	20	50
Rhodos	40	20	50
Zante	29	15	50
Kefalonia	29	15	50
Zante & Kefalonia combined	58	33	100
Corfu	81	42	100

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE LAYOUT persons	SCHOOL LAYOUT persons	U-SHAPE persons
Olympia:	135	120	65	90
Delphi:	156	120	65	90
Olympia & Delphi combined	281	280	150	210
Kriti	39	36	20	24
Rhodos	40	36	20	24
Zante	29	36	20	24
Kefalonia	29	36	20	24
Zante & Kefalonia combined	58	80	40	50
Corfu	81	80	40	50

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Congresses

in the **Northeastern**
Aegean islands



Lesvos the birthplace of an



Location

Lesvos, also known as Mytilini, is one of the largest and most beautiful Greek islands.

Positioned in the north-eastern Aegean, across the coast of Asia Minor, it holds a prominent position in the map of universal intellect, being the birthplace of the illustrious ancient poets Sappho, Alkaios and Pittakos of Mytilini, one of the Seven Sages of antiquity. Even in modern times this culturally rich island keeps up with its tradition of producing some of Greece's finest artists, poets and writers.

Transportation

There are very frequent flights from Athens and Thessaloniki to Mytilini. Mytilini's airport also receives several direct charter flight from abroad, especially during the summer months.

Other ways to reach the island are the pleasant overnight boat rides offered from Piraeus, Thessaloniki and Kavala.

For those that wish to explore the art of "island hopping" Lesvos makes the perfect base, offering good interconnection with several North and Eastern Aegean islands

History & Culture

Homer relates Lesvos with the kingdom of Makaras. Some of the towns were named in antiquity after this king's daughters Mytilini, Mythimna and Antissa as well as of his son Eressos. The name of Lesvos, according to one version, is Phoenician, meaning seven, while another version says that the island got its name from the word "Iespis" which means precious gem.

In antiquity its Aeolian Greek inhabitants, who also controlled much of the opposite Asian coast, formed the island's distinct culture. During the classical age Lesvos was a large, prosperous sea power, where the letters and the arts were thriving. In the 5th century BC the island was occupied by the Athenians until it was passed on to Macedonian kingdom and followed its destiny.

The Romans conquered and destroyed much of the island in 168 BC but, by 88 BC it was back on its feet enjoying economical and cultural prosperity once again. Medieval Lesvos was continuously subjected to raids by Saracens, Turks and Venetians who pillaged the island and enslaved its population. After changing hands between various Frankish, Italian and Byzantine sovereigns the island was taken over by the Ottomans in 1462. The Turks remained there until 1912 when the Greek fleet detached the island from the grip of the Ottoman Empire.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Mytilini is one the richest Greek provincial towns as far as culture is concerned. In the Archaeological Museum a visitor is presented with an exquisite display of the island's glorious ancient past, while the town's Byzantine Museum has exhibits from both the Byzantine and post-Byzantine periods. The town also boasts some attractive churches: the Cathedral dedicated to St. Athanassios, Agios Therapontas and Agii Theodori, which has wonderful wood carvings and icons.

Varia, a suburb of Mitilini, is the site of the Theofilos Museum, which hosts the works of Greece's most-loved naïf painter, and the Teriade Museum – Library, housing the extraordinary art collection of Lesvos' famous art critic, Stratis Eleftheriades (Teriade), who worked in Paris in the interwar period. In the walls of this museum are displayed lithographs done by Picasso, Matisse, Chagall, Leger and other famous 20th century artists.

Travelling to the north one should visit Skala Sikamias, a picturesque fishing harbour with a chapel dedicated to the "Virgin Mermaid", an image praised by Sikamia's own Stratis Myrivilis, in one of the most renowned novels of the modern Greek literature.

The next stop should be Molyvos (or Mithimna), the island's best-known resort and artists' colony. The town's medieval castle, the traditional architecture and the unique blending of colours and scents, create in Molyvos an atmosphere unparalleled in the whole of the Greece.

Agiaassos is another of Lesvos' many places worthy of a visit. This attractive village has kept intact its traditional mastery of handcrafts and the fame of its pottery and woodcarving has travelled well beyond Greece. For Greeks it is also a very popular pilgrimage site, because of a Church dedicated to Virgin Mary hosting an early Christian icon, attributed to St. Lukas himself.

On the western tip of Lesvos is Eressos, Sappho's birthplace. Archaeological excavations here have revealed what is said to be Sappho's home. Nearby is Sigris, a pretty fishing port with a lovely beach and an 18th century fortress. Finally a bit further, on the road to Antissa, is the island's celebrated Petrified Forest, dating back some fifteen million years. The fossilized trunks dispersed all around, some fallen, some still erect, present for visitors an interesting sight and for scientists a unique opportunity to study the earth distant past.

cient poets



Sports & Leisure

Besides having many outdoor sporting facilities, such as football, volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, Lesvos is ideal for windsurfing, sailing, and other water sports.

Being a volcanic island, Lesvos abounds in mineral springs. Health spas have been developed in the Gulf of Gera, Thermi, Lisvori, Eftalou and Polichnitos.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Lesvos is famed for being the center of the ouzo drinking culture. The aniseedy national drink of the Greeks is always accompanied by a wide variety of small appetizers, called "mezedes", which in Lesvos are usually seafood prepared with divine traditional recipes.

Besides acquiring a large supply of ouzo a visitor can find in Molyvos superb handcraft and antique shops, while Agiassos hosts several workshops, producing a variety of traditional items, from musical instruments to religious artifacts.

Cultural Events

A huge variety of festivals and traditional events are held throughout the island. The brightest religious folk feasts are dedicated to the Madonna on the 15th of August. In Agiassos the pilgrims begin arriving weeks before the feast and by the 10th of August the town is alive with celebrations, both religious and social, live music etc. Similar events are taking place in neighboring beautiful village of Petra, but not as big. The late February carnival of Agiassos, called "Valia" is also much renown.

In the 2nd of June, in the town of Kaloni, the festival of the Holy Trinity is celebrated with horse races and wine drinking. Towards the end of June action is centered in the market town of Agia Paraskevi with its 3-day "Festival of the Bull". Celebrated since 1774, the festival hosts live music entertainment and horse races through the streets.

At the end of June and early July, Navy Week takes turn. The ports of Molyvos and Kaloni organise various events where ouzo and sardines are in abundance. Then, in the first week of August, Kaloni hosts its own Sardine Festival with fish, ouzo, live music and dancing entertainment.

Finally in May, the more culture-minded municipality of Molyvos, organizes the Week of Prose and Art, with theatrical performances, exhibitions and various cultural and educational events.

People & Lifestyle

Amongst the vast olive groves, dense pine forests, and volcanic ridges, in this part of Aegean has thrived one of the brightest centres of ancient Hellenic civilisation. Nevertheless, modern Lesvians are equally proud of their distant ancestors and their modern day achievements. In the past two centuries several Lesvians have been worthy continuators of their bright cultural past; like the novelist Stratis Myrivilis, and the Aeolian school of Greek literature; the Nobel awarded poet Odysseas Elytis and the beloved painter Theophilos, to mention only the most eminent of them. Every place on this island takes special pride of its offsprings like the small village of Pelopi, which is bragging for being the place of origin for the US politician and presidential candidate Michael Dukakis.

Today, hosting the seat of the Aegean University, Lesvos is still a spawning ground for innovative ideas in the arts, science and politics.

Nightlife & Entertainment

All kinds of entertainment find their place in the tolerant society of Lesvos. Choices in bars, pubs and discos are plentiful in Skala Eresou, Skala Kallonis, Plomari, Sigi and Skala Polihnitou. The capital Mytilini has an especially vivid nightlife, cinemas and theatrical stages all year round, being the host of sizable university community.

Ecology

Lesvos has an admirably well-organized set of trekking trails in the north and south, covering a wide variety of landscapes. The trails are colour-coded with there are easy-to-spot signs. Some guides and booklets are available from tourist offices. Another growing and popular activity on Lesvos is bird-watching, as the island is the transit point and home to over 280 species of birds, ranging from raptors to waders. As a result, in spring, the island is attracting an ever-increasing number of visitors, both human and winged. Eressos, Petra, Skala Kallonis and Agiasos are the main observation areas.

Conference Facilities

An island with such a cultural reputation to uphold could only feature a vast range of establishments, capable of staging conferences and exhibitions of the highest caliber, along with a tourist infrastructure that lend the required leisure-note to every business or holiday trip.

Limnos the land of the a



Location

The land of the Amazons and the home of Hephestos, the divine smith, is Limnos; a fertile, volcanic island opposite to the entrance of the Dardanelles.

Transportation

There are several regular flights to Limnos from Athens and Thessaloniki and during the summer months there are also frequent charter flights from major European countries.

The port of Myrina has ferry connections with Piraeus, Rafina, Thessaloniki and Kavala.

History

In the realm of the ancient myth of the Argonauts, there is the account that in prehistoric times the island was inhabited by women only, whose leader was Queen Hypsipyle. Quite obviously, this tale reflects some form of matriarchal life on this island. Nonetheless, the effects of ancient Greek myths and traditions are more than evident in modern Greek geography, as in the case of the Limnos' capital Myrina, which was named in antiquity after the first outstanding Amazon queen.

The other important ancient city of Limnos was Hefestia, a city dedicated to the god Hephestos, who was believed to keep his workshop in the island. The volcanic terrain of the island makes it easy to understand why the whole of Limnos was dedicated to the worship of earth and fire.

In historic times Limnos has followed the fate of the rest of its neighboring islands, passing from Macedonians to the Romans and then the Byzantines. In 1657 the Ottomans took the island from the Venetians and kept it until 1912 when the Greek fleet liberated it. During World War I the island served as a base for the military and naval operations of Entente allies against Ottoman Turkey and particularly in the course of the Gallipoli and Dardanelles campaign in 1915. At the island's gulf of Moudros, on October 30th 1918, the Ottomans finally capitulated accepting the terms of the Allies.

Conference facilities





Sightseeing & Monuments

The islands' capital, Myrina, is built in the recess of an enchanting bay, overlooked by the Venetian castle. This clean friendly town, with its stoned paved lanes, the vineyards, and the old mariners' houses with their wooden balconies, creates to the visitor a sense of intimacy and relaxation. The interesting archaeological museum of the town displays findings of the Italian archaeological mission, which excavated for decades the hidden past of this island.

Another interesting sight in Limnos is the town of Moudros with beautiful old mansions and a majestic cathedral. Nearby and on the way to the eastern coast are the grounds of WW I cemeteries and monuments dedicated to the thousands of British, French and colonial soldiers who are resting there.

On the eastern part of the island stand also the ruins of the Bronze age settlement of Polychni and those of the Hephestia with its 5th century BC theatre.

Sports & Leisure

The island is famed for its clean, long and sandy beaches, which are excellent for beach volley and other seaside and water sports. Also very popular in Limnos is scuba diving and underwater fishing.

Gastronomy & Shopping

If you love fish and seafood then Limnos is your gastronomical paradise. Picturesque little taverns are in abundance throughout the island serving fresh fish but also all the other popular, meat – based traditional Greek dishes. One should not miss to taste the delicious local sweets produced by specialized pastry shops and the women cooperative of Limnos.

Cultural events

During the summer in the capital Myrina various theatrical and other cultural events are held while in the countryside religious festivals are more common. By the monastery of the Savior, on the 7th of September, the most important festival of the island is held with local folk dances and songs.

People & Lifestyle

Limnos is an extraordinary island in many ways: It's relatively flat, with two lakes adding to the un-Greekness of its landscape of cornfields and grazing cattle. Its society, still traditionally agricultural in many ways, has escaped the adverse effects of mass tourism and has retained the genuinely Greek hospitable character.

Nightlife & Entertainment

One of the most charming aspects of the Greek island life is the traditional promenade around the center of the town or by the sea. At nighttime, when the temperatures are cooler, is the time for the Greeks to catch up with the gossip or laze around in the cafes and tavernas. A visitor to Limnos immediately notices that at nighttime its towns and villages exude an air of companionable bustle. Having experienced this feeling the next move is to head to a disco, where one can touch a few more hands in the dance of life.

Ecology

There are many game reserves in the island and the lakes of the eastern part host numerous migratory bird species.

Conference Facilities

Surprisingly for an island this calm, Lemnos boasts an extremely good tourist infrastructure, with well-equipped, modern deluxe hotels, mainly on the western coast.

Chios the island to be disc



Location

Deep green valleys, trees descending to the sea, villages hidden among the mastic trees, they all combine to form Chios; a great, beautiful island on the center of the eastern part of the Aegean. It's an island proud to be the birthplace of Homer and a place where civilization, shipping trade and arts have flourished at various points of time.

Transportation

From Athens and Thessaloniki there are several flights a day to Chios airport, their number depending on the season.

There are also ferry connections from the ports of Piraeus, Rafina, Thessaloniki and Kavala.

History

Archeological findings reveal that Chios was first inhabited near the end of the neolithic age (4000-3000) B.C., but it was not until the arrival of the Ionians, in the 9th century BC, that a period of prosperity started for the island. After its participation in the Athenian led Delos alliance, Chios was occupied by the Macedonians and later by the Romans. Passing on to Byzantium, the island remained under its rule for several hundreds of years.

During the Turkish domination the island was famed for supplying the Sultan's harems with its valuable, specially flavored natural gum, called "mastic". This didn't discourage the Ottomans from staging here one of the bloodiest incidents of their occupation of Greece. The slaughter 25,000 and the enslavement all but a few, of the 80,000 inhabitants of Chios, as an act of reprisal for the unsuccessful revolt of 1822, horrified the world and especially European public. The French painter De la Croix, shaken by the event, created his famous work of art "The Slaughter of Chios", while Victor Hugo wrote the poem "The Child of Chios". The island was united with the rest of Greece in 1912 along with other North Aegean islands.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Hora, as the locals call the capital is built on the site of the ancient city, which few ruins remain today. The heart of the town beats in the old Turkish quarters among picturesque buildings, the marketplace and the marble tomb of Kara Ali, the man who was said to be the one to have ordered the slaughter of the islands inhabitants. On top of these quarters



Sightseeing & Monuments





stands the town's medieval castle, built by the Byzantines and strengthened by the Genoese.

To the north of Hora is the village of Vontados and "Daskalopetra" (the teacher's rock), which tradition associates with Homer. To the south there are several scenic villages, which are called the 'mastic' villages. Pyrgi is the biggest and prettiest of them, with the wall of the houses being over-painted with a wide variety of geometric blue patterns that extend even to the underside of the balconies.

One of the island's main historic attractions is the Byzantine Monastery at Nea Moni, close to Chios town. It is home of the finest Byzantine frescos and mosaics known, dating back from the monastery's foundation in 1042. The charnel house is also home to a display of skulls, belonging to the victims of the 1822 massacre of the island's population by the Turks.

Sports & Leisure

The people of Chios are in love with the sea so if your mind is set on sailing, rowing, windsurfing and jet-ski just head to one of the several sailing and yachting clubs for information and equipment. Be warned that at Hora, they brag a lot about their excellent water-polo and swimming teams. Chios is also one of the few places in Greece where one can enjoy scuba diving and underwater fishing on an organized base.

Inland Chios attracts numerous nature-lovers. There are several challenging sites for mountain climbing and about 70 caves offered for exploration with the suitable equipment.

Gastronomy & Shopping

You can visit Chios for shopping alone. Various shops and many boutiques, especially in Hora, are oriented to the rich clientele of trade marines and ship owning families, thus the variety and quality of their merchandise often exceeds that of most commercial centers in mainland Greece.

If you are looking for souvenirs and folk art you will not be disappointed. Several craftsmen in the island and a popular art cooperation, produce, handmade curtains, tablecloths, bedclothes, traditional costumes and miniatures dolls. Shopping should also include the local liqueurs, ouzo and the mouth-watering local chewing gum.

Cultural Events

During New Years eve special celebrations take place in Chios Town: The island's seamen carry around 3 meter models of ships singing island songs. They end up at the central square and the four best models are awarded.

Not to miss are also the "Homeria", events of art and literature dedicated to the ancient poet that take place every summer in the location of "Daskalopetra"

An important carnival is held before the Lent at the villages of Olympi and Thymiana.

People & Lifestyle

The fate of few places has been so closely weaved with sea as in the case of Chios. Its people have a very old sailing tradition. Christopher Columbus, who had lived here for while, probably accumulated their knowledge before setting his mind on exploring the wide Ocean.

In more recent years trade-marine and shipping have made lucrative contributions to the local economy; for almost two-thirds of all the Greek shipping tycoons, like Livanos and Chandris, seem to hail from here or from the neighboring satellite island of Oinousses. Every summer a great reunion takes place in the island as the large expatriate community of Chios with their offsprings, return to land of their forefathers to spend their holidays.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Chios is a place where mass tourism has not yet reached, thus night entertainment remains by large family oriented. Nevertheless there is vivid nightlife in sea-side areas, while most of the discos, pubs, live music taverns and cinemas can be found at the Hora of Chios.

Conference Facilities

The island's extensive tourist infrastructure offers an array of facilities that make business a pleasant experience. In particular the capital of island, as a regional commercial center, boasts top-rate hotels with excellent facilities for meetings, while larger conferences can be held at the Homerian Conference center in town center.

Samos the birthplace of py



Location

This large almond shaped island north of the Dodecanese is the most visited North Aegean island. The fact that Samos is stuck on the coast of Ephessos, makes it the most convenient crossover point to the shores of Turkey.

Samos is most of all renown for the knowledge its "sons" have gallantly offered to the ancient and the modern world.

Transportation

Three regular flights daily leave from Athens, for Samos airport. Also, several chartered flights from most European cities arrive daily in the summer season.

Two daily ferryboats arrive from Piraeus to the ports of Vathi and Karlovassi in the high season. Its advantageous position in the Aegean secures for Samos good interconnection with many other islands. The third Samian port of Pythagorion is connected with Chios, Ikaria, Lesvos, Limnos and Rhodos twice weekly. There are also frequent ferries and hydrofoils connecting Samos with Paros, Naxos Mykonos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos. and Patmos.

History

During the 6th century B.C. Samos was the shining cradle of the Ionian civilization with a great contribution to arts, sciences and architecture. Pythagoras the famous mathematician, the great philosopher Epicure and the storyteller Aesopos are just a few of the island's spiritual sons. While the arts and sciences were flourishing, Samos was becoming a great naval power accumulating wealth from commerce. Samians used their affluence to create some of the greatest projects in antiquity: The Sanctuary of Hera (one of the ancient world's seven wonders), the Eupalinos Tunnel and a huge pier.

Under Byzantine sovereignty Samos was a frequent prey for various raiders and presumptuous conquerors. The Franks occupied it in 1204, followed by the Turks after the fall of Constantinople.

Sightseeing & Monuments

Vathi the capital of Samos has typical mainland neoclassical style of architecture and is very beautiful with its narrow streets and a panoramic view from Ano Vathi to the harbor. The most interesting sight of the town is the Archaeological Museum, situated in an old impressive building

of neoclassical style, where visitors can enjoy an extended collection of exhibited articles of excellent carving work, several statues including the largest Kouros (5.5 m. young male statue) and other archaic statues, most found at the Heraion.

Getting around the island you will encounter some very special places like Pythagorion, the site of ancient capital of the island, which was known at the time as 'Samos'. Today it is a picturesque village but the nearby ruins of the ancient wondrous constructions testify for its glorious past. These include the temple of Hera (Heraion) and the best preserved of the ancient monuments; the harbour more; now a ferry quay most tourists walk its length without knowing it to be different from quays the islands over. Very close to Pythagorion is located one of the most splendid engineering feats of the ancient world; the Eupalinos Tunnel, a 1.050-meter gateway, named after its architect, was designed to guarantee water supplies to the city as well as offering means of escape.

Another very scenic fishing village is Kokkari, built in a beautiful ravine close to Vathi. To the north is the vibrant tourist magnet of Karlovassi and its surrounding villages, which stand in perfect harmony with the lush landscape and each one of them encloses its own special beauty.

Sports & Leisure

The island is a popular place for rumbling, or even more demanding mountain treks, with its appealing combination of mountains and sea making it an attractive destination for walkers all over Europe. Some excellent descriptions of hikes are described in books and guides available on the island.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Samos is a culinary paradise for those that enjoy Greek cuisine. The local gastronomic and enological traditions are enriched by the fact that the island hosts since 1923 a large community of Greek refugees from neighbouring Turkey, who have brought with them several sophisticated Ionian flavours and habits. Naturally in an island this popular with foreign tourism there is an abundance of restaurants and taverns to choose from. In this case a useful tip is to look for the restaurants that are attracting Greek clientele. Their patronage is the best indication that this is the place to eat hereabouts. Shopping in Samos should absolutely include the worldwide-celebrated Samian wines and the excellent pottery displayed in workshops of several villages. Finally the elegant shops and fine boutiques can be found in all major resorts give the island a special offbeat character.

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Cultural Events

One of the most esteemed festivals in Greece is the "Manolis Kalomiris" festival organized by local authorities in Samos. The festival, which lasts throughout the spring and summer months of each year. The large variety of events, which are held primarily at the capital Vathy and the ancient theatre of Pythagorion, include ancient drama, concerts of classical music, jazz and Greek folk music, as well as painting exhibitions and scientific forums.

People & Lifestyle

The progressive and bold thought of the Samian people has always been kept alive and contributed to the progress and development of the land up till the present day.

In recent years, the Samian economy has shown a steady progressive improvement, the cultural contribution of the island is substantial hosting the seat of School of Mathematics of the Aegean university and tourism is developing at an increasingly accelerated rate.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Samos has a quite interesting nightlife. Discos and Clubs are plentiful and especially vivid in town Karlovasi but in small ports like Pythagorio and Kokkari although the choices is not that great (in quantity), a reveler can dance and drink all night and then walk his way home in matter of minutes.

Conference Facilities

Serving both a great holiday demand and the world scientific attention for the island's mathematical inclination, Samos hotel infrastructure guarantee that conference organizers will find here nothing less than the best possible conference related installations.

Convention Centres & Hotels with Conference facilities

NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
Lesvos							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Benjamin The Lesbian		2252032200	2252032641		1	200	
Conference Centre of Molyvos Municipality		2253071313	2253071313	www.mithymna.gr	1	150	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Aeolian Village	L	2253053585	2253053795	www.aeolianvillage.gr	1	300	
ElySION Hotel	A	2251061531 -2	22510 61294	www.elysion.gr	1	50-200	
Heliotrope Hotels	A	2251045857	2251045900	www.heliotropehotels.gr	5	20-260	
Lesvos Inn Resort & Spa Hotel	A	2251071781-4	2251071711	www.lesvosinn.gr	1	150	
Silver Bay Hotel	B	2251046637	2551042860	www.silverbay.gr	1	150	
Limnos							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Lemnos Congress Hall		2254023686-8	2254022780-1		4	400-600	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Porto Myrina Palace Hotel	L	2254024805-6	2254024858	www.portomyrinapalace.gr	3	50-300	
Chios							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Homerion Cultural Centre		2271044391	2271044379	www.homerion.gr	3	60-450	
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Argentikon Luxury Suites	L	2271033111	2271031465	www.argentikon.gr	4	45-130	
Chios Chandris Hotel	A	2271044401-10	2271025768	www.chandris.gr	1	200	
Golden Sand	A	2271032080	2271031700	www.goldensand.gr	3	200	
Samos							
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Doryssa Seaside Resort	L	2273088300	2273061463	www.doryssa-bay.gr	5	70-240	
Proteas Bay Hotel	L	2273062144-6	2273062620	www.proteasbay.gr	1	150	
Samaina Inn Hotel	A	2273030400-5	2273034471	www.samaina-hotels.gr	1	200	

Cyclades *the most attractive*



Location

The islands of the Cyclades, with their whitewashed houses drenched by the Greek sun, are the country's most beautiful ornaments, placed at the centre of the Aegean Sea. They derive their name from being said to "circle" the island of Delos – birthplace of Apollo. Around Delos are situated three of the best-known Greek islands, Mykonos, Syros and Paros, while further south stands the stunning volcanic island of Santorini or Thira.

Transportation

All four of the aforementioned islands have airports serviced by domestic flights from Athens and Thessaloniki, while Mykonos and Santorini receive during the summer frequent direct flights from abroad. Being a justifiably popular group of islands, they form the backbone of the Greek ferry system in the region. High season connections with fast modern ships and hydrofoils from Piraeus and Rafina, are so frequent that many visitors have embraced the habit of "island hopping", in order to get the best of each island and enrich their collection of images from Greece.

History & Culture

One of the most significant civilisations that ever flourished in Greece has its roots in the Cycladic isles. Signs of the Cycladic civilisation date back to 3000 years BC. The famous Cycladic marble statues were sculptured during the so-called Early Cycladic period, 3000-2000 BC, when people here lived in houses, built boats and mined obsidian and exported it throughout the Mediterranean. The Minoans occupied the islands in the Middle Cycladic period, 2000-1500 BC, followed by the Mycenaeans around the 15th century, at the beginning of the Late Cycladic period. Cyclades had become very prosperous after the arrival of the Romans in 190 BC, but the inability of the Byzantines to protect them from pirate raids signalled their decline. When Constantinople fell to the Franks in 1204, the Cycladic isles passed to the sovereignty of the Venetians, followed by the creation of the Duchy of Naxos, along with smaller baronies and counties - protectorates of West European states. During the long-lasting Western occupation, many islanders accepted Catholicism and even today large Catholic communities enrich the culture of these islands.

Starting from 1453, Turkish occupation came sooner or later to all the islands of the archipelago. The constant struggle between western states and the Ottoman power for supremacy in the region favoured the roaming pirate fleets. In an effort to disorientate attackers, the local architecture devised the labyrinthine town planning with narrow streets,

which is the main feature in most towns. The islands were revived by the tourism boom that begun in 1970s, after the world "discovered" their natural beauty, with their dazzling white buildings and bright-blue church domes, unusual landscapes, mild and pleasant climate with long periods of sunshine and strong winds to keep down the heat, sandy beaches, caves, traditional customs and architecture.

Sightseeing & Monuments

The whole of the Cyclades is one vast tourist attraction, offering memorable scenes in its every little corner. That said, we could start describing a few of the conventional sights from Ermoupolis (city of Hermes) in the island of Syros. Near the waterfront of this 19th century commercial and naval centre, is the impressive Miaoulis Square. Adorned with statue of the Greek hero of the war of independence, after which it is named and a bandstand, it acquires a cosmopolitan air once evening falls. To the west side of the town hall, which dominates the square, is the Syros Archaeological Museum, housing significant exhibits from other Cycladic isles, courtesy of being the capital of Cyclades.

The island of Mykonos lacks archeological or historical sites, but Mykonos Town (Hora) offers plenty by way of compensation. A row of houses known as "Little Venice", with their multicolored wooden balconies hanging over the sea, provide one of the town's picture-postcard views. The town has an Archeological Museum, hosting finds from the islet of Rinia, the burial grounds of Delos. The beautiful Windmill Museum, a Maritime Museum and a Folklore Museum, all contribute in presenting the various aspects of life and culture in Mykonos during the past few centuries. From Mykonos, it is easy to explore the nearby sacred island of Delos, with excursion boats running day trips to this, today uninhabited, island.

South of Mykonos island, the port-town Parikia offers the main attractions of Paros. The town has a remarkable architectural monument: the 6th century AD cathedral church of "Ekatontapylliani" (meaning Our Lady of 100 doors) – for the building is supposed to have had as many. Tradition claims that the architect of the church was Isidoros of Miletus, one of the architects responsible for the construction of the wondrous Agia Sofia in Constantinople. The oldest part of the church is built on Roman ruins. Much of them have been uncovered and displayed along with other exhibits, in the town's Archaeological Museum, which is situated behind the church. In its own right a unique destination, Santorini is a pole of attraction for tourists, historians, geologists, archaeologists, and people who

group of islands in the world



wish to witness one of our planet's most significant geological phenomena - but still a rare natural beauty with one of the prettiest sunsets in the Mediterranean, especially from the town of Oia. Striking Oia is also famous for its passageways, which get crowded in the evenings, and has several commercial galleries, as well as a maritime museum. The capital, Fira, is built on the edge of the volcano caldera and offers spectacular views of the cliffs with their multicoloured strata of lava and pumice. In addition to Fira and Oia, there are three major sights – the Minoan town of Akrotiri, the Hellenistic town, known as ancient Thira and the caldera Volcano Islands, the land that is still being created by the volcanic activity.

Sports & Leisure

For enthusiasts of water sports, especially windsurfing and sailing, the Cyclades islands are a real paradise. The "meltemi", strong August wind, is perfect here for sailing and in particular in Paros and Mykonos facilities and services are exquisite; well equipped hotels, surf-sailing clubs with equipment for hire, lessons for beginners and advanced windsurfers, rescue boats, etc. The vast range of water activities in these islands includes a number of scuba-diving centres offering full range courses. A massive new water-sports centre built on 40 acres of land is situated in Mykonos, close to Elias beach, while some other centres in the islands are equipped with giant water slides.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Since the antiquity the wines of the Cycladic isles were highly esteemed. Santorini and Paros have uniquely flavoured wines, enjoying today a widespread recognition, and constituting a significant source of income for these islands. The new and old traditional wineries represent a valuable incentive for trips combining wine-tasting and business. Local food specialties include the spicy white cheese of Mykonos called "kopanisti" and the Santorini fried tomato ball with cheese. The crushed almond and marzipan confectionaries called "amygdalota", are popular all over the Cyclades, while Syros is famed for its traditional Turkish delights, known in Greece as "loukoumia".

In Mykonos the district of Lakka, which includes the harbour and the narrow alleys in the town centre, comprises a unique commercial centre in the whole of Greece, featuring some of the most famous brands in the world. With many folk shops and expensive boutiques, this shopping centre has acquired world fame for its goldsmiths. The main streets of Fira in Santorini, on the other hand, are lined with souvenir and folk art shops creating an excellent market for embroideries, knitted goods, rugs and handicrafts.

Cultural Events

Religious feasts in Cyclades offer to visitors the best chance to witness the spirit of Greek Christianity. The most joyous religious occasion for Greeks is the night of the Resurrection and the following Easter day. Hundreds of bell towers in the islands' churches sound simultaneously, while the islanders together with their guests celebrate with pyrotechnics. Traditional feasts follow, where roast lamb, tasty "magiritsa" soup, local wine and island music and dancing are the order of the day.

On the 15th of August, when is held the feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary (Panaghia), you can't miss the pilgrimage of thousands of pious Greek orthodox Christians to the island of Tinos, whose great church of Evangelistria is said to hold a miraculous icon. But this day is a glorious occasion for all Cycladic islands whose most impressive churches are dedicated to the mother of Christ. Particular celebrations take place in Paros, where this occasion coincides with the local wine festival.

On a different tone, every September the International Music Festival is held in Santorini, featuring well-known orchestras, conductors and performers of Classical music.

Sports



Cyclades the most attractive



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Conference facilities



People & Lifestyle

Even though each island shares similarities to the other Cycladic islands, each one retains its own character and charm. Their inhabitants, hospitable and simple, live harmoniously with and have adapted to the idiosyncrasies of nature. Myconians and Parians, in spite of the thousands of partying tourists on their isles, have managed to preserve their traditional customs. It seems that man's eccentricities are swept away by the strong winds that blow over the Aegean.

In Santorini, the inhabitants bear in mind the legacy of Atlantis (said to be situated on their island) and respect the might of nature, building for ages their inimitable anti-earthquake, barrel-vaulted houses in accordance with the landscape, regardless of pressure by tourism. Syros, in contrast, is probably the sole island in the group whose economy does not depend on tourism. It has a highly developed ship-building industry now reviving after a decline in recent years, textile factories, dairy farms and a horticultural industry supplying the rest of the Cyclades with fruit and vegetables.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Innumerable bars, restaurants and discotheques in Cyclades open their doors to a cosmopolitan lifestyle leaving in the shade all other regions in Greece. Mykonos and Santorini are the busiest islands with all the amenities of modern resorts and with plenty to do - by day or night - for those who want to have a lively time. Visitors fond of more peaceful holidays will still find quiet corners in which to relax.

Conference Facilities

The conference infrastructure of the islands and their perfectly preserved cultural heritage classify them as the ideal destinations for events of any magnitude, while famous establishments give organizers an unbeatable comparative advantage on a European and world-wide scale.

group of islands in the world



Convention Centres & Hotels with Conference facilities

NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
Mykonos							
³ CONVENTION CENTRES							
Cultural Centre		2289027190	2289027192	www.mykonos.gr	1	150	
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Grecotel Mykonos Blu Hotel	L	2289027900	2289027883	www.grecotel.gr	1	240	
Kivotos Club Hotel	L	2289024094	2289022844	www.kivotosclubhotel.com	1	70	
Myconian Ambassador Hotel Thalasso Center	L	2289024166	2289024233	www.myconiancollection.gr	2	20-100	
Mykonos Grand	L	2289025555	2289025111	www.mykonosgrand.gr	6	30-350	
San Marco Hotel	L	2289027172	2289025376	www.sanmarcomykonos.com	2	80-130	
Saint John Hotel - Villas & Spa	L	2289028752	2289028751	www.saintjohn.gr	2	100-350	
Santa Marina Resort & Villas	L	2289023220	2289023412	www.santa-marina.gr	2	250	
The Myconian Collection	L	2289072000	2289072027	www.myconiancollection.gr	8	20-800	
Palladium Hotel	A	2289025925	2289024396	www.hotelpalladium.gr	1	70	
Petasos Beach Hotel	A	2289023437	2289024101	www.petasos.gr	3	70-165	
Santorini							
³ CONVENTION CENTRES							
Petros M.Nomikos Conference Center		210 4170895-9	2104171777	www.thera-conferences.gr	4	20-300	
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Santorini 9 Muses Resort	L	22 86081781	2286081790	www.santorini9muses.gr	1	200	
The Majestic Hotel	L	2286025972	2286025971	www.hotel-majestic.gr	1	130	
Vedema Resort	L	22860 81796-7	2286081798	www.vedema.gr	1	75	
Aegean Plaza Hotel	A	22860 28740-1	2286033921	www.aegeanplaza.gr	1	80	
Rocabella Studios & Suites	A	2286023711	2286023701	www.rocabella.gr	1	100	
Santorini Image	A	22860 32400-5	2286031174	www.santorini-image.com	2	20-120	
Santorini Kastelli Resort	A	2286031530	2286033530	www.kastelliresort.com	1	150	
Syros							
³ CONVENTION CENTRES							
Casino Syros - Mousses Convention Centre		2281084400	2281084424		1	300-400	
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Dolphin Bay Hotel	A	2281042942	2281042843	www.dolphin-bay.gr	2	250	
Faros Village Hotel - Convention Centre	A	2281061666	2281061600	www.faros-hotel.com	3	700	
Paros							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Astir of Paros Hotel	L	22840 51976-84	2284051985	www.astirofparos.gr	1	110	
Yria Hotel Resort	L	22840 24154-8	2284021167	www.yriahotel.gr	1	200	
Holiday Sun Hotel	A	22840 91284-5	2284091288	www.holidaysunparos.com	1	150	
Paros Agnanti - Hotel Resort and Conference	A	2284023205	2284023206	www.parosagnanti.gr	1	380	
Porto Paros Hotel	A	2284052669	2284053298	www.portoparos.gr	4	18-400	
Pandrossos Hotel	B	2284022903	2284022904	www.pandrossoshotel.gr	2	100-400	
Milos							
³ CONVENTION CENTRES							
Milos Conference Center - George Eliopoulos		2287023850	2287023854	www.miloscenter.gr	6	30-400	
Naxos							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Lagos Mare Hotel	A	2285042844	2285042845	www.lagosmare.gr	1	100	
Naxos Palace Hotel	A	22850 29133-4	2285029069	www.naxospalace.com	1	100	
Naxos Royal Beach Hotel	B	2285026650	2285023988	www.naxosroyal.com	1	110	
Tinos							
³ CONVENTION CENTRES							
Cultural Foundation of Tinos		2283029070	2283029134	www.itip.gr	5	5-350	110
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Porto Tango Hotel	A	2283024411	2283024416	www.portotango.gr	1	200	
Tinos Beach Hotel	A	2283022626	2283023153	www.tinosbeach.gr	1	100-150	
Folegandros							
³ HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Chora Resort Hotel & SPA	L	2286041590	2286041411	www.choraresort.com	1	100	



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Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	COCKTAIL (persons)
BALLROOM DELOS	600	700
BALLROOM RHENIA	600	700
POSEIDON	138	90
TRITON	70	60
AEGEAN	117	100
NAXOS	138	90
PAROS	70	60
TINOS	70	60

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE STYLE (persons)	CLASSROOM STYLE (persons)	"U" SHAPE (persons)
BALLROOM DELOS	600	800	550	100
BALLROOM RHENIA	600	800	550	100
POSEIDON	138	150	100	30
TRITON	70	70	50	30
AEGEAN	117	120	80	40
NAXOS	138	150	100	30
PAROS	70	70	50	30
TINOS	70	70	50	30

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Location

The Ionian group of islands comprises seven principle islands: Corfu, Kefallonia, Zakynthos (or Zante), Ithaka, Lefkada, Kythira and Paxi. Strung along the west coast of Greece, the isles of the Ionian Sea constitute the Greek boarders to Europe and in many ways they are more reminiscent of their close neighbour, Italy.

Transportation

Profusion of airports in the region makes Ionians an easily accessible destination, with Corfu, Zakynthos, Kefallonia, Kythira and mainland Aktion airport, near the island of Lefkada, all offering excellent arrival points.

Ferries and hydrofoils cruise frequently from mainland ports to the islands. Large passenger ships on their way to the Italian Adriatic ports, often stop to Corfu, while Kefallonia and Zakynthos are serviced primarily from the Peloponnesian port of Kyllini.

History & Culture

The Ionian islands share a long common history. According to Homer, they were very important during Mycenaean times. Corfu was the isle of the potent Phaeacians, Odysseus last stop on his journey home to the isle of Ithaca. Nevertheless no magnificent palaces or other constructions from that period have been revealed apart from Mycenaean tombs. Then most of these islands passed the classical antiquity and Hellenistic times being backwater colonies or vassals of other Greek city-states.

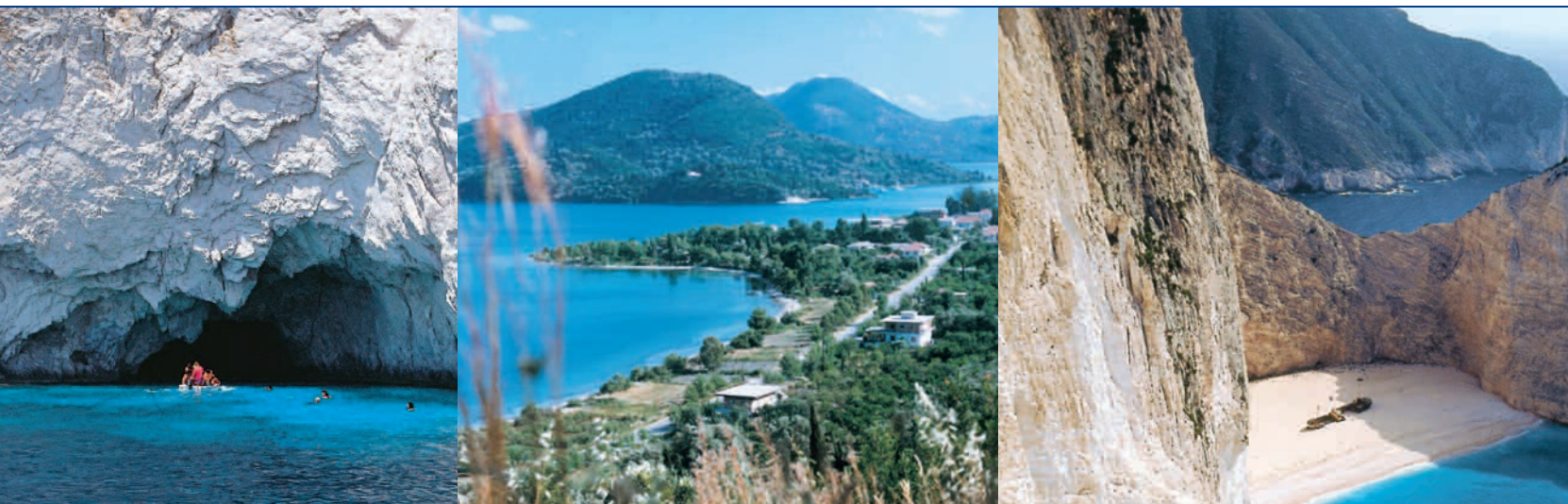
It is certain that their lands have seen many conquerors: Romans, Saracens, Normans and Franks, but the ones who really made a difference were the Venetians, who ruled them between 1485 and 1797. Venetian traces are currently particularly evident in their architecture - especially in Corfu, which has escaped any disastrous earthquakes - and in their local Greek dialects, which still contain many Italian/Venetian words.

In 1797 the French democratic flag was raised in the Ionians. A year later the Turks tried to invade the islands only to be repelled by the fleet of the Russians who established the Autonomous Greek State of the Seven Islands. In 1809 the region becomes a domain of the British Empire before its restitution to Greece in 1864.

History and Culture



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Sightseeing & Monuments

Corfu Town is the premier tourist attraction of the Ionians thanks to the delightful mix of Venetian, French and British Georgian buildings straddled by two majestic fortresses. The focus of the town is park-like Spinada Square or Esplanade made up of cobbled alleyways, arches and colonnades. Near the square lies Corfu's Archaeological Museum, which houses the pedimental sculptures from the Temple of Artemis (580 BC) in the ancient town and other finds from local archaeological excavations. Recommended sights are also the Town Hall, which is a splendid example of Venetian architecture, and the 12th century Byzantine Churches of St. Jason and of St. Spyridon. The ancient Kerkyra (which is also the Greek name of the island) lies just south of Corfu town. Beyond its ruins stands Kanoni; jumping off point for a couple of beautiful islets. The first – church topped Vlacherna – is linked to Corfu by a picture-postcard causeway, while verdant Pontikonissi (Mouse island) is reached by regular caique and said to be the boat of Odysseus turned into stone by the wrathful Poseidon. Further afield, Corfu has a disparate collection of other sights, like the Royal Palace at Achilleion built by Empress Elizabeth (Sissy) of Austria in the 1860s (now housing a museum and the island's casino), and the beautiful spot of Paliokastritsa, home to a castle and a monastery replete of important icons.

In Kefallonia apart from the Archaeological museum at Argostoli the island's main attractions are the Venetian Castle of St. George and the Monastery of St. Gerasimos, home to the body of the monk who is the island's patron saint. In addition, the area of Lassi, near the capital Argostoli, is the location of "Katavothres" (swallow-holes), a rare geological phenomenon. Here, seawater enters openings in the rock and "disappears". Only recently were scientists able to trace it; they found that it travels underground northeast all the way across the island finally to emerge at a partially visible subterranean lake at Melissani. When the sun is directly over the cave of Melissiani, its rays strike the ultramarine water, shattering into a myriad of colours and creating an unmatched sight.

The inspiring Zakynthos town is the capital and port of the island, featuring wide arcaded streets, imposing squares and gracious neoclassical public buildings. It has two museums, the Neo-Byzantine and the Solomos museum. The latter is dedicated to poet Dionysios Solomos who was born there and is regarded as the father of modern Greek poetry as his "Hymn to Liberty" became the Greek national anthem. Don't forget to visit the sea caves to the North, (they resemble the famous Blue Grotto of Capri), and a sailing trip to the west side of the island will bring you to an extraordinary secluded beach with a shipwreck embedded in the sand.

Sports & Leisure

The Ionian islands offer a wide range of sporting facilities, which can be integrated into every visit. In Corfu the Golf Course of the island is an 18-hole championship course, designed by the British specialist, Donald Herradine, while the island capital has one of the few cricket grounds in Greece. The verdant tame mountains of Zakynthos and Kefallonia are ideal for trekking and climbing. Modern sporting facilities for tennis, cycling, horse-riding and mini-golf, along with an array of water-sports, complete the picture of the impressive sporting infrastructure of these islands, guaranteeing an extraordinary time for sports enthusiasts in the Ionian.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Cuisine like the culture of the Ionians is unique and differs from the rest of the Greek islands and the mainland. The favorite dish in Corfu is "bourdeto", a selection of fishes cooked in lemon juice and cayenne pepper. Other local specialities are the white wine of Corfu, the Kumquat liqueur and the local cheese. When in Kefalonia don't forget to taste the thyme scented honey, the special cookies of Lixouri and the famous local "robola" wine which carries the aroma of the fir-covered slopes of Aenos. Don't leave Zakynthos before tasting the best-known delicacies of the island, the "mandoles" and "mandolato" or nougat, the local traditional almond sweets.

All three islands have an impressive variety of goods to offer shoppers, from top designer labels and exquisite jewellery to fine antiques and high quality leather goods. Fine examples of folk art and crafts are displayed in shops all over the islands: hand-woven textiles and embroideries with intricate designs, objects of all kinds carved out of olive wood, silver utensils and lovely jewellery.

Sports and leisure



Ionian islands



Cultural events



Cultural Events

The finesse of the Ionian islands in combination with their great contribution to the arts and culture for centuries, will fascinate visitors even more. Of the many cultural events that take place in Corfu, the most significant is the "Varkarola" feast on the 10th of August. During the celebrations commemorating the defeat of the Turkish fleet by the Venetians, the sea in the bay of Garitsa is flooded with lights from fire carrying boats and islanders sing traditional local songs. From August to September one may view the performance of the Corfu festival, including opera and ballet. Various musical and theatrical events are also organised by the Municipalities of Zakynthos, Kefallonia and the rest of the Ionian islands from May to September.

Ecology

Laganas bay in Zakynthos, blessed with a number of gently shelving beaches of a particular fine sand, it is the nesting area for some 80% of the Mediterranean's population of the Loggerhead turtle "carreta-carreta". The World Wide Fund and Greenpeace have called for the area to be declared a marine national park for the protection of this endangered species. Corfu on the other hand is famous for attracting bird-watchers and flower enthusiasts while in the national park of Kefallonia is a protected zone for the wild horses of Mt. Aenos and other rare species of fauna and flora.

conference facilities



Conference Facilities

Cofru, Zakynthos and Kefallonia boast a great number of excellent hotels, many of which operate all year round, offering a full range of facilities. Most hotels on the islands offer convention and congress facilities, while there are a number of tourist agencies catering to all the needs of business travel. New modern conference centres are currently being constructed in Corfu (400 delegates) and in Zakynthos (1,700 delegates), which combined with the high cultural standards, the natural beauty and the modern transportation facilities of the islands, elevate them as one of Greece's premier destinations for conference and business related tourism.



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<i>Corfu</i>							
- CONVENTION CENTRES							
Ionic Cultural Centre		2661028337	2661036257	www.anedk.gr	1	100	
- HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Corfu Holiday Palace	L	2661036540-4	2661036551	www.corfuholidaypalace.gr	9	100-1.700	
Corfu Palace Hotel	L	2661039485-7	2661031749	www@corfupalace.gr	4	60-350	
Grecotel Corfu Imperial Hotel	L	2661088400	26610 91881-2	www.grecotel.gr	3	110-650	
Kontokali Bay Hotel	L	2661099000	2661091901	www.kontokalibay.com	1	90	
Marbella Corfu	L	2661071183-7	2661071189	www.marbella.gr	3	80-300	
Corfu Chandris Hotel	A	2661097100-4	2661093458	www.chandris.gr	12	12-450	
Dassia Chandris Hotel	A	2661097100-4	2661093458	www.chandris.gr	12	12-450	
Delfinia Hotels	A	2661076320-3	2661075450	www.delfiniahotels.gr	1	100	
Divani Corfu Palace	A	2661038996-8	2661035929	www.divanis.gr	4	20-210	
Gelina Village Resort & Spa	A	2663064000-7	2663063893	www.gelina.gr	1	210	
Nissaki Beach Hotel	A	2663091232-3	2663022079	www.nissakibeach.gr	1	120-150	
<i>Zakynthos</i>							
- HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Mediterranean Beach Resort	L	2695055230	2695055237	www.medbeach.gr	1	150	
Best Western Zante Park Hotel	A	2695052310-4	2695051949	www.zanteparkhotels.gr	1	50-180	
Caravel Zante Hotel	A	2695045261-4	2695045548	www.caravelzante.gr	1	200	
Louis Imperial Zante	A	2695035023	2695035031	www.louishotels.com	1	160	
Louis Palazzo Di Zante	A	2695035121	2695035037	www.louishotels.com	1	150	
Palatino Hotel	A	2695027780	2695045400	www.palatinohotel.gr	2	60-300	
<i>Kefallonia</i>							
- HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Apollonion Resort & Spa	L	2671094400	2671091390	www.apollonion-hotel.gr	4	24-350	
Cephalonia Palace Hotel	A	2671093112	2671092638	www.kefaloniapalacehotel.gr	1	350	
Mediterranee Hotel	A	2671028760	2671024758	www.mediterraneehotel.gr	1	150	
White Rocks	A	2671023167	2671028755	www.whiterock.gr	1	180	
<i>Lefkada</i>							
- HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Ionion Star Hotel	B	2645024762-3	2645025129	www.ionionstar.gr	1	120	

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in the Dodecanese islands

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Dodecanese islands



Location

The Dodecanese is a complex of over 163 islands and islets, of which 26 are inhabited, situated at the easternmost part of Greece, at the borders of Europe. Almost every island has its Classical remains, its Crusaders' Castle, and its traditional villages in a region where eastern and western cultures have wonderfully blended for many centuries. The most popular tourist destinations are Rhodes, Kos and Patmos, while the unspoilt Symi, Halki, Leros and Kalymnos are equally delightful without being crowded. Karpathos, Nisiros, Kastellorizo, Kassos and many other islands of the archipelago are ideal places to experience traditional, serene island life.

Transportation

Access to Rhodes and Kos is easy, with airlines serving both domestic and international transportation, connecting the region directly with most major European cities. Frequent domestic flights are also available, throughout the year, to the airports of Karpathos, Kassos and Leros. Every major island in the Dodecanese has regular sea connections with Piraeus, Thessaloniki and Crete. Most of the islands are inter-connected with boats, hydrofoils and even traditional caiques, while some international ferry links are available mainly from Rhodes to Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt and Israel.

History & Culture

The Dodecanese islands have been inhabited since the prehistoric period and were first ruled by the Minoans and then the Achaean Greeks. But their economic and intellectual development began with the arrival of the Dorians in 1100 BC, reaching a peak of growth in the 8th century. The three great cities of Lindus, Kamiros and Ialysos, which were founded on the island of Rhodes in the 6th century BC, constituted along with Kos, Knidus and Halicarnassus in Asia Minor, the Dorian Hexapolis (confederacy of six cities). The economical and cultural growth of this area was cut off prematurely by the Persian tempest, which then shook all Greece. After the defeat of the Persians, several Dodecanesean islands became members of the Athenian Alliance in 408 B.C. and the three large towns of Rhodes united into one state. More particularly, Kos prospered in the 4th and the 3rd century B.C. because of the school of "Medicine" created there by the founder of medicine Hippocrates.

Because of their strategic and vulnerable position, these islands have been subjected to an even greater catalogue of invasions and occupations than the rest of Greece. The Romans started conquering the islands in 146 BC, inheriting them to the Byzantine Empire who lost them to the Arabs in the 7th century AD. The Crusading armies from Europe reclaimed them for Christendom and in 1309 the Knights of the Order of Saint John who became the rulers of Rhodes, extended their sovereignty to the other islands as well. In early 16th century for the Dodecanese began a long period of occupation by the Turks, which was ended in 1912, by the colonial ambitions of Italy. The Italians, especially under Mussolini, tried to reform the cultural characteristics of the region, mainly by discouraging the public use of Greek language and investing in architectural projects that stressed the islands' historical ties with the Latin world. Second World War brought the abrupt end of these plans and the islands were officially restituted to Greece in 1948.

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Sightseeing & Monuments

Rhodes, the largest island of the Dodecanese, is famed for its magnificent fully restored medieval town, which is the largest inhabited medieval settlement in Europe. The walled city presents a unique sight, with its narrow cobbled lanes and the Avenue of the Knights which is lined with magnificent medieval buildings, the most impressive of which is the Palace of the Grand Masters, restored, but never used, as a holiday home for Mussolini. Apart from its wealth of history which can be seen in its Archaeological Museum and Folk Art Museum, Rhodes has innumerable other places of interest to visit, among which is a sea level Aquarium in the capital, the natural reserve in Valley of the Butterflies, the impressive castle of Monolithos with its stunning views to the sea, and the ancient ruins of Ialysos, Kamiros and the once mighty city of Lindos. Today Lindos is a picturesque village with whitewashed, elaborately decorated houses and winding streets reaching for the rocky outcrop of the ancient acropolis, where the famous throughout the ancient world, temple of Athena Lindia has been excavated and partly restored.

Among the numerous of impressive sights in Kos are the remains from the Roman era, with fabulous mosaics, the palace of the knight of St. John and the "Plane of Hippocrates" (supposedly the tree where the father of medicine taught under), all situated in the capital of the island. A few kilometres away from the city centre are located the remains of Asclepeion, the leading medical sanctuary of the ancient Greek world. Dedicated to Asclepius, god of Healing, son of Apollo, the sanctuary is built on four terraces carved out of gentle hillside adorned with sacred wood and is considered one of the masterpiece of Hellenistic architecture.

Patmos is an island marked by the vision of the apocalypse that St. John the Apostle had in one of its many caves. The whole island is dominated by the monastery of St. John, built in 1088 on top of a hill, which was later fortified and served as a refuge for islanders during pirate raids. The Holy Monastery and its treasury, which houses priceless religious relics, hundreds of rare early Christian manuscripts, a large collection of icons, jewellery and embroidery offerings, is open to visitor providing they show the proper respect, meaning no beachwear is allowed. The capital of the island, Hora, located at the base of the high, dark, buttressed walls of the monastery, is a maze of whitewashed mansion-styled buildings, filled with churches. From a distance it looks as a glorified outer precinct to the monastery itself. In addition the island has yet a second major monastery, the Convent of the Apocalypse, set over the proper cave that St. John spent 15 years writing the book of Revelations.

Sports & Leisure

For sporting enthusiasts, the Dodecanese offers an unlimited array of sporting facilities and opportunities. In particular, Kos being flat is ideal for cycling and the image of cyclists under the palm trees of the island's capital has become in-fact part one of its tourist attractions and trademarks. Nevertheless a few other places in Greece can match the highly developed sporting infrastructure of Rhodes, where one can practise golf, tennis, volleyball, jogging, aerobics and almost any kind of water sport there is: windsurfing, snorkelling, scuba diving, yachting, water-skiing, paragliding and many more. In the whole of the Dodecanese the beaches are unmatched in alluring holidaymakers from all over the world to experience the joys the Aegean Sea has to offer. In organised resorts in the main islands you will always find experienced instructors, willing to help you get to grips with the more demanding of water sports.

Gastronomy & Shopping

The rich culinary legacy of the Dodecanese, sharing similarities with Crete, Asia Minor and Cyprus, will seldom reveal itself to visitors unwilling to look for it at traditional tavernas of highland villages and minor islands. At the major resorts of Rhodes and Kos the cuisine although excellent is rather international instead of Greek. Nevertheless, undertaking a short trip by boat from Rhodes to the small but gracious island of Halki, inquisitive visitors will be greatly rewarded when tasting the local speciality of oven-cooked stuffed lamb ("ofto ami") and the homemade pasta, patiently produced by skilful housewives. At the island Karpathos, you will have the chance to try a great variety of specialities, such as the sesame-honey, the fried delicacies of "xerotigana", various pies and delicious local sweets. At Kos you can taste the local red cheese matured in red wine and accompany it with white semisweet wine. In the confectioner's shop of the island you may also find the delicious local desserts of Kos, made from tiny tomatoes.

But in terms of shopping, Rhodes is your paradise, with good buys ranging from gold and silver jewellery to leather goods, designer labels and ceramics. Traditional hand made items can be also purchased in the village of Archangelos, south of Rhodes Town, which specialises in pottery and carpeting.

Dodecanese islands



Cultural Events

The island of Patmos is called the Jerusalem of the Aegean due to overwhelming atmosphere created there during the great feast of Christianity. Pilgrims flock there especially during the Holy Week when rites and celebrations are exceptionally illustrious. On the 15th August, the Feast of the Virgin Mary, a church service is held in the morning and in the afternoon, open-air festivities are held with folk dances accompanied by local music and local delicacies.

The most significant series of cultural events in Kos is the Hypocratia Festival held every year in August, which includes, musical, dramatic and artistic performances as well as athletic contests.

In August the Rhodians and the island visitors head for the resort of lalysos to enjoy the local festival. Traditional dancing takes place along with many other activities, which are open for participation to people from Greece and abroad.

People & Lifestyle

Often living on arid lands yielding small quantities of agricultural goods, with only the large Dodecanese islands able to support self-sustained economies, the Dodecaneseans have early relied to the sea as a source of income. Kassians have a long tradition in marine trading, while sponge fishing, was the traditional occupation of men in the islands of Kalymnos, Symi and Kos, as well as to a smaller extent to all other islands. The occupation of sponge fishermen became gradually defunct and their families were well in the process of migrating until tourism growth in the 80s convinced them to move back in.

But life on the Dodecanesean Archipelago has still many faces. In highland villages in the interior of Rhodes and Kos, tradition and age-old customs are still alive, almost untouched by the cosmopolitan life of the seaside resorts. Traditional lifestyle is even more evident in smaller islands like Patmos where customs and popular believes related to religion are handed down from generation to generation. Probably tradition upkeep is at its zenith in Olympus area in the island of Karpathos, where time seems to have stopped. There the women in the villages gaze haughtily at the cameras of tourist that convey their traditional, colourful attire to the rest of the world.

Nightlife & Entertainment

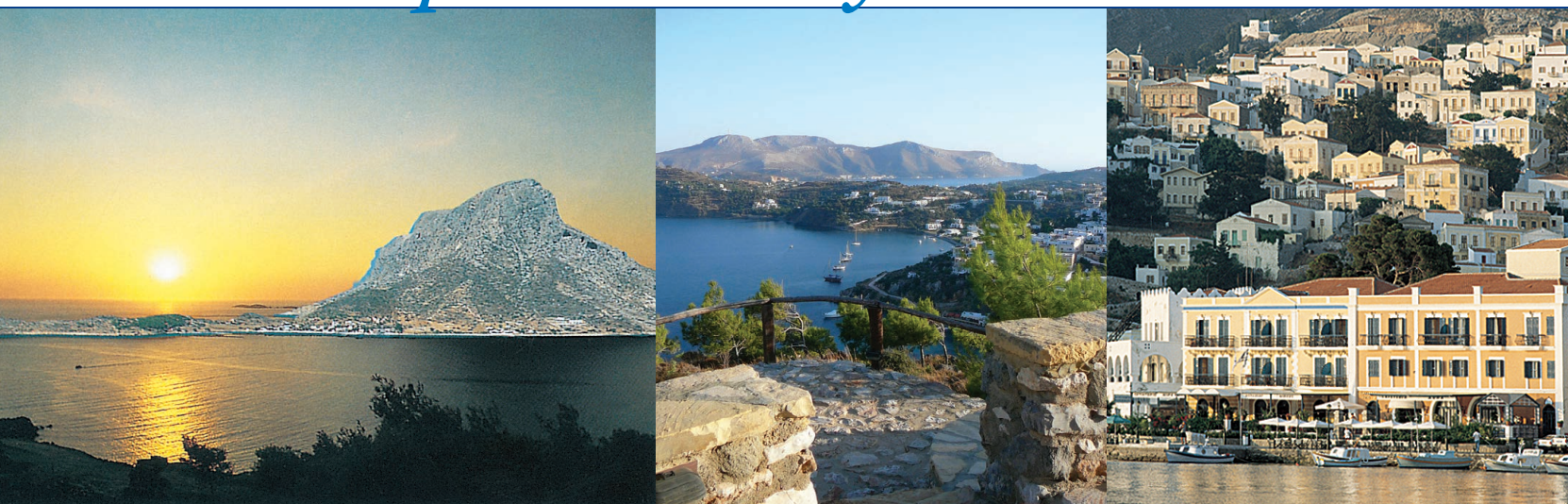
The harbour of Kos and the resorts of Rhodes have certainly developed in recent years into the nightspot "Meccas" of Greece. As soon as the night falls the town of Kos is festooned with reflections of lights and music propped up by innumerable bars. The main night-clubs area lies on the northern part of the town, which is home to some famed discos and replete with youthful joints. As for the famous Rhodian nightlife, one is presented with an endless list of choices ranging from small traditional taverns to elegant restaurants serving Greek and international cuisine, along with bars to suit all tastes, discos and a luxurious seaside casino. Undoubtedly the crowning jewel of exciting night entertainment in Rhodes is currently the youth dominated resort of Faliraki, offering everything from wild reveling to bungee jumping.

Conference Facilities

The geographic location, easy access, history, cultural tradition and tourist infrastructure of the Dodecanese islands have established them as the ideal places for conferences. Kos is much celebrated as the source of inspiration for medics and medicine related professionals all over the world. Resorts in Rhodes on the other hand have held a very long list of meetings, of high importance, including the European Union summit in December 1988, the meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the European Conservative Party Convention, and hundreds more, organized by both official governmental bodies and private companies. Conventions, meetings and incentives can be held in venues that range from ancient open-air theatres to medieval palaces, ultra-modern hotels and fully equipped conference centres.

It should also be mentioned that significant institutions from Greece and abroad have been frequently holding conferences in smaller Dodecanesean island, taking advantage of the delightful unspoiled island colour, the local hospitality and personalized entertainment. Following their example the small elusive to tourism island of Halki was turned in 1980s into a summer UNESCO youth conference centre, attracting even more the attention of conference organizers.

the cosmopolitan way



Convention Centres - Convention Centres & Resort Hotels - Hotels with Conference facilities

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Rhodes

• CONVENTION CENTRES

Grand Masters Medieval Castle		2241030113	2241029695		1	100	
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• CONVENTION CENTRES & RESORT HOTELS

Rodos Palace Resort Hotel & Convention Center	L	2241025222	2241025350	www.rodos-palace.gr	15	20-8.000	122
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• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Aldemar Paradise Royal Mare	L	2241054400	2241066066	www.aldemarhotel.com	14	30-620	
Atlantica Imperial Resort	L	2241057000	2241057057	www.atlanticahotels.com	1	200	
Atrium Palace Thalasso Spa Resort & Villas	L	2244031601	2244031600	www atrium.gr	2	65-150	
Elysium Resort & Spa	L	2241045700	2241087060	www.elysium.gr	3	20-280	
Esperos Palace	L	2241084300	2241085744	www.esperia-hotels.gr	3	240-1000	
Esperos Village	L	2241086046	2241085741	www.esperia-hotels.gr	2	100-300	
Lindian Village Hotel	L	2244035900	2244047360	www.lindianvillage.gr	4	350	
Olympic Palace Hotel	L	2241077444	2241030434	www.olympicpalacehotel.com	4	620	
Rodian Amathus Beach Hotel	L	2241089900	2241089901	www.rodianamathus.gr	2	230-400	
Rodos Palladium Hotel	L	2241057300	2241086424	www.rodospalladium.gr	3	750	
Rodos Park Suites Hotel	L	2241089700	2241024613	www.rodospark.gr	3	50-200	
Sheraton Rhodes Resort	L	2241075000	2241076690	www.sheratonrhodesresort.com	11	14-900	123
The Imperial Rhodes Hotel	L	2241075000	2241076690	www.imperialrhodes.gr	15	10-600	
Atrium Platinum	A	2241044901	2241044900	www.atriumplatinum.gr			
Faliraki Beach Hotel	A	2241085301	2241085675	www.esperia-hotels.gr	2	200	
Louis Colossos Beach Hotel	A	2241085502	2241085580	www.louishotels.com	1	220	
Mediterranean Hotel	A	2241024661	2241022828	www.mediterranean.gr	1	200	

Kos

• CONVENTION CENTRES

International Hippocrates Foundation of Kos		2242024460	2242021111		3	150-500	
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• CONVENTION CENTRES & RESORT HOTELS

Neptune Hotels Resort, Convention Centre & Spa	L	2242041480	2242041574	www.neptune.gr	23	65-650	
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Kipriotis Village Resort & Kos International Convention Centre

	A	2242027640	2242023590	www.kipriotis.gr	23	35-2300	125
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• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Astir Odysseus Kos Resort & Spa	L	2242049900	2242049800	www.astirodysseuskos.com	3	14-300	126
Blue Lagoon Resort	L	2242054400	224202400	www.bluelagoonresort.gr	3	120-670	
Grecotel Kos Imperial Thalasso Hotel	L	2242058000	2242025192	www.grecotel.gr	1	320	
Kipriotis Panorama Hotel	L	2242057000	2242029974	www.kipriotis.gr	10	35-750	
Palazzo Del Mare	L	2242042320	2242042321	www.palazzodelmare.gr	1	180	
Porto Bello Royal Suites Resort And Convention Centre	L	2242092101-4	2242092283	www.portobellohotels.gr	1	100-500	
Caravia Beach Hotel	A	22420401291-4	2242041215	www.caraviabeach.com	1	350	
Continental Place Hotel	A	2242022737	2242023727	www.continentalpalace.com	1	100	
Kipriotis Hippocrates	A	2242057000	2242029974	www.iberostar.com	1	150	
Kos Hotel - Junior Suites	A	2242047100	2242025848	www.koshotel.gr	1	120	
Oceanis Beach Resort	A	2242024641	2242023728	www.oceanis-hotel.gr	1	90	



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Location

Prestigious Rodos Palace, on the historical island of Rhodes is ideally located in the middle of Ialysos Bay, amidst 30 acres of landscaped gardens overlooking the Aegean Sea. The hotel enjoys a privileged position on a cool hillside rolling down to an extensive beach, just 5 minutes from the fascinating city of Rodos with its unique Medieval Town.



Accommodation

In the heart of the hotel complex stands imposingly a 20-storey Tower comprising of luxurious rooms and suites, offering a spectacular view of the blue Aegean sea or of the colourful gardens. Nestled around the green hill, there are 14 picturesque blocks with 220 well-equipped apartments and bungalows with spacious interiors.

Adjacent to the tower, a "hotel within a hotel", the autonomous Executive VIP Wing comprises of 180 exquisitely appointed guestrooms, blending stylish decor with state-of-the-art equipment. The elegant collection of suites extends from the spacious 24 Junior Suites in the Hotel Tower to the classic comforts of the 5 Presidential Suites, specially created to host the European Heads of State and the stunning Royal Suite, reflecting the essence of true luxury. 200 New Luxury Garden & Pool VIP Suites operating since 2006. All 785 rooms of the hotel complex are equipped with en-suite bathroom with hairdryer, private balcony or patio, mini bar or fridge, colour satellite TV with Pay-TV and teletext, conference and info channel, Internet connection, in-house music channels, air-conditioning and direct dial telephone with voice mail and SAT Select system.

Facilities & Services

When business gives way to pleasure, any event from the grand scale to the intimate requiring the essential touch of elegance will find its venue within the versatile, functional and stylish facilities of Rodos Palace, which include 7 restaurants, 7 bars and 4 lounges. This array of stand-alone venues ranging from the Ambrosia dining hall, 12 NISSIA new gourmet restaurant and Jupiter Ballroom to the Dome Indoor Pool and the vast area surrounding the Outdoor pools combines ambience, decor technology and creativity with exceptional food and beverage services to ensure that your event will reflect the virtues of your premium brand or highly-acclaimed organization. Even more, the Palace of the Grand Master and the Sound and Light Gardens in the Medieval Town of Rhodes become ideal venues become ideal venues for private off-site events, relying totally upon the catering brigade of Rodos Palace.

Sports & Leisure

A world of recreational facilities including four open-air pools, a totally renovated indoor pool, covered by a gigantic, transparent dome, unique in Europe and an open-air children's pool, two floodlit tennis courts, Games' Arcade with the latest video games and Internet Café as well as a modern Fitness Center. A host of watersports are also available at the beach front.

Conference Facilities

Rodos Palace! A prestigious meeting and incentive venue, that combines the efficiency of a purpose-built **International Convention Center** with the pleasure inherent to a deluxe **Resort Hotel** of 785 rooms to create synergies. Bracing this combination, the experience borne of more than 2500 conferences, incentives and exhibitions held in Rodos Palace grants you the assurance that the venue chosen is capable of delivering what it promised. After all... these have been the main keys of success of a **World of Meeting Hospitality** just waiting to welcome you. The extremely flexible nature of the International Convention Center has made it a point reference in the Mediterranean region, as it offers **9000 sq.m. of meetings, pre-function and exhibition space**, within which the halls, lounges and rooms can be used individually or combined. In terms of total combined capacity, the **Center** accommodates **4800 delegates**, but versatility gains equal importance, since, whatever size of event you are planning, there is the just perfect venue for it among **20 distinct meeting rooms**, ranging in capacity from **20-1300 persons**, as well as **100 adjustable and breakout rooms hospitality suites**. The Center is a sophisticated and flexible facility that weaves ultra modern technology, such as Wireless Internet Connection throughout the venue with Wi-Fi, with long tradition of personalized service, since from enquiry to fulfillment, all responsibility can be entrusted to a professional convention services team that draws from an abundant know-how to deliver your events down to the last detail.

Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET (persons)	COCKTAILS (persons)
JUPITER	850	800	2000
SALON DES ROSES (A&B)	480	480	1000
SALON DES ROSES A	240	-	-
SALON DES ROSES b	240	-	-
DELPHI AMPHITHEATRE	445	400	900
ATHENA	345	-	-
NAFSIKA (A&B)	220	200	300
NAFSIKA A	129	-	-
NAFSIKA B	91	-	-
NEFELI (A&B)	155	-	200
NEFELI A	69	-	-
NEFELI B	95	-	-
EXECUTIVE (A/B/I/Δ/E)	60	-	-
SYNDICATE ROOMS (3)	20	-	-
VIP LOUNGE	65	-	-
FOYER LOBBY	550	-	1000
ATRIUM LOBBY	830	-	2000
DOME	-	1200	2500
OUTDOOR POOLS	-	2500	4000
AMPHITRION	-	-	750
GALLERY	-	-	400
LA TERRASSE	-	180	400
POOL RESTAURANT	-	150	-
FAMILY POOL AREA	-	200	300
AMBROSIA	-	550	-
CASTELLANIA	-	200	-
GARDEN LOUNGE	-	-	100
12 NISSIA	-	400	-

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)
JUPITER	850	1300	650
SALON DES ROSES (A&B)	480	650	450
SALON DES ROSES A	240	300	180
SALON DES ROSES b	240	300	180
DELPHI AMPHITHEATRE	445	600	325
ATHENA	345	350	220
NAFSIKA (A&B)	220	320	200
NAFSIKA A	129	170	80
NAFSIKA B	91	90	40
NEFELI (A&B)	155	220	150
NEFELI A	69	60	40
NEFELI B	95	120	70
EXECUTIVE (A/B/I/Δ/E)	60	60	40
SYNDICATE ROOMS (3)	20	20	12
VIP LOUNGE	65	-	-
FOYER LOBBY	550	-	-
ATRIUM LOBBY	830	-	-

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Facilities & Services

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Conference Facilities

The Sheraton Rhodes Resort has a selection of multi-purpose function spaces including an Imperial Ballroom and 14 meeting rooms which vary in size, offering a total Conferencing area of 2627 square meters. We are able to accommodate up to 650 delegates for a Conference and up to 800 guests for a banquet. Our facilities offer natural daylight, wireless internet throughout our meeting spaces, a fully operational business center and "the Link at Sheraton" where guests of the hotel may check their e mails in comfortable surroundings at no additional charge. Whether planning a conference or a social event, our professional staff is on hand to support and guide you on the journey to a very successful event.

Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA M2	THEATRE		CLASSROOM	
		Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Imperial Ballroom A	309	300	180		
Imperial Ballroom B	309	300	180		
Imperial Ballroom A+B	618	650	400		
Imperial Foyer	418	-	-		
Artemis	64	60	30		
Ariadne	136	150	80		
Aphrodite Boardroom	64	14	14		
Ballroom Foyer + Ariadne	1172	-	-		
Elafos 1	64	50	40		
Elafos 2	64	50	40		
Elafos 1+2	128	100	80		
Lindos 1	48	30	20		
Lindos 2	77	70	50		
Lindos 3	77	70	50		
Lindos 4	77	70	50		
Lindos 5	48	30	20		
Kamiros	368	170	100		
Zeus	368	200	130		
lalyssos	136	110	70		

Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA M2	BANQUET		RECEPTION	
		Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Imperial Ballroom A	309	180	400		
Imperial Ballroom B	309	180	400		
Imperial Ballroom A+B	618	360	900		
Imperial Foyer	418	360	600		
Artemis	64	50	70		
Ariadne	136	100	150		
Aphrodite Boardroom	64	14	14		
Ballroom Foyer + Ariadne	1172	1100	1600		
Elafos 1	64	40	70		
Elafos 2	64	40	70		
Elafos 1+2	128	100	150		
Lindos 1	48	-	-		
Lindos 2	77	-	-		
Lindos 3	77	-	-		
Lindos 4	77	-	-		
Lindos 5	48	-	-		
Kamiros	368	100	250		
Zeus	368	130	300		
lalyssos	136	70	70		

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Kos-Nisyros *tourist and cultural centre*



Kos forms part of the Dodecanese island complex in the eastern Aegean near the Carian coast. The history of Kos goes back 3,500 years. Fossils found on the island provide evidence that it once formed part of a mainland.

The modern town of Kos stands on the same spot with the ancient town which was founded in 366 B.C. Romans, Ottomans and Italians have left their marks on the island creating its composite contemporary culture. The main port is also the tourist and cultural centre, with whitewashed buildings including many hotels, restaurants and a small number of nightclubs. The town has a 14th century fortress at the entrance to its harbour, erected in 1315 by The Knights of Saint John of Rhodes.



The ancient physician Hippocrates is thought to have been born on Kos,

and in the center of the town is the Plane Tree of Hippocrates, a dream temple where the physician is traditionally supposed to have taught.

A commercial centre since antiquity, modern Kos is a consumers' paradise. Innumerable shops in the Old Town offer a wide variety of ceramics, jewelry and leather goods. Local delicacies are also of high quality, especially the island's world-renown honey.

There is ample opportunity for water sports, such as jet skiing, water ski, wind surfing and many more. A large number of taverns in all towns and villages serve a rich menu of traditional Greek cuisine and lots of fresh fish. There are many sea-side cafeterias and bars in the Old town and the villages, as well as nightclubs with live music until the morning hours.

Located at a short distance from Kos, the island of Nisyros is one of the smallest in the Dodecanese Group. It is rich in archaeological treasures and natural beauty.

...a 14th century fortress

The imposing volcano is the first thing that impresses visitors. According to legend, Poseidon, while assisting Zeus in the battle with the Titans, chased the formidable giant Polyvotis all the way to Kos. Once there, he used his trident to slice a large piece from the island in order to bury Polyvotis under it. The ancients believed that the volcano, located in the centre of the island, is the very mouth of the buried giant.

...opportunity for water sports



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Profile

Located on the north east coast of the beautiful island of Kos, the birthplace of Hippocrates - father of Medicine, the 6 jewels of Kipriotis Group, consisting of the Kos International Convention Centre (KICC) -one of the largest convention centres in the Mediterranean- and 5 luxury hotels, all in a radius of 300m from each other, with magnificent views of the Aegean Sea and breathtaking surroundings, make the unique combination of state of the art conference services and hospitality.



Accommodation

A total capacity of 1.450 guest rooms (4,000 beds) in the 5 Kipriotis Hotels, situated all in a radius of 300m from each other and within a few minutes walking distance from the Kos International Convention Centre, including standard bedrooms, apartments, maisonettes, junior suites, executive suites and presidential suites. Kipriotis Hotels can satisfy any accommodation need providing from standard to VIP bedrooms, all with spacious verandas with sea, pool or garden view.
Room equipment: air conditioning, refrigerator, satellite TV, direct phone line, internet plug, hair-dryer, radio through TV, spacious bathroom with bathtub.

Facilities & Services

- In house doctor and 24hours on call
- Car Rental
- Bike Rental
- Hair Dresser
- Super Market
- Tourist Shop
- Jewellery Shop
- Internet
- Laundry Service
- Parking
- Safe boxes (in the room)
- Foreign Currency Exchange
- Tourist Information
- 24-hour concierge
- Separate check in for conventions
- VIP check in
- Day and evening animation programme for children
- 2 mini children club (multilingual)
- Separate children buffet
- Animation team with morning games and sports as well as evening shows
- Greek evening live music and dances once a week

access to the road for easy loading. It is found adjacent to Sol Kipriotis Village and in a radius of just 300m from the 4 remaining luxury hotels of the group. Kipriotis Hotels and KICC comprise in total 40 meeting rooms with total capacity of up to 7.000 persons (5.500 KICC and 1.500 Iberostar Kipriotis Panorama Hotel), main auditorium 2.300 seats and 3.000 sq m exhibition space. KICC is one of the most modern convention centres in Greece equipped with state of the art audiovisual equipment and translation technology.

Catering

Kipriotis Hotels has numerous bars and restaurants providing a number of different cuisines for all tastes. Only Sol Kipriotis Village features 6 bars (including 3 pool bars and 1 beach bar) and 4 restaurants:

- Macedonia I (International Cuisine): Main restaurant, show cooking
- Macedonia II (Italian Cuisine)
- BBQ: grill house by the pool (lunch & dinner)
- Atreum (Greek Cuisine): Mediterranean cuisine and local specialties

Conference Facilities

KICC is a magnificent 3-leveled, purpose-made, fully autonomous and modern building, with direct

Maximum Banqueting capacity in Sol Kipriotis Village: 1.700 person indoor (seating) 1.800 person outdoor (seating)

Type of Event

Hall	Surface area m ²	Dinner persons	Cocktail persons
A. KICC			
Hippocrates	0	1300	2300
Hippocrates front stage *	0	-	-
Panacea	708	-	-
Panacea stage	0	-	-
Aegle	0	320	550
Aegle stage	0	-	-
Aegle 1	0	145	260
Aegle 2	0	170	300
Iaso	0	360	650
Akeso	0	120	220
Melambus	0	100	200
Chiron	0	60	100
Homer	0	55	110
VIP Lounge	0	-	-
Office	0	-	-
2,1 syndicate	0	-	-
2,3 syndicate	0	-	-
2,4 syndicate	0	-	-
2,5 syndicate	0	-	-
2,7 syndicate	0	-	-
Exhibition area 0 level	2200	-	-
Exhibition area 1st level	1100	-	-

Hall	Surface area m ²	Dinner persons	Cocktail persons
B. KIPRIOTIS VILLAGE RESORT			
Asclepios	800	-	-
Asclepios stage	30	-	-
Galen	0	-	-
Exec. Suite1 10rm	0	-	-
Exec. Suite2 9 rm	0	-	-
C. IBEROSTAR KIPRIOTIS PANORAMA HOTEL			
Colossos	1131	750	1200
Colossos front stage	189	-	-
Room A	58	40	50
Room B	46	35	50
Room C	47	35	50
Room D	42	30	45
Room E	138	110	160
Room F	148	90	155
Room G	120	84	120
Room H	63	50	60
Room I	63	45	60

Conference Layout

Hall	Surface area m ²	Theater persons	School persons	U-Shape persons	Board persons
A. KICC					
Hippocrates	0	2300	1100	175	220
Hippocrates front stage *	0	-	-	-	-
Panacea	708	648+12	-	-	-
Panacea stage	0	-	-	-	-
Aegle	0	520	280	70	85
Aegle stage	0	-	-	-	-
Aegle 1	0	190	110	40	56
Aegle 2	0	220	144	45	60
Iaso	0	580	340	78	85
Akeso	0	200	120	60	85
Melambus	0	180	100	66	78
Chiron	0	80	40	32	42
Homer	0	96	48	34	44
VIP Lounge	0	-	-	-	-
Office	0	-	-	-	-
2,1 syndicate	0	80	40	30	35
2,3 syndicate	0	70	35	28	35
2,4 syndicate	0	50	24	25	30
2,5 syndicate	0	25	12	16	20
2,7 syndicate	0	72	36	38	44
Exhibition area 0 level	2200	-	-	-	-
Exhibition area 1st level	1100	-	-	-	-

Hall	Surface area m ²	Theater persons	School persons	U-Shape persons	Board persons
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Asclepios	800	700	400	-	-
Asclepios stage	30	-	-	-	-
Galen	0	140	100	45	50
Exec. Suite1 10rm	0	48	25	32	36
Exec. Suite2 9 rm	0	24	12	20	24
C. IBEROSTAR KIPRIOTIS PANORAMA HOTEL					
Colossos	1131	1200	700	-	-
Colossos front stage	189	-	-	-	-
Room A	58	43	38	-	-
Room B	46	40	25	-	-
Room C	47	40	25	-	-
Room D	42	35	22	-	-
Room E	138	156	90	-	-
Room F	148	134	75	-	-
Room G	120	100	60	-	-
Room H	63	56	33	-	-
Room I	63	54	30	-	-

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Type of Event

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Ariadne	300	180	180	250
Athena	80	80	80	80
Theseus	40	32	32	40

Conference Layout

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Athena	80	110	45	22	14
Theseus	40	20	35	15	20

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Location

Crete is Greece's largest island, the fifth largest in the entire Mediterranean and the most southern region of the European Union. It lies south of the Aegean Sea, enjoying a privileged geographical position between three continents - Europe, Africa and Asia. The island has an area of 8,261 square kilometres and a coastline that stretches for 1,046 kilometres. Long and thin, it extends 260 kilometres from west to east, varying in width from about 60 kilometres in the centre of the island to just 12 kilometres at its narrowest near Ierapetra in the east. Mountain ranges, snow-capped during much of the year, stretch from west to east, forming the 'backbone' of the island: the White Mountains, rising to 8,045 ft., Mount Idhi or Psiloritis (8,058 ft.), the Dhikti Mountains (7,047 ft.) and the Sitia Mountains (4,843 ft.). The most notable plains are those of Messara and Chania, while a number of smaller ones are located between mountain ranges and hills. The narrow length of the island, its rock types and relatively low rainfall have not favoured the formation of significant rivers. The main ones are the Keritis or Platania, the Anapodharis, the Mylopotamos and the Yeropotamos.

Administratively, Crete is divided into the four prefectures of Chania (capital Chania) in the west, Rethymno (capital Rethymno) and Heraklion (capital Heraklion) in the centre and Lassithi (capital Aghios Nikolaos) in the east.

If there was a beauty contest for Greek islands, Crete would surely be among the favourites. Indeed, some say there is no place on earth like Crete. This view is strongly supported by those fortunate enough to have visited the island. Crete, with a population of approximately 500,000, is not just sun, sea and sand; it is a quite distinct place full of vitality, warmth, hospitality, culture and of course an excellent infrastructure.

Transportation

Crete has two airports, one at Heraklion and the other at Chania, which serve domestic direct flights to and from Athens and Thessaloniki. There are also services connecting Heraklion with Rhodes, Santorini, Mykonos and Paros. Direct international scheduled and charter flights link the island with a number of European cities, particularly during the tourist season. The five main ports of Heraklion, Chania, Rethymno, Aghios Nikolaos and Sitia connect Crete with the rest of Greece. There are daily ferry services to and from Athens, usually in the evening, as well as in the morning during the summer months. The trip takes about 10 hours. In addition, there are ferry services to and from the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki and many islands of the Dodecanese and Cyclades.

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Crete has a good road network and a regular bus service linking the major towns while also providing transportation to beaches, villages, archaeological and historical sites and places of natural beauty.

Taxis are widely available all over Crete. Comparatively cheap by European standards, they can be found at taxi ranks, stopped in the street or booked by phone.

Another solution for visitors who want to travel around and get to know the island is to join one of the many organised tours operated by travel agencies, many of which have attractive one or two-day sightseeing programmes. In addition, there are many offices all over Crete offering competitive rates for car, motorbike and even bicycle hire.

A particularly interesting way not only to reach Crete, but also to get to know the island is by yacht. There are a number of well-equipped marinas on Crete, as well as many picturesque harbours that provide safe mooring.

History

The island's unique geographical position at the crossroad of different civilisations played a decisive role in its historical development. The ancient history of Crete mirrors the myths and legends about the island which have been handed down from generation to generation.

It is said to be the birthplace of Zeus who, according to legend, assumed the form of a white bull to seduce the Phoenician princess Europa and take her to Crete, where she bore him several famous sons, including Minos.

Archaeologists, including Sir Arthur Evans who discovered and reconstructed the ancient city of Knossos, have established that many of the stories were more than mere myth. The ruins of Knossos provided striking evidence of a rich and highly developed civilisation that flourished around 2000 BC. Evans named the civilisation Minoan, after the legendary King Minos. The ruins of other great cities of this period have been uncovered at Zakros, Malia, Archanes, Gortys and Phaestos.

There is evidence of settlement on the island as far back as the Neolithic Period (7000-3000 BC). The inhabitants lived in caves, many of which subsequently became religious sanctuaries, as well as in simple stone structures. They lived by hunting and fishing and later introduced agriculture and stockbreeding. Stone was used for tools and weapons and their pottery was characterised by incised geometric motifs filled with red or white paste. The simple, relatively primitive figurines discovered in excavations around the island indicate that the inhabitants worshipped a female fertility goddess.

The magnificent palaces of Minoan culture were built around 2000 BC.

Finds from this period include pottery and stone fragments, bronze statuettes, seal stones and cult objects, many of which are now on display in the island's many museums. During this period, the inhabitants developed maritime activities and commerce, establishing significant trade relations with Africa, Asia and the islands of the Cyclades. The development of art was nothing short of remarkable for the era. Pottery was handmade, fired, painted and decorated with a variety of geometric shapes or animal figures. Later on in the period, the potter's wheel was introduced and the quality of gold ware reached new heights, with elaborate, richly decorated jewellery, such as the pieces from Mohlos, the vaulted tombs of Messara and the magnificent 'Pendant of the bees' from Chryssolakkos, Malia. Equally outstanding are the early examples of seal stones made from ivory and steatite. The fine reputation of Cretan craftsmen extended beyond the domestic markets - spreading throughout the entire eastern Mediterranean - and played a decisive role in the development of the island's commerce.

Around 1700 BC the palaces were destroyed by a disaster which affected the entire island. Some experts believe it was a series of powerful earthquakes, while others suggest it was an invasion from mainland Greece. Whatever the reason, the palaces were rebuilt on an even grander scale using more sophisticated techniques and striking decoration including frescoes and sculptures. The paintings on the interior walls of buildings are characterised by a delicacy and variety that evidence the attainment of an extraordinarily high level of culture for such an early civilisation. Apart from their advanced architecture and rich decoration, the palaces and other important buildings were also notable for their highly efficient water supply and drainage systems. Long paved roads and bridges were built, the graves of important figures became monumental and shrines were constructed in the palaces.

Cities became even larger and Linear A script, which has not yet been deciphered, dates from this period. The island became united around the capital, Knossos and Minoan political power and trade spread to mainland Greece, the Cyclades, Rhodes, Kos, Asia Minor, Egypt and Cyprus. Colonies were established not by invasion, but through trade on the islands of Milos, Kea and Santorini. The colonies and trading posts were protected by the powerful Minoan navy.

Among the products exported were oil and wine, medicinal plants, weapons, jewellery, pottery, seal stones and cloth. Imports included obsidian from the island of Milos. The Minoans also acted as intermediaries, transporting goods for others, such as Phoenician timber to Egypt.

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The cities and palaces were destroyed by a great catastrophe which hit the entire island around 1450 BC. Some historians have linked it with the eruption on the volcanic island of Santorini, suggesting that this destroyed Crete in combination with earthquakes and tidal waves. Others maintain that the cause was a regional quake, while some experts support the view that Achaeans invaded and destroyed the island.

By 1400 BC, Minoan culture had lost its influence and a wave of Dorian settlers around 1100 BC forced the Minoans to retreat to inaccessible mountain refuges, where they were by and large cut off from the outside world.

The newcomers, who called themselves Eteocretans ('true Cretans'), built new towns in the east of the island, examples being those of Lato, Axos, Prinias, Falasama, Dreros and Gortyna. During the Classical and Hellenistic periods (500-69 BC), Crete did not develop along with mainland Greece and the other islands because of rivalry and conflict between the various towns. Despite this, the population of Crete increased during the period.

After prolonged resistance, the Romans finally managed to occupy Crete in 67 BC and made Gortys the capital. Christianity was brought to the island by the Apostle Paul and his companion Titus, who established the first Christian church on Crete at Gortys.

After the division of the Roman Empire, Crete was a separate province, remaining under the influence of Byzantium until 824 when it was taken by the Arabs, who destroyed Gortys and other towns, burned down churches and committed a number of atrocities against the population. The Arabs founded Rabd-el-Kandak (Candia, present-day Heraklion). Nikiforos Fokas retook Crete for the Byzantine Empire in 961 after a gruelling eight-month siege of Candia. In the late 12th century new settlers were sent to the island from Constantinople.

In 1204, Crete was sold to the Venetians, who ruled the island for 450 years. Their harsh rule provoked repeated revolts by the Cretans. After Constantinople fell to the Turks in 1453, many Greeks moved to the island, providing a fresh boost for Byzantine culture. As the Turkish threat loomed, the Venetians began to treat the Cretans more leniently, but to no avail. In a series of expeditions against the island, the Turks first captured Chania and Rethymno in 1645 before finally taking Candia in 1669 after a 22-year siege.

The Turkish occupation of Crete was the harshest of all. Two-and-a-half centuries of indiscriminate killing, rape, heavy taxation, slavery, injustice, corrupt rule and of course the countless skirmishes and battles that marked the bloody struggle of the Cretans against the Ottoman conquerors.

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The Declaration of Independence of 1821 in mainland Greece prompted the Turks to commit atrocities throughout Crete, which in turn provoked a response from the Cretans and soon the Turks were confined to their forts. The Treaty of Adrianople (1829) excluded Crete from now independent Greece and the Cretans were forced to continue fighting until 1898, when the Great Powers declared the island's autonomy under Turkish suzerainty, subject to the withdrawal of Ottoman forces from the island. Crete at long last managed to unite with the rest of Greece in 1913. Fierce Cretan resistance to foreign invasion was repeated in 1941 when German paratroops landed on and took control of the island. It was eventually liberated in 1944.

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Heraklion

Knossos is the most famous archaeological site on Crete. Lying at a distance of 5 km. from the centre of Heraklion beside the road to Archanes, it contains the ruins of the largest and most luxurious Minoan palace that was built in the middle of a large town. The first palace was built around 2000 BC and destroyed around 1700 BC. The second one was built immediately afterwards and was even more magnificent than the first. This too was destroyed, around 1500 BC, possibly as a result of the terrible volcanic eruption on Santorini. Excavations were begun in 1900 by the English archaeologist Arthur Evans, who over the course of 25 years reconstructed certain sections of the ruins. According to legend, a hideous monster known as the Minotaur, with the head of a bull and the body of a man, was kept at Knossos in a labyrinth built by the famous Greek architect Daedalus. The palace complex is extremely large for such an early structure, with a very high degree of technical sophistication, architectural skill and magnificent frescos. A large number of other structures have been excavated around the palace, including the House of the Sacrificial Oxen, the Viaduct, the Caravanserai, the Small Palace, the Royal Villa, the House of Frescos and the Temple Tomb.

The outstanding Archaeological Museum in Heraklion is second in size and importance only to the National Archaeological Museum in Athens. Its rich collection of exhibits includes pottery, jewellery, figurines and sarcophagi, as well as the famous frescos from Knossos, which testify to the remarkable imagination and skills of the Minoans. The Historical and Ethnographical Museum of Crete has significant exhibits ranging from early Christian times to the present.

Other sites of interest in Heraklion are the 19th century Cathedral of St. Minas in the centre of town. The right transept has four icons by Michael Damaskinos, who is regarded as the teacher of Domenicus Theotokopo-

ulos (El Greco). Near the cathedral are the 18th century Church of St. Minas and the small 17th century Church of St. Catherine which is now an icon museum with outstanding paintings. Dating from 1628, the two-storey Loggia was the exchange used by Venetian traders. The nearby Sagredo Fountain was built in 1602, while the Morosini Fountain, opposite the basilica of St. Mark, was built in 1628. The old town of Heraklion is surrounded by massive Venetian walls and the St. George gate, with an inscription dating from 1565, is particularly noteworthy. The Martinengo bastion contains the tomb of the famous Cretan writer Nikos Kazantzakis, who came from Heraklion. The tomb bears the inscription "I do not hope for anything, I am free". The old Venetian Harbour dates from 1303 and still has a 13th century mole. The 16th century Venetian fortress guards the sea entrance to the harbour.

To the south of Heraklion, another large Minoan palace has been excavated at Archanes. At Myrtia, 19 km. southeast of Heraklion, is the Kazantzakis Museum. Other important sites in the environs of Heraklion are located at Arkalochori, where a Minoan cult cave was found that yielded rich finds, at Tylissos with the remains of a Minoan villa and at Amnisos, near to which is the Cave of Eileithyia, a cult site of extreme antiquity in existence since about 5000 BC. Fodele, a picturesque location in a gorge west of Heraklion, is the birthplace of El Greco, Crete's most famous painter. The house in which he was born is near the 12th century Church of the Virgin. From Fodele, one can visit Anogeia, a traditional mountain village built on the slopes of Psiloritis. The extensive remains at Gortys give a clear picture of the ancient city's importance in Hellenistic and Roman times. Near Moires, 53 km. southwest of Heraklion, is the archaeological site of Phaestos, where the remains of important Minoan palaces have been discovered. It was here that the Phaestos Disc was found, dating from about 1650 BC. Both sides of the fired clay disc are covered with hieroglyphics comprising symbols such as the sun, a ship, a flower. The disc, which has still not been deciphered, is on display at the Archaeological Museum in Heraklion with other finds from Phaestos. The ancient port of Phaestos, Matala, is a picturesque village made famous as the most popular hippy hang-out on Crete in the 60s. Apart from a great beach, the place is known for its numerous caves dotting the cliff face at the end of the beach.

Aghios Nikolaos

The capital of Lassithi prefecture, Aghios Nikolaos, is a picturesque town in the eastern part of the island, named after the charming 7th century Byzantine chapel of St. Nicholas with its bell tower, drum and dome, which has a number of well-preserved frescos of the 9th, 10th

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and 11th centuries. The town has a small Archaeological Museum with a fine collection of Minoan finds. The single-aisle Church of Our Lady has some splendid 14th century frescos.

One of the loveliest villages in Crete, Elounda, lies twelve kilometres from Aghios Nikolaos. To the northeast of Elounda is the peninsula of Spinalonga, a rocky place dominated by an impressive, well-preserved Venetian fortress. The now-submerged ancient city of Olus is located at the point where the peninsula joins the land. An early Christian basilica has been excavated with a fine mosaic floor with ornamental decoration, fish and plants. Just outside the town of Neapolis, 15 km. northwest of Aghios Nikolaos, are the ruins of two small Byzantine churches and a small archaeological collection of finds from the Hellenic site of Dreros and Elounda. At Dreros, about 4 km. from Neapolis, the ruins of a Hellenic settlement dating from 700 BC have been found. Excavations have focused on two acropolises, a temple, an agora, a necropolis and a cult site.

Kritsa, 11 km. southwest of Aghios Nikolaos, is an attractive, traditional town and was the location for the film 'Zorba the Greek'. The town's churches contain some excellent 14th century frescos. One of the island's most famous churches, Panaghia Kera, lies just outside Kritsa. The vaulted building was constructed in four phases between the 13th and the 15th century. The nave has 55 frescos dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Between Aghios Nikolaos and Kritsa, are the ruins of Lato, which was originally built in the 18th century BC.

At Goumia, at the island's narrowest point, 19 km. from Aghios Nikolaos, are the remains of the only entire Minoan town to have been excavated. The ruins prove what had already been suggested by the magnificent palaces at Knossos, Phaestos and Malia, namely that Crete was the home of the earliest advanced European civilisation.

One of the most important Minoan palaces was discovered 4 km. east of Kato Zakros on the east coast of Crete, impressive finds from which are on display at the Archaeological Museum in Heraklion, including pottery, hand-carved works in gilded slate, marble and quartz crystal.

Ierapetra

On the south side of the island, 36 km. from Aghios Nikolaos, is the charming town of Ierapetra surrounded by mountain scenery. The town's small museum houses interesting finds from the surrounding area, including a marvellous Cretan-Mycenaean sarcophagus dating from between 1450 and 1350 BC. Other sites of interest in the town are the Turkish mosque, the church on the harbour square, the Church of St. John (formerly a mosque) and the well situated Venetian fortress in the harbour which was built in 1508. Sixteen kilometres from Ierapetra, there are remains of an early Minoan settlement at Myrtos.

Sitia

The attractive harbour town of Sitia lies near the northeast tip of the island. A popular tourist destination, Sitia has a fine Folk Museum and Archaeological Museum. Just 21 km. to the east of Sitia lies the historic monastery of Toplou which dates back to the 13th century. The complex in its present form was built from 1718 onwards. At a short distance to the southeast is Palaiokastros, where archaeologists discovered the Minoan town of Heleia. Excavations indicate that Heleia was one of the most important settlements of the Minoans.

Rethymno

The beautiful port town of Rethymno stands out for its Renaissance architecture, Venetian fortress, Turkish monuments, fine museums and sandy beaches.

The Archaeological Museum, which is housed in the beautiful early 17th century Venetian Loggia, has interesting exhibits from the town and surrounding region from the Neolithic to the Roman period, including architectural elements, bronze and marble sculpture, coins, inscriptions and sarcophagi. The History and Folklore Museum features examples of weaving and techniques as well as traditional costumes, ceramic art and traditional tools.

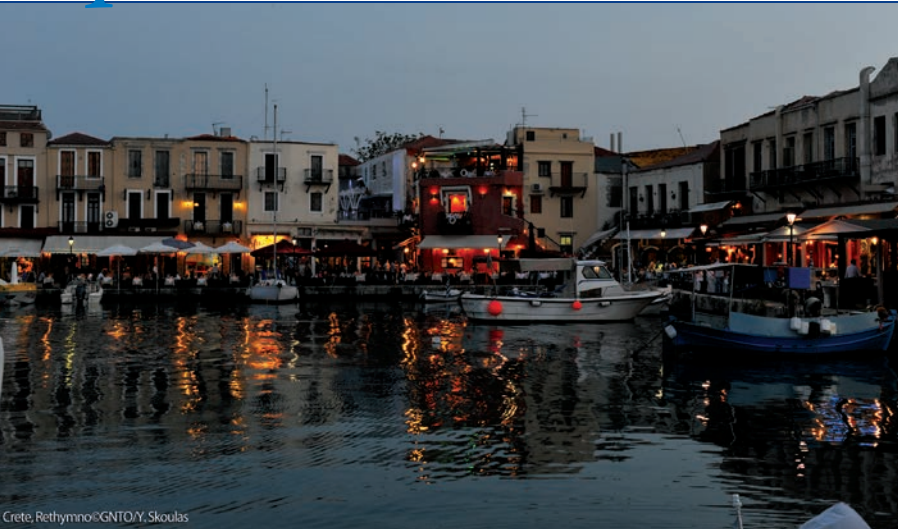
Like the Venetian Harbour, which dates back to 1300, the Old Town of Rethymno is well preserved, with buildings and monuments of the Venetian, Turkish and later periods which give it a distinct medieval and Renaissance character. The old Venetian-Ottoman quarter is a maze of narrow streets, graceful houses with wooden balconies and ornate Venetian monuments. An eastern flavour is provided by several minarets.

Standing high on a rocky spur, the Venetian 'Fortezza' fortress was built after 1573 to protect the city. It comprises four bastions and three entrances, with three look-out points to the north. The most important of the surviving buildings is the Ibrahim Han Mosque, which had originally been built by the Venetians as a cathedral.

The architecturally ornate Rimondi Fountain with three fine lion spouts was rebuilt in 1626 on the foundations of an earlier one. Rethymno has a number of interesting Christian churches, one of the most notable being that of St. Francisus, which was originally the church of a Franciscan monastery. It has a single-aisle, wooden roofed basilica with an impressively decorated entrance door.

The 18th century Great Mosque in the centre of Rethymno with its fine minaret, the Neratzes Mosque, the Kara Mousa Mosque and the Veli Pasa Mosque are vivid reminders of the long Turkish occupation. Of the four buildings, only the Neratzes Mosque can be visited at present.

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Not far from the town of Rethymno there are a number of historic monasteries, Byzantine churches and interesting archaeological sites. The most significant monastery, located 23 km. from Rethymno is that of Arkadi. Established in the 14th or 15th century, it was an important centre for Cretan resistance to the Turkish occupation. In 1866, its valiant defenders, far outnumbered by the Turks, chose to die by blowing themselves up rather than surrender.

Preveli Monastery, situated in a beautiful setting 40 km. south of Rethymno, is dedicated to St. John the Evangelist. Built by the Venetians in the early 17th century, it too was used by Cretans during the struggle for independence. The church contains the beautifully decorated and reputedly miraculous Cross of Christ.

The prefecture of Rethymno is dotted with Byzantine churches, more than 250 of which have wall paintings. Among the most interesting are those of the Panaghia at the village of Thronos, the two Byzantine churches at Amari with frescos dating from 1196, the well preserved three-aisle Vizari basilica and the early Christian Panormo basilica just outside the village of the same name.

Outside the village of Armeni, 9 km. from Rethymno, is the Minoan necropolis of Phalanna which was also used during the Mycenaean period. The ancient town of Eleftherna, 10 km. from the village of Panormos, was important up until the 8th century BC. In addition to a beautiful bridge, there are remains of the acropolis, on which a Byzantine tower was built, as well as Roman cisterns.

Chania

Built on the site of ancient Kydonia, the beautiful town of Chania, has a distinctly Venetian atmosphere. The second largest town and former capital of Crete has numerous attractions for the visitor. The lovely Venetian quarter of the town, which is built around the picturesque Old Harbour, is one of the most striking attractions on the island.

The Archaeological Museum has a rich collection of idols, clay sarcophagi, statues, weapons, ceramics, coins, inscriptions and jewellery. The town's Naval Museum exhibits different types of cannon, navigation equipment, ship models, portraits and even a collection of rare shells. The War Museum contains rare photographic material and heirlooms from the fight for independence against the Turks, the Balkan Wars and the Asia Minor catastrophe. It also has memorabilia from the Second World War and the Battle of Crete which began at nearby Maleme.

Among the most interesting Venetian and Turkish monuments in the town of Chania are the Neoria, a series of buildings used to protect, repair and build Venetian galleys. Of the original 25 arsenals, nine are still standing. The Loggia and the San Francesco church are two of the most important Venetian monuments. The latter is a 14th century Gothic

building with a nave and two aisles which now houses the Archaeological Museum.

The Church of St. Nicholas originally belonged to a Dominican monastery and for a long period was used as a mosque. The 13th century church of San Salvatore also served as a mosque during the Turkish occupation. The Mosque of the Janissaries, which dates from 1645, stands next to the attractive Venetian harbour with its old lighthouse and breakwater. Opposite the lighthouse stands the Firka Fortress, where the Turks imprisoned captured Cretan rebels. The minaret at the Church of St. Nicholas, the Turkish baths, the Court House and the Italian army barracks all originated from the period of the Turkish occupation.

Like elsewhere in Crete, the prefecture of Chania has many interesting archaeological sites, monasteries and churches.

Overlooking the plain and bay of Souda, 15 km. from Chania, Aptaera was one of the most important ancient towns of Western Crete. The ruins of a small ancient temple and the walls of the 7th century BC town still stand, along with the remains of an ancient Greek theatre, Roman cisterns, a Venetian monastery and a Turkish fortress.

At Polymirnia, 49 km. northwest of Chania, stand the ruins from the walls and the acropolis of an 8th century BC Dorian settlement and an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Artemis. The Venetian church of 99 Martyrs was built on the foundations of a Greek temple, with building materials dating from Roman times. Nearby Falassarna, Polymirnia's ancient rival, has remains of Cyclopean walls, house foundations and sculptures carved into rocks.

Other important ancient sites in Chania prefecture are located at Elyros (near Rodovani), Irtakina, Lissos and Syia (at Sougia), Kandanos and Kadros (Minoan graves carved into rocks), Tarra (Aghia Roumeli), Araden and Anopolis (in Sfakia), Hippokoroneon (Apokoronas) and Karidi.

The well preserved Venetian fortress of Frangokastello is located to the east of Chora Sfakion on the south coast of Crete. Built in 1371 for protection against pirates and Cretan rebels, the fortress is associated with a number of local traditions. According to one of these, the strange human shadows ('Drosoulites') that appear at dawn in May and September are the ghosts of the Cretan defenders of the fortress.

The 17th century castle-like Monastery of Aghia Triada Tsangarolon, 16 km. northeast of Chania features a monumental portal with beautiful steps and a small museum. Four kilometres to the north, the Monastery of the Lady of Angels (Gouvetmeto), built in 1548, also has a striking fortress-like appearance.

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Sports & Leisure

Crete offers an unlimited variety of sports and leisure activities, from regular excursions and sightseeing trips to adventurous trekking and mountaineering. The sharply contrasting natural beauty of the island features steep, rugged terrain, deep gorges, vast plateaux, dense oak forests, long sandy beaches and secluded coves. All this, together with clear blue skies and seemingly endless sunshine over 300 days a year, offers unique opportunities for recreation and relaxation.

The E4 trekking route, which starts in Portugal, ends in Crete after crossing the entire length of the island from Elafonisi to Kato Zakros. It is marked with black and yellow posts and signs.

Crete has an estimated 155 kilometres of sandy beaches, making it an ideal destination for watersport aficionados and those who simply enjoy soaking up the sun and taking refreshing dips in clear blue water. Naturally, there are countless opportunities for windsurfing, scuba diving, fishing and sailing. Chania prefecture has two outstanding beaches on the west coast, at Elafonisi in the southwest and Phalasama in the northwest. One of the longest, uninterrupted sandy beaches is at Georgiopolis between Rethymno and Chania. In the northeast of the island, one of the most popular beaches is the magnificent beach of Vai, which has Europe's only natural palm grove. South of Heraklion on the southern coast, Matala is famous not only for its caves but also its pleasant sandy beach. Wherever you go on Crete, you will never be far from an organised beach or secluded cove. Among the most attractive around the island are those at Frangokastello, Makrygialos, Kato Zakros, Preveli, Paleochora, Aghia Pelagia, Istro and Malia.

Yachting is well catered for at organised marinas and small harbours which dot the Cretan coastline. Sailboats also provide access to remote beaches and a number of small islands not far from the coast.

Gastronomy & Shopping

Since antiquity, the Cretan diet appears to have included all the necessary ingredients for balanced nutrition. According to studies, Cretans have some of the lowest percentages in Europe for deaths caused by heart attacks and different kinds of cancer and live longer on average. The traditional diet is characterised by simplicity, consisting of olive oil, cereals, pulses, vegetables and fruit, supplemented less frequently by dairy products, fish and a glass of red wine.

Fresh produce is abundant on Crete, where roughly 30 per cent of the land is available for cultivation. With an estimated 13 million olive trees, representing over one-third of the entire Greek crop, it is hardly

surprising that Crete is renowned for its excellent quality olive oil. The island's largest export however is grapes and Cretan wine has enjoyed a fine reputation since antiquity. Traditional methods and machinery are still used to make the potent local drink called Tsikoudia.

As in other areas of Greece, Crete boasts a wide variety of traditional local dishes and methods of preparing food. One of the most characteristic Cretan specialties is the Sarikopita, a cheese pie made with sour mizithra cheese. The shape of the pie is very similar to that of the sariki, the traditional head-dress of Cretan men, from which it took its name.

The rich variety of ingredients used in traditional Cretan cuisine extends to snails and rabbit meat. Many delicacies are based on entrails and special soups are made with cereals. Different types of herbs are used liberally, including dittany, marjoram and sage.

Visitors to Crete can enjoy fresh fish, village salads, fresh greens from the fertile Cretan soil and traditional dishes, choosing from a wide selection of seaside restaurants and mountain tavernas. For something different, try the delicious pilafi (rice with boiled meat).

Crete has an impressive variety of goods to offer shoppers, from top designer labels and exquisite jewellery to high quality leather goods and fine antiques.

Local artisans are renowned for their high quality pottery and handicrafts, while the traditional embroidery, woven and needlework products of Cretan women are always in great demand.

Cultural Events

Crete has been the birthplace of some of the greatest Greek artists and literary figures. In icon painting, two outstanding artists were Michail Damaskinos and Domenicus Theotokopoulos, who left the island and became famous in Toledo, Spain as El Greco. In literature, the names of Vitsentzos Komaros from Sitia and George Hortatzis from Rethymno stand out. In contemporary times, the voluminous work of the great thinker and writer Nikos Kazantzakis included poetry, travel impressions, tragedies, philosophical treatises and novels such as "Zorba the Greek" (1946) with which he gained international fame.

Many traditions are preserved in villages all over Crete, especially in the more remote ones. Baptisms and weddings are very special occasions of the utmost importance that may go on for days. In the west of Crete they are accompanied by rizitika - very old songs, some of Byzantine origin. The celebrations involve dancing, eating and drinking, with unbridled enthusiasm often being expressed by gunshots.

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There are many local feast days, particularly during the summer months, some involving large groups of people hiking or taking small boats to a remote church or monastery. Christmas, Easter and the Assumption are considered to be the most important religious feasts.

On Saint George's Day at Asigonia, Chania, the shepherds bring their sheep and goats from the high mountain pastures to be blessed by the local priest. The animals are milked in front of the church and the milk is then boiled and served to the congregation.

Some festivals are held to celebrate special events like the new wine, the orange harvest or chestnut-picking and provide an opportunity to taste products, renew acquaintances with friends and make merry.

A traditional Cretan wedding is staged annually at Kritsa, near Aghios Nikolaos, as well as in Rethymno.

The roots of Cretan dances go all the way back to the Minoan period. Some, danced by groups of men, are very fast and vigorous. Women's dances are often associated with weddings or courtship.

Music and dance are just as intrinsic to Cretan celebrations today as they were in ancient times. Instruments and dance steps are sometimes thousands of years old, providing a strong link with the past as knowledge is passed on from generation to generation.

Known for its vitality, one of the most famous Cretan dances is the Pentozali, which was danced in antiquity by armed warriors. Another interesting dance is the Syrtos, led by a single dancer who sets the pace for the rest of the group. The Sousta is a traditional courtship dance performed by couples.

People & Lifestyle

Cretans are generally considered to be friendly, direct, honourable and hospitable. They are eager to learn, deeply patriotic about their island and its proud history and keen to preserve their traditions and customs. Some Cretans, particularly in villages, still don the traditional garb of breeches tucked into knee-high black leather boots, embroidered jackets and the black-fringed kerchiefs tied tightly round their heads. Even during long periods of foreign occupation and cruel oppression, marked by heroic resistance against overwhelming odds, the Cretans managed to nurture their own distinct culture, very often through poetry and folk music.

History speaks of a place where the inhabitants considered hospitality to be an integral part of their life, culture and tradition. According to Greek mythology, Zeus, the supreme deity and patron of hospitality was born and raised on Crete.

Nearly all Cretans are of the Eastern Orthodox faith. They make their living chiefly by farming and in tourism-related services. First they are

Cretans, then Greeks. Haughty and proud, they are at the same time gentle and passionate like the lyrics of their *mantinades* - traditional songs unlike those heard in the rest of Greece. It's not by chance that Crete has given birth to some of the greatest men of contemporary Greece, from the politician Eleftherios Venizelos to the great composers Mikis Theodorakis and Manos Hatzidakis.

To Cretans, life is a celebration and celebrations are opportunities to communicate. Religious feasts and festivals are always accompanied by plenty of good food, music (with the lyre first and foremost) and dance. Through music and dance they express their joy and sorrow, their lust for life.

To get to know the people and customs of Crete, one must visit the villages of the island. The manifestations of the old traditions are perhaps most evident at the *panigyria* - celebrations held to mark the feast day of the local saint of each village. These celebrations usually involve long church services attended by nearly all the people of the village. Villagers who have moved away will often take the celebrations as an opportunity to return and visit relatives.

Nightlife & Entertainment

Crete is a great choice for night owls. The nightlife in all the main towns and holiday resorts offers a wide choice to suit all tastes. There are lively bars and cosy tavernas, bouzouki clubs and high class restaurants, coffee shops and cinemas around every corner.

In general, Cretan nightlife is of two types. On the one hand there is the entertainment offered in the coastal resorts which mainly caters for tourists seeking cosmopolitan discotheques, night-clubs and bars and, on the other, the more traditional forms of entertainment preferred by the Cretans themselves.

In addition to well organised cultural festivals, most of which are held during the summer in the main towns of Heraklion, Chania, Rethymno and Aghios Nikolaos, there are also a large number of local events in villages all over the island.

Like elsewhere in Greece, there are regular concerts, the most popular of which are those featuring traditional music played on Crete's beloved instrument, the lyra, a three-stringed violin supported on the knee and played with a bow.

Most restaurants and tavernas have a pleasant, informal atmosphere and the food is generally of a very high standard. At the fish tavernas scattered all along the coast, diners will find some of the freshest and tastiest seafood in Greece. Particular favourites are white bream, red mullet and sea bream.

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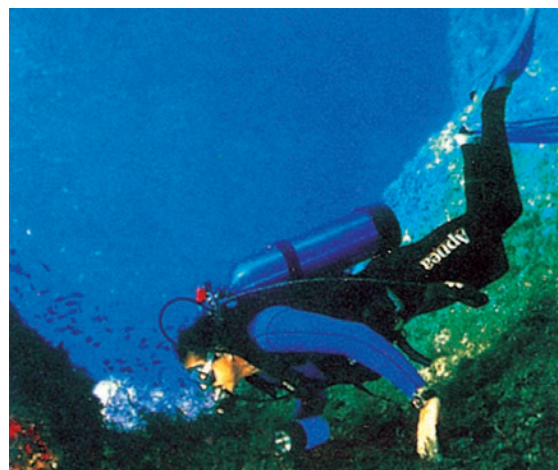
The climate is on the whole dry throughout the year, with most rainfall occurring between October and March. The summer heat can be moderated by often strong winds, the meltemia. The sea is warm enough for swimming from the middle of April until November. At 19°C, Crete has the highest average annual temperature in Greece.

The island is home to a rich variety of flora, including 130 species of wild flowers and herbs which are unique to it. Among these are dictamo (*Origanum dictamnus*), the herb made famous by Aristotle for its medicinal properties. Another unusual feature is the evergreen Cretan plane-tree (*platanus orientalis*, var. *cretica*).

Spring is probably the best time to enjoy the flora, when the fields are ablaze with red poppies and the scent of orange and lemon blossoms fills the air. The landscape is dominated by dry scrub in the summer, while oleander and osier bloom in the ravines. Anemones are abundant in the winter.

Equally varied is the fauna of Crete. The unique Cretan wild goat (*Capra aegagrus-cretica*) has a distinctive and impressive appearance. A protected species, the agrimi or "kri-kri" lives in the White Mountains, the Samaria National Forest and on the islets of Dia, Aghioi Pantas and Thodoros. Other interesting mammals on the island are the Cretan marten (*Martes foina-bunites*), the very rare Cretan wildcat (*Felis silvestris agrius*) and the Cretan badger (*Melesmeles-arcalus*). Alert visitors may also spot hares and hedgehogs and, if very lucky, the endangered loggerhead (*caretta-caretta*) sea turtle, which lay their eggs on a number of quiet beaches around the island.

The magnificent Cretan golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetus*) and the lammergeyer (*Gypaetus barbatus*), a subspecies unique to Crete, stand out among the birds. The mountains and many ravines are home to griffon vultures. Swallows and warblers are common and goldfinches are



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occasionally sighted. Crete is also a stopover each spring for birds migrating from Africa to Europe as well as in the autumn as they make the return flight.

Crete has two freshwater lakes - Lake Kourmas in Chania prefecture and Lake Aghia in the middle of the fertile plain of Kydonia. Sheltered by the hills in an idyllic setting, Lake Kourmas has an area of 160,000 square metres and interesting flora and fauna. Lake Aghia is the nesting place for many birds and myriad wildflowers create a kaleidoscope of colour in the spring.

The same geological forces that created the mountain ranges also created a large number of truly remarkable gorges throughout the island. Perhaps the most famous is the Samaria Gorge at the westernmost edge of the Omalos plateau in Chania prefecture. With a length of 18 km., it is the longest gorge in Europe and annually draws thousands of tourists intent on taking the 6- to 7- hour walk to the exit at the coastal village of Aghia Roumeli. The less known Imbros Gorge begins at the plain of Imbros and winds to the sea near Chora Sfakion. The Kotsifou and Kourtaliotiko gorges are just a few kilometres apart near Plakias in Rethymno prefecture. In eastern Crete, the Valley of the Dead was so named, because of the Minoan graves found there.

The geological composition of the island and centuries of seismic activity have caused it to be literally honeycombed with an estimated 3,500 caves, many of which are of extreme archaeological and religious significance. In the past and even more recently, caves were used by Cretans as places of refuge, cult sites and centres of resistance to invaders. There are believed to be over one hundred churches in caves around the island.

According to legend, the Dikteon Andron on the Lassithi plateau was the birthplace of Zeus, the supreme deity who later grew up in the Ideon Andron on Mount Psiloritis. The Eileithyia Cave near Amnisos was a cult centre which, according to tradition, was devoted to Eileithyia, a fertility goddess and daughter of Hera. Relics found in the cave date back to Neolithic times. The Melidoni Cave, 28 km. east of Rethymno, was a cult site in ancient times and the scene of a great tragedy during the fight for independence. In 1823, 370 Cretan women and children took refuge in the cave from Turkish soldiers. When they refused to come out, the Turks blocked the entrance with bushes and set them alight. All 370 died a horrible death from suffocation. The Psychro Cave, situated at an altitude of 1,025 m. on a mountainside above the picturesque Lassithi plateau, is one of the most beautiful on Crete. Excavations have revealed significant finds, including numerous votive offerings, which prove that the cave was one of the most important cult sites in Minoan Crete.

Conference Facilities

With its marvellous climate, unique natural beauty and vast conference and tourist infrastructure, Crete is the ideal destination for every kind of congress, summit, business meeting, incentive, seminar and product presentation. In addition, the island offers unique opportunities for research into Minoan, Byzantine and more recent cultures, as well as studies relating to natural sciences and folklore.

In addition to a number of specialised conference centres, there is an enormous variety of facilities at hotels in the main towns and resorts, fully equipped with state-of-the-art sound and lighting installations, simultaneous translation systems and other amenities. Many of the hotels also provide technical and secretarial support, plus a full range of office machines, computer and telecommunications systems. Some travel agencies based on Crete also specialise in organising conferences and incentives, offering complete packages that include all necessary arrangements from start to finish, as well as special programmes for delegates and accompanying persons before, during and after the event. These programmes typically comprise sightseeing trips or short tours and entertainment, all tailor-made to meet the requirements of each particular group.

The standards of professionalism of the people involved in the congress organisation sector on Crete is very high, owing to the experience acquired following the island's success in attracting many major Greek and international events.

Conference Facilities



Crete the birthplace

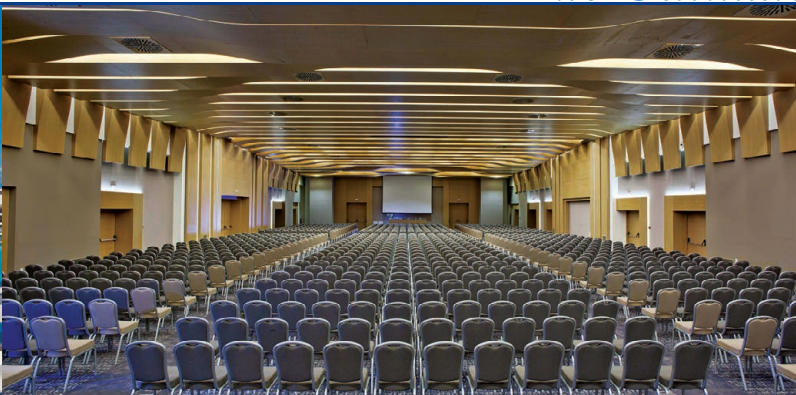


Convention Centres - Convention Centres & Resort Hotels - Hotels with Conference facilities

NAME	CATEGORY	TEL	FAX	WEBSITE	NO OF HALLS	SEATING CAPACITY	PAGE
<i>Crete</i>							
• CONVENTION CENTRES							
Elounda Executive Centre		2841063000	2841041373	www.eloundabeach.gr	6	40-650	144
Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania		2821035000	2821035001	www.maich.gr	9	65-260	
Mitos s.a. Science & Technology Park Of Crete		2810391910	2810391915	www.mitos.com.gr	2	25-260	
Orthodox Academy of Crete		2824022245	2824022060	www.oac.gr	5	100-650	
Vintsentzos Komaros		2810243921	2810225438		2	150-300	
• CONVENTION CENTRES & RESORT HOTELS							
Creta Maris Hotel & Conference Centre	L	2810300550	2810346088	www.maris.gr	68	12-1800	141
<i>Heraklion</i>							
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Annabelle Village Hotel	L	28970 23561-4	2897021322	www.akshotels.com	1	110	
Aldemar Knossos Royal Village	L	2897027400	2897023150	www.aldemarhotels.com	13	44-450	
Aldemar Royal Mare Village	L	2897027200	2897021664	www.aldemarhotels.com	1	80	
Aldemar Royal Mare Thalasso-Spa Centre	L	2897027200	2897021664	www.aldemarhotels.com	1	80	
Aquila Atlantis Hotel	L	2810229103	2810226225	www.aquilahotels.com	10	10-400	
Bella Maris Hotel	L	2810300550	2810346088	www.maris.gr	3	50-300	
Knossos Beach Bungalows & Suites	L	2810761204	2810761610	www.knossosbeach.gr	4	50-200	142
Out of the Blue, Capsis Elite Resort	L	2810811212	2810811076	www.capsis.gr	41	10-1200	
GDM Megaron Hotel	L	2810305300	2810305400	www.gdmmegaron.gr	3	75-120	
Terra Maris Hotel	L	2810300550	2810346088	www.maris.gr	68	12-1800	
Agapi Beach	A	2810250502	2810258731	www.agapibeach.gr	2	80-110	
Apollonia	A	2810821602	2810821433	www.apollonia.gr	13	10-330	
Arina Sand Hotel & BGLS	A	2810761293	2810761179	www.mamidakishotels.gr	9	30-1200	
Astoria Capsis Hotel	A	2810343080	2810229078	www.astoriacapsis.gr	3	30-250	
Fodele Beach Hotel	A	2810 52125 1-5	2810521249	www.fondelebeach.gr	1	400	
Galaxy Iraklio Hotel	A	2810238812	2810211211	www.galaxy-hotel.com.gr	6	20-300	
Grand Hotel Holiday Resort	A	2897026300	2897026350	www.grandhotel.gr	2	50-200	
Grecotel Club Creta Sun Hotel	A	2897041103	2897041113	www.grecotel.gr	1	250	
Hersonissos Palace Hotel	A	2897023603	2897028604	www.hersotels.gr	1	150	
Marina Beach Hotel & BGLS	A	2897041361	2897041362	www.marina.gr	1	260	
Robinson Club Lyttos Beach Hotel	A	2897028500	2897028555	www.robinson-hellas.com	1	300	
Santa Marina Beach Hotel	A	2810261103	2810261369	www.santamarina-hotels.gr	2	40-200	
Silva Maris	A	2897022850	2897021404	www.maris.gr	1	130	
The Peninsula Hotel	A	2810811313	2810371600	www.penisula.gr	1	80	
<i>Lassithi</i>							
• HOTELS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES							
Blue Palace Resort & SPA	L	2841065500	2841089712	www.bluepalace.gr	1	230	
Elounda Bay Palace	L	2841067000	2841041583	www.eloundabay.gr	8	35-650	
Elounda Beach Hotel	L	2841063000	2841041373	www.eloundabeach.gr	8	30-550	
Elounda Mare Hotel	L	28410 41102-3	2841041307	www.eloundamare.com	3	150	

The Ultimate Cretan Resort

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Location

Overlooking a beautiful sand & pebbles beach on the northwestern shores of Crete, AVRA IMPERIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA is a brand new 5* deluxe resort sprawling over 65,000 sq.m. of manicured gardens and water areas. Only steps away from the picturesque fishing village of Kolymbari and its quaint harbor, the resort lies about 24 km west of Chania and 39 km from the local international airport.

Accommodation

The 328 spacious Rooms & Suites include comfortable accommodation and luxurious suites with private or sharing fresh-water pools (118). All rooms have individually controlled air conditioning/heating, seating area, direct-dial phone, electronic safe, Internet connection, hairdryer & magnifying mirror, Satellite LED TV, CD/DVD Player (upon request or not, depending on the room type) mini bar, marble bathroom with hydro massage jet shower, luxurious bath amenities, bathrobes & slippers, luxurious linen and fully furnished balcony or terrace.

Facilities & Services

4 restaurants and 4 bars cater to the guests' culinary needs. These include: Basilico the Main Restaurant of AVRA IMPERIAL with an impressive terrace overlooking the main pool; Blue Dong the Asian a la carte international restaurant with a beautiful pool terrace; Al Fresco restaurant for lunch, which offers light meals and snacks with Greek and Mediterranean tastes during lunch time and All Fresco Italian Restaurant (for Dinner), which offers food with Italian influences during dinner time; Le Bar the Lounge Bar by the Lobby; Aura & Aura Annex the Pool Bars by the pool and Blu the Beach Bar on the beach. There is also a Jewelry Shop, Mini Market, Hairdressing Salon, Manicure & Pedicure / Nail Art, Rent a Car Desk and a Chapel. The resort's 1,900 sqm wellness and spa area comprises an indoor heated pool, steam bath cabins, Finnish sauna, water zone with wall mounted water jets, relax zone and aromatherapy, therapy zone with healing baths and a fully equipped gym and fitness center.

Leisure & Entertainment

A wide range of leisure activities and services include an impressive swimming pool with a unique pool bar in the middle of the pool, another pool with sea water, a children activity center with own swimming pool and an open air theater for evening events and shows. A light animation team entertains guests during the day and evenings. Also, 2 children's pools areas are available with fresh water. In the Annex Building there is an outdoor pool and one of the children's pools. Beach & Pool Towel Service is available throughout the day.

Conference & Banqueting Facilities

A new conference complex of the highest standards consisted by 10 "state of the art" conference halls of flexible function space that can accommodate 2000 persons, covering over 2000 m2 meeting and exhibition space. "Maistro" is an 924 m2 contemporary, pillar free, conference hall with a capacity of 1100 persons which can be also separated into two smaller rooms, equipped with the latest conferences and banqueting facilities.



Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m2)	SIZE (m)	HEIGHT (m)	BANQUET (persons)	THEATRE (persons)
MAISTRO I + II	924	42x22	5.80	684	1094
MAISTRO I	418	19x22	5.80	228	400
MAISTRO II	506	23x22	5.80	384	614
LIVA	126	14x9	4.70	60	124
SIROCCO	126	14x9	4.70	60	124
LEVANTE	189	21x9	4.70	108	208
PUNENTE	189	21x9	4.70	108	208
TRAMONTANA	80	10x8	4.70	-	64
GRECO	80	10x8	4.70	-	64
GARBIS	80	10x8	4.70	-	64
OSTRIA	80	10x8	3.00	-	64
OPEN AIR AMPHITHEATER	-	-	-	-	300

Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m2)	CLASSROOM (persons)	BOARDROOM (persons)	SQUARE (persons)
MAISTRO I + II	924	560	-	-
MAISTRO I	418	165	-	-
MAISTRO II	506	314	-	-
LIVA	126	49	-	-
SIROCCO	126	49	-	-
LEVANTE	189	85	-	-
PUNENTE	189	85	-	-
TRAMONTANA	80	40	20	26
GRECO	80	40	22	26
GARBIS	80	40	22	26
OSTRIA	80	40	22	26
OPEN AIR AMPHITHEATER	80	-	-	-

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Crete

Heraklion



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...Promise for successful meetings



Over 40 hotels offer a full conference infrastructure capable of hosting 25,000 conference guests at a time. Conference facilities include com-fortable, well-planned halls, modern technology, audiovisual equipment and excellent technical support by experienced staff.

Travel to Heraklion is easy from any country. The airport and harbour are convenient and adequately cover visitor's travel requirements.

The conference potential of Heraklion is supplemented by the facilities provided by the Prefecture's educational and research foundations (University of Crete, Technical University of Crete, Foundation For Research and Technology, Institute of Marine Biology of Crete, etc.), which host a number of International, mainly scientific conferences annually. The modern infrastructure and comprehensive technological resources of the recently inaugurated International Exhibition Center of Crete (in Goumes, Heraklion) make it a dynamic venue for International exhibitions and conferences.

Apart from attending to the smooth running of the conferences, the organizers particularly stress the accompanying events.

Conference guests are offered a choice of long or short excursions and visits to archeological sites or traditional villages in their usually limited free time, giving them the opportunity to relax and get to know Crete.

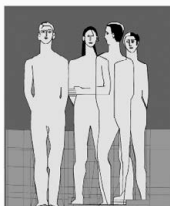
The countryside is as varied as any you will find: high snowy mountains with unique plateaux, caves and forests, wide valleys green with cultivated farmland, river and lake wetlands, imposing gorges leading to beautiful beaches.

Wherever one goes, one finds remnants of the ancient cultural pathway Crete has traveled. From the depths of remotest antiquity, relics of human presence and toil stud the land: Minoan palaces, settlements and villas, ancient Greek and Hellenistic towns, Roman theatres, aqueducts and roads, Byzantine churches, monasteries and villages, imposing Venetian fortresses, villas and harbors and all kinds of buildings, works of eastern architecture and the unique Crete folk tradition decorate every corner of the Great Island, composing an image of unbroken cultural history.

And, above all, a bright sun that creates a thousand colors, shades and hues, making scents bubble up and the sea sparkle all year round!

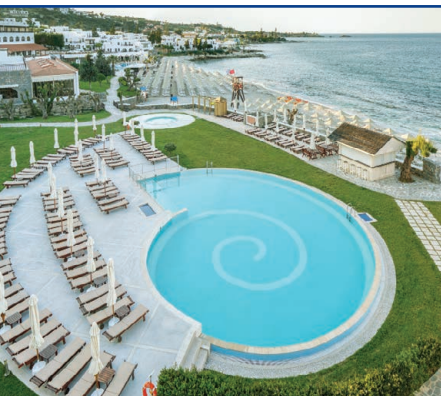
Winters on Crete are exceptionally mild, with a spectacular spring, pleasant summer and mellow autumn.

So for work or play, the only possible choice is Heraklion, the capital of Crete.



**Convention Centre
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is an extremely flexible and sophisticated venue for conferences & exhibitions



Overview

The purpose-built Convention Center Creta Maris, the largest Convention Center in Crete and one of the largest in Greece, is an extremely flexible and sophisticated venue for conferences, exhibitions, product launches and banquets. It covers an area of 6.000m² and with its 58 halls it can accommodate in full function up to 5.500 delegates. The Convention Center is situated in the South Western section of the Creta Maris Beach Resort. It is equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, advanced telecommunication infrastructure, excellent technical support and expert staff. High quality accommodation combined with traditional Cretan hospitality in a green oriented environment is the prime ambition of the Creta Maris Beach Resort, which now strives for the same high quality standards by providing the best facilities that modern summits and conventions demand.

Meetings & Functions

Conference Halls: 58
 Syndicate Rooms: 38
 Conference Capacity (Delegates): up to 5.500
 Meeting Space: 6.182 m² / 66.548 f²
 Function Space: 6.000 m² / 65.000 f²
 Exhibition Space: 3.800 m² / 40.900 f²



Technical Facilities

- Teleconference
- Wired / Wireless Voting System
- Stage Lighting
- Large Screen Projectors 1,8*1,8 - 5*7
- Video Projectors
- Paging System (10 Receivers)
- Podium / Lectern
- Wireless Internet Service
- Personal Computers - Printers
- Slide Projectors Kodak Ektapro
- Video Cameras
- Infrared Remote Control
- Microphones (Cordless)
- Isdn & Internet Access
- Monitors 14" - 60"
- Stage Scenery Designing
- Video Editing & Production
- Lenses 36 - 253 mm
- Microphones (Normal)
- ADSL (On Request)
- Simultaneous Interpretation Systems
- Special Effect Lighting
- Videowalls 2*2 - 5*5
- Overhead Projectors
- Laser Pointers
- Flip Charts

Additional Facilities

- Full Banqueting Services
- Orchestra Available
- Private Terraces for Gatherings
- Outdoor Garden Venues
- Outside Catering Available
- Bouzouki & Accordion Players
- Piano Players
- Folklore Dancers Available
- Many Open-Air Meeting Areas



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET (persons)	BUFFET (rectangular tables) (persons)	BUFFET (round tables) (persons)	SEATED (rectangular tables) (persons)	SEATED (round tables) (persons)
ZEUS	1243	1550	1100	790	1400	980
DANAË/ATHENA	77	90	-	-	56	48
EUROPA/ARTEMIS	80	90	-	-	56	48
LEDA/APHRODITE	60	70	-	-	40	36
DANAË+EUROPA+LEDA	220	270	150	120	196	168
ATHENA+ARTEMIS+APHRODITE	220	270	150	120	196	168
HERA	209	260	110	120	170	144
OLYMPUS	604	750	400	320	480	396
MINOS	415	500	350	264	400	312
MINOS + OLYMPUS	1096	1350	750	590	880	700
ANTIGONI INDOOR	425	500	360	264	400	288
ANTIGONI OUTDOOR	552	700	520	480	520	480
APOLLO	388	430	280	230	-	-

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	U-SHAPE (persons)
ZEUS	1243	1800	1000	200
DANAË/ATHENA	77	80	50	30
EUROPA/ARTEMIS	80	80	50	30
LEDA/APHRODITE	60	60	40	25
DANAË+EUROPA+LEDA	220	250	170	70
ATHENA+ARTEMIS+APHRODITE	220	250	170	70
HERA	209	230	160	70
OLYMPUS	604	-	-	-
MINOS	415	550	330	110
MINOS + OLYMPUS	1096	-	-	-
ANTIGONI INDOOR	425	550	320	90
ANTIGONI OUTDOOR	552	600	-	-
APOLLO	388	500	300	90



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Cultural highlights and archaeological sites



Location

Knossos Beach Bungalows & Suites is a city resort located on a beautiful long private sandy beach in a natural bay. Only 12km from Heraklion, the island's capital, it offers you the privilege of executing all your business while residing at your vacation house by the sea. Heraklion is a diverse town, the hub of all major business of the island and at the same time offering a variety of major attractions, cultural highlights and archaeological sites. It houses an international airport and a major port.

Accommodation

23 Rooms, 60 Bungalows, 15 Superior Bungalows, 20 Junior Suites all offering unparalleled views of the Aegean sea, some are located by the water front with direct access to the beach featuring bedroom, bathroom with shower / bathtub, satellite TV, air conditioning, mini bar, in suites: king size bed, hydromassage shower / bathtub, open-sky shower LCD TV, HiFi, Broadband Internet, private beach bed. Broadband Internet, king size bed, Hi-Fi, LCD TV, coffee making facilities also in superior and family rooms. Superior dispose wooden deck terraces.

Facilities & Services

'Swell' a la carte, restaurant supervised by the awarded with 'Michelin star' chef Lefteris Lazarou Amalthia private for Suites guests and Amvrosia main restaurants, Lobby, Pool and Beach bars. Room service, two private sandy beaches, two large pools, children's pool, massage, gym, water sports, beach beds, tennis court, volleyball court, boggia, mini golf, table tennis, archery, darts, billiard, Mini-club, TV room, Internet, Wifi free at lobby, meeting rooms, Swell restaurant and hotel Beach, game room, meeting facilities, disco, parking. Tailor made itineraries at: archaeological sites, olive oil production, wineries, gorges, caves, lakes, hiking, sailing, cruising.

Conference Facilities

Different styles of meeting rooms offer a flexible floor plan with ample natural light and outdoor areas at the water front while our cutting edge audio and visual equipment and tech support will help make your meeting all it can be: Digital projector, microphones & amplifiers, WiFi, laptop, fax, scanner, telephones, mobiles, flat screen TV, CD & DVD, video players, translators and secretary service. Enjoy our intuitive and inspiring services in custom-designing a menu to meet your needs, from coffee breaks to luncheons to dinner parties.



Conference Halls

HALLS	SIZE m2	Width - Length in m.	CAPACITY				
			Theatre	Classroom	U-shape	Reception Dinner	
Poseidon Indoor A & B	162	6,40 x 26,45	166	108	80	240	95
Poseidon Indoor A	105	6,50 x 16,35	108	70	52	155	62
Poseidon Indoor B	57	5,75 x 10,10	58	38	28	85	33
Poseidon Outdoor C Waterfront	600	20 x 30	600	400	300	700	250
Aniadne A	46	6,45 x 7,45	46	30	22	65	25
Aniadne B	57	5,40 x 11	58	38	26	85	32
Aniadne C	90	9 x 10	92	60	46	130	52
Venus	60	6,10 x 13,30	62	40	30	85	35

F & B Options

VENUES	CAPACITY	
	Cocktail	Dinner - Reception
Amalthia Restaurant	50	35
Swell Studio	80	50
The Veranda Terrace	130	60
Mezedopoleio	150	100
Amvrosia Restaurant	220	140
Swell Restaurant	250	150
The Beach Club	700	250

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GOLF & SPA RESORT

A destination for top-class meetings, incentives and events in astounding surroundings



Location

Enjoying one of the most prized stretches of beachfront on Crete Island, Porto Elounda Golf & Spa Resort fronts the spectacular Bay of Mirabello, dominating its foreground with superb facilities and the green expanse of a golf course. Designed with respect to local architecture, this unique complex is an oasis of five-star opulence, recreation, relaxation and indulgence. Situated at about 7km from the bustling port of Aghios Nikolaos, it combines spectacular settings with a wealth of sport facilities, a distinguished conference center and banqueting areas that make it a prime destination for vacationers and business travelers alike.

Accommodation

Guests can unwind in spacious luxury checking into one of the resort's sea-view rooms & suites featuring individually controlled air conditioning/heating, direct telephone line, radio, balcony or veranda, hairdryer, electronic safety box, LCD flat screen TV and Satellite channels, music channel, DVD/CD player, mini bar, high speed Internet connection at charge, DATA port line, luxurious marble bathrooms with audio sound, laundry & dry cleaning service, turn-down service including complimentary bottle of water and 24-hour room service. Accommodations with shared or private pools are also available.

Facilities & Services

In an environment that evokes wellbeing, guests can revel in the resort's many amenities, including an award winning spa, fine dining, sport facilities, a lush golf course, relaxing pools and outstanding anticipative service. Guaranteed to kindle pure relaxation and bliss, the award-winning **Six Senses Spa** - recognized as the "World's Best Spa" by the Sunday Times' Travel Magazine (December 2007) - provides lavish spa services, focused on health, beauty, pampering, stress reduction and recuperation. For a truly relaxing and revitalizing experience through many forms of holistic healings to balance the senses. A hairdressing salon is also located in the spa. It spreads over 2,200 square meters, setting unique standards in spa design. Enjoying an enviable reputation for their fine cuisine and an excellent choice of Greek and French wines, the resort's restaurants and bars "**Kirki**", "**Nafsika**", "**Playiada**", "**Aglio & Olio**" and "**Odysseus**" serve a variety of buffet and a la carte dining with breathtaking

views in the background. Having received the "**Blue Flag**" award for the quality of the facilities and the services offered at the sandy beach, the resort also features a lovely fresh water swimming pool with children's paddling pool, while all sunshades and loungers are placed on the grassy areas between beach and pool, allowing the sand as a free-for-all area to enjoy. There is also a large choice of shopping possibilities, fashion boutiques, car rental, free Wi-Fi, table tennis, fitness center, fitness room, news stand, mooring facilities and car parking. For parents who desire some much deserved free time, the "Kids' Ark" with crèche, caring for children ages 4 months to 5 years, provides the Lilliputian guests with a mini vacation in safely separated facilities with a variety of play areas and amusement corners. A children's Water Park offers hours of fun with shallow pools and water slides, and next to it a play area is equipped with slides, ramps, swings and a trampoline for endless play under the supervision of professional childcare specialists.

Sports & Leisure

A paradise for the sports enthusiast, there are simply not enough hours for all the activities at Porto Elounda Golf & Spa resort. There are seawater swimming pools, a heated freshwater indoor pool, two AstroTurf tennis courts, a 5x5 soccer field run by "Arsenal Soccer School Camp", and a fantastic sea sports center complete with jet skis, windsurfing, water skiing and sailing activities. Luxury sailing boats and a motor yacht are also available for charter, with a range of excursions and tailor made itineraries offered. The PADI certified scuba diving center

provides diplomas up to the highest levels of proficiency. Sprawling on the hillside, the executive 9-hole par-3 golf course blends harmoniously with its surroundings, while multiple tees create the impression of an 18-hole course. The Pro-Shop provides every service required by the visiting golfer and the Golf Academy, run by a resident PGA pro, is ideal for beginners and experienced players who wish to improve their swing.

Conference Facilities

Elegant conference and function rooms, fitted with the latest in audio-visual technology, offer distinctive and flexible spaces.

The Aegean Conference Centre incorporates cutting-edge specifications and incorporating years of experience in functional design and facilities. Extending over 1500m² of indoor spaces with the additional benefit of another 300m² of covered outdoor verandas, it comprises five multi-purpose halls of various sizes, which can all be joined and separated as needed, while enjoying an incomparable view to the resort's golf course and the sea.

- Meeting Equipment: Lectern microphone, wireless microphone, fixed seating, overhead projector, large screen TV, voting equipment, slide projectors, video screen, in-house catering, video camera, teleconference, flip charts, video projector, Internet access, ISDN line.
- Meeting support services: Audio - video technicians, security guards, attendee registration, translators, decoration, service, musicians, tours & entertainment, electricians, first aid, print shop



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	RECEPTION (persons)	DINNER & DANCE (persons)	BANQUET (persons)
ISOLA DI CANDIA	190	200	150	170
TILEMACHOS	70	80	-	21
PLAYIADA	253	400	230	200
KALYDON	63	80	-	40
CRETAN SEA BALLROOM	295	350	250	300
CARPATHIAN SEA MEETING ROOM	66	80	-	-
IKARIAN SEA BOARDROOM	116,40	140	-	-
MIRABELLO BALLROOM	110	120	100	120
MYRTOAN SEA MEETING ROOM	38,30	50	-	-
OPEN AIR & COVERED TERRACE	128	150	-	100

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE LAYOUT (persons)	"U" SHAPE (persons)	CLASSROOM LAYOUT	HOLLOW SQUARE
ISOLA DI CANDIA	190	200	72	170	80
TILEMACHOS	70	50	29	21	32
PLAYIADA	253	250	90	200	100
KALYDON	63	70	20	40	20
HOME THEATRE	-	50	-	-	-
CRETAN SEA BALLROOM	295	320	120	280	140
CARPATHIAN SEA MEETING ROOM	66	52	29	40	32
IKARIAN SEA BOARDROOM	116,40	110	30	90	36
MIRABELLO BALLROOM	110	100	30	70	36
MYRTOAN SEA MEETING ROOM	38,30	40	15	30	18

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Creating the perfect environment for successful events



Location

Situated between two picturesque bays on the northeast coast of the Mediterranean Island of Crete, the Elounda Executive Conference Centre, consisting of the two renowned hotels Elounda Beach & Elounda Bay Palace, prides itself on offering both the delegate and organizer a multi-lingual, friendly and efficient service. Renovated yearly, the Centre is designed to reflect the traditional architecture of the Cretan Island, providing the finest facilities and also creating the perfect environment for successful and productive events. The Centre is situated at 69km - 45 minutes by car - from the International Airport "Nikos Kazantzakis" (in Iraklion).

Accommodation

With the conviction that next to the setting and the venue itself, accommodation is one of the key ingredients to a successful event, the ma-

nagement at Elounda places high importance on top quality accommodation during a conference. The Centre provides a comprehensive range of accommodation with 510 luxurious rooms, bungalows and suites with a panoramic sea view, some with private heated pool. Each guestroom is - at a minimum - appointed with air conditioning, hairdryer, bath robes, bath amenities, mini bar, Satellite TV, direct-dial phone, fireplace (some), Jacuzzi (some), DVD (some), fax modem (some), computer modem (some) and high speed Internet access.

Facilities & Services

Delegates can rest assured that they will be treated to a first-class dining experience in stunning venues, which serve a wide variety of international and local menus, ranging from fresh and uncomplicated Cretan cuisine to exotic Polynesian specialties and a Sushi Bar. The wealth of on-site facilities include laundry/dry cleaning, barber shop, beauty salon, Thalassa

Chenot, Wellfit Center, boutiques, car parking, limousine service and helicopter service.

Sports & Leisure

Sport and fitness activities available on site include water sports, mini golf, snorkeling and scuba diving. The Centre features specific and individual incentive programmes such as team building activities, water Olympics treasure hunt, fantastic catered or on-site theme dinners, Greek night, BBQ night, fisherman's night, tailor made Events and excursions, cruises and Jeep Safaris to sites on the island and nearby islets.

The Crete Golf Club (18 holes) at a distance of 25 min. drive, with special reduced green fees and preferred tee times for the guests.

Conference facilities

As expected from a world-class venue, the Centre's technical, presentation and communication

facilities are modern, efficient and adaptable. Whether the requirements are for a simple presentation or a spectacular production, the Centre's technical production team and its suppliers, are superbly equipped to design and implement creative and imaginative solutions, while the event planning team is able to make creative contributions, suggesting ways to turn each event into both a successful and unique experience. The Centre's state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment includes personal computers, fax, photocopier, tele-conferencing, (rental upon request), high-speed Internet access, screen, overhead projector, slide projector, LCD projector and flipcharts. Secretarial services are also available.

Keen on ensuring the smooth and efficient handling of all requirements, the Centre's expert staff is prepared to offer the perfect level of support and advice and simply make each event exceptional.

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	U-SHAPE (persons)	CLASSROOM STYLE (persons)	THEATER STYLE (persons)
ZEUS	360	180	220	550
CRONOS	130	70	70	110
APOLLO	105	55	70	100
HERMES LOUNGE	57	25	30	60
OLOUNDION	650	-	-	650
MARS	40	20	20	30
VENUS	40	20	20	30
ILIOS	60	35	35	60

Venues-Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BANQUET (persons)	BUFFET (persons)	COCKTAIL (persons)
ARTEMIS	1200	120 indoor/430 outdoor	140 indoor/380 outdoor	350 indoor/650 outdoor
DIONYSOS	800	70 indoor/200 outdoor	50 indoor/250 outdoor	100 indoor/400 outdoor
ARGONAUT	800	80 outdoor	80 outdoor	100 outdoor
BLUE LAGOON	150	100 indoor/150 outdoor	100 indoor/200 outdoor	250 outdoor
ARETOUSA	1400	300 indoor/500 outdoor	220 indoor/500 outdoor	300 indoor/600 outdoor
ARIADNE	880	120 outdoor	120 outdoor	150 outdoor
THALASSA	520	100 indoor	400 outdoor	450 outdoor
POSEIDON	80	-	-	100 outdoor
VEGHERA	350	Upon request special arrangement	Upon request special arrangement	130 outdoor
SAIL-IN	380	Upon request special arrangement	Upon request special arrangement	200 outdoor
LITO	400	50 indoor	-	100 outdoor
ERATO	450	80 indoor	-	100 outdoor

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Extraordinary conferences in a unique destination



Location

MINOIA PALACE RESORT & SPA is one of the finest 5* resort hotels in Crete situated in the cosmopolitan area of Platanias, 12km west of Chania town center and 24 km from Chania International Airport.

Its beautiful view combines the White Mountains, the unique natural environment and the blue sea with its endless beach.

This prestigious hotel has excellent facilities combined with an impeccable service and the finest cuisine in luxurious surroundings.

Starting from April 2008, the expansion of the hotel, gives direct access to the beach of Platanias, through the construction of an impressive aerial bridge, connecting the two hotel departments. All rooms & bungalows, feature individually controlled air conditioning / heating, direct dial phone, electronic safe & high speed Wi-Fi Internet connection free of charge satellite TV, hairdryer and mini bar. All units are composed of marble bathrooms (with phone), sitting-room and elegant furnished balconies or terraces.

There is also availability of connecting family rooms. All suites have extra separate bedroom, sitting-room 2 wc, D-

VD player, Mini Hi-Fi, TV LCD 26", bathrobes, natural bathroom amenities, as well as afternoon room-maid service. All imperial rooms of the Minoia Palace BEACH Resort, are composed of separate bathroom & shower and TV LCD 23".

Accommodation

The hotel offers 254 stylish decorated rooms, bungalows & suites, including the unique, water front, Imperial Suite of 300 m², which combine the discreet luxury and total comfort with the attention to the detail, in an idyllic location. All rooms & bungalows, feature individually controlled air conditioning / heating, direct dial phone, electronic safe, free high speed Wi-Fi Internet connection, free of charge satellite TV, hairdryer and mini bar, marble bathrooms & sitting-room. There is also availability of connecting family rooms.

All suites have extra separate bedroom, sitting-room 2 wc, fax, DVD player, Mini Hi-Fi, TV LCD 26"/32", bathrobes, natural bathroom amenities, as well as afternoon room maid service.

All units are composed of elegant furnished balconies or terraces offering majestic views of its surrounding countryside and of the shimmering sapphire blue Aegean beyond.

Facilities & Services

4 restaurants (Ela, Ta Nissia, Corali, Galazio) & 5 bars (Mythos, Tholos, Thalassa, Galini, Kafeneio) of sumptuous cuisine and stunning sea views, 24hrs room service, 4 outdoor swimming pools (2000 m²), 2 open air Jacuzzi, 2 children's swimming pools, water sports (at the beach), tennis & football court (floodlit), table-tennis, open-air amphitheater, free high speed internet room, wireless internet in all public areas, VIP lounge, play room, TV room, children's outdoors playground, mini club for 4-10 years old, jeweler's, mini market, baby sitting, doctor on call, taxilimousine service, car rental desk, cycling rental, laundry & dry cleaning service.

The hotel provides great variety of music & dancing options, such as greek, barbeque, piano and jazz nights. You can also have free cooking lessons, zumba, yoga, scuba diving, wine tastings and visits to local wineries.

Spa & Wellness

Escape to our heaven of relaxation and rejuvenation: Indoor heated swimming pool, fully equipped fitness center, sauna, hammam, jacuzzi, personal sauna

& spa-jet treatment, face & body treatments, cosmetics, aromatherapy, relaxing or healing massage, shiatsu, hairdresser's saloon.

Conference & Banqueting Facilities

State of the art conference room, 1.510sqm & maximum height 5,50m, rectangular, without columns, with a capacity of over 1.500 delegates & with the possibility of division into 5 smaller rooms from 50-600 delegates & exhibition area of 1.150sqm. The rooms are separated by movable highly soundproof-panels (up to 53db), fully audio-visually equipped.

Moreover, one conference room 720sqm & maximum height 3,35m, with the possibility of division into 5 smaller rooms, with a capacity of 50-700 delegates & an exhibition area 200sqm.

The rooms are separated by movable soundproof-panels (up to 45db) and are fully audio-visually equipped. All the multi-use rooms, as well as the 2 extra breakout rooms, 50sqm each, are available for conferences, lectures, shows, presentations & receptions, in combination with gala dinners, weddings, banquets & cocktails.

Conference Layout

HALL	Surface Area (m ²)	Theater Style	Classroom style (45 cm tables)	U-Shape
IMPERIAL CONGRESS HALL	1510	1600	1000	180
IMPERIAL MAIN HALL	570	670	410	100
IMPERIAL HALL I	170	200	120	50
IMPERIAL HALL II	170	200	120	50
IMPERIAL HALL III	181	215	130	50
IMPERIAL HALL IV	181	215	130	50
ATHINA CONGRESS HALL	720	780	500	130
ATHINA I	390	430	270	110
ATHINA II (Long)	172	180	120	50
ATHINA III (Square)	158	170	120	50
ARIADNE	54	60	40	15
PRESS ROOM	46	50	35	15

Type of Event

HALL	Surface Area (m ²)	Cocktail (persons)	Banquet (persons)
IMPERIAL CONGRESS HALL	1510	1500	-
IMPERIAL MAIN HALL	570	650	-
IMPERIAL HALL I	170	190	-
IMPERIAL HALL II	170	190	-
IMPERIAL HALL III	181	200	-
IMPERIAL HALL IV	181	200	-
ATHINA CONGRESS HALL	720	770	600
ATHINA I	390	420	250
ATHINA II (Long)	172	200	130
ATHINA III (Square)	158	250	170
ARIADNE	54	-	-
PRESS ROOM	46	30	-

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The elegantly appointed guestrooms offer the highest standards of comfort



Location

Combining the best of both worlds - beautiful natural surroundings with exceptional cultural opportunities - Cavo Spada Luxury Resort & Spa is a waterfront resort located 18kms west of the old Venetian harbor-town of Chania. Situated on the Gulf of Chania, it rises over a long stretch of blue-flag awarded beach, commanding stunning views of the Gulf and the spectacular Cape Spada.

Accommodation

The 150 elegantly appointed guestrooms offer the highest standards of comfort. All guestrooms and suites feature balcony or terrace with garden or sea views, marble bathrooms with bathtub and separate shower, hair dryer, scale, top quality amenities, bathrobes, slippers, safety deposit box, satellite LCD 26" TV and family rooms with an additional 20" TV, mini bar, telephone and music channel.

Facilities & Services

Energized by a genuinely caring staff, the resort offers everything under the sun. Spreading on 65,000 oceanfront square meters, it boasts a great array of on-site activities, including fine dining, refreshing cocktails at the main bar and pool bar, organized private beach, 24-hour room service, reception/concierge services, laundry & dry cleaning service, boutique, supervised children's facilities, doctor on call/medical facilities, florist/flower delivery, 2 tennis courts, and Internet access. The impressive 1700sqm main swimming pools - a free style lagoon - is complete with sun-beds and umbrellas set on the lush pool-side garden. There is also a children's pool and supervised "mini club" activities for the Lilliputian guests. On-site spa facilities feature indoor heated pool, fitness center/gym, sauna, Turkish baths, revitalizing massage & therapies, beauty treatment, Jacuzzi and hairdresser.

Conference Facilities

With flexible event space and a host of world-class amenities, Cavo Spada Luxury Resort & Spa is superbly designed to host unforgettable events for small and large meetings and gatherings, from 80 to 350 guests. The hotel's conference team is supported by a staff of genuinely caring professionals committed to meeting all participants' needs. The resort's conference facilities feature: overhead projector, video and data projector, LCD for overhead, carousel slide projector, white board screens, display boards, flipcharts, laser beam pointers, public address system, wireless microphones, staging facilities, Internet access, secretarial services, fax and photocopying services.



Type of Event

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	BUFFET-BANQUET (persons)	SEATED MENU (persons)	CABARET
Spatha	350	220	220	350
Grambousa 1	80	40	40	80
Grambousa 2	80	40	40	80

Conference Layout

HALL	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE (persons)	CLASSROOM (persons)	U-SHAPE
Spatha	350	350	180	80
Grambousa 1	80	75	36	25
Grambousa 2	80	75	36	25

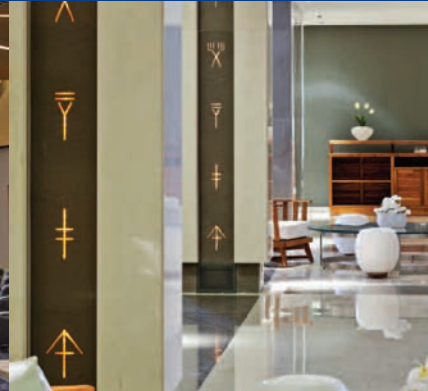
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The Ultimate Cretan Resort

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Location

Overlooking a beautiful sand & pebbles beach on the northwestern shores of Crete, AVRA IMPERIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA is a brand new 5* deluxe resort sprawling over 65,000 sq.m. of manicured gardens and water areas. Only steps away from the picturesque fishing village of Kolymbari and its quaint harbor, the resort lies about 24 km west of Chania and 39 km from the local international airport.

Accommodation

The 328 spacious Rooms & Suites include comfortable accommodation and luxurious suites with private or sharing fresh-water pools (118). All rooms have individually controlled air conditioning/heating, seating area, direct-dial phone, electronic safe, Internet connection, hairdryer & magnifying mirror, Satellite LED TV, CD/DVD Player (upon request or not, depending on the room type) mini bar, marble bathroom with hydro massage jet shower, luxurious bath amenities, bathrobes & slippers, luxurious linen and fully furnished balcony or terrace.

Facilities & Services

4 restaurants and 4 bars cater to the guests' culinary needs. These include: Basilico the Main Restaurant of AVRA IMPERIAL with an impressive terrace overlooking the main pool; Basilico Annex, the second main restaurant of the Hotel, which offers dinner with set menu with flavours of the world; Blue Dong the Asian a la carte international restaurant with a beautiful pool terrace; Al Fresco restaurant for lunch, which offers light meals and snacks with Greek and Mediterranean tastes during lunch time and All Fresco Italian Restaurant (for Dinner), which offers food with Italian influences during dinner time; Le Bar the Lounge Bar by the Lobby; Aura & Aura Annex the Pool Bars by the pool and Blu the Beach Bar on the beach. There is also a Jewelry Shop, Mini Market, Hairdressing Salon, Manicure & Pedicure / Nail Art, Rent a Car Desk and a Chapel. The resort's 1,900 sqm wellness and spa area comprises an indoor heated pool, steam bath cabins, Finnish sauna, water zone with wall mounted water jets, relax zone and aromatherapy, therapy zone with healing baths and a fully equipped gym and fitness center.

Leisure & Entertainment

A wide range of leisure activities and services include an impressive swimming pool with a unique pool bar in the middle of the pool, another pool with sea water, a children activity center with own swimming pool and an open air theater for evening events and shows. A light animation team entertains guests during the day and evenings. Also, 2 children's pools areas are available with fresh water. In the Annex Building there is an outdoor pool and one of the children's pools. Beach & Pool Towel Service is available throughout the day.

Conference & Banqueting Facilities

A new conference complex of the highest standards consisted by 10 "state of the art" conference halls of flexible function space that can accommodate 2000 persons, covering over 2000 m2 meeting and exhibition space. "Maistro" is an 924 m2 contemporary, pillar free, conference hall with a capacity of 1100 persons which can be also separated into two smaller rooms, equipped with the latest conferences and banqueting facilities.



Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m2)	SIZE (m)	HEIGHT (m)	BANQUET (persons)	THEATRE (persons)
MAISTRO I + II	924	42x22	5.80	684	1094
MAISTRO I	418	19x22	5.80	228	400
MAISTRO II	506	23x22	5.80	384	614
LIVA	126	14x9	4.70	60	124
SIROCCO	126	14x9	4.70	60	124
LEVANTE	189	21x9	4.70	108	208
PUNENTE	189	21x9	4.70	108	208
TRAMONTANA	80	10x8	4.70	-	64
GRECO	80	10x8	4.70	-	64
GARBIS	80	10x8	4.70	-	64
OSTRIA	80	10x8	3.00	-	64
OPEN AIR AMPHITHEATER	-	-	-	-	300

Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m2)	CLASSROOM (persons)	BOARDROOM (persons)	SQUARE (persons)
MAISTRO I + II	924	560	-	-
MAISTRO I	418	165	-	-
MAISTRO II	506	314	-	-
LIVA	126	49	-	-
SIROCCO	126	49	-	-
LEVANTE	189	85	-	-
PUNENTE	189	85	-	-
TRAMONTANA	80	40	20	26
GRECO	80	40	22	26
GARBIS	80	40	22	26
OSTRIA	80	40	22	26
OPEN AIR AMPHITHEATER	80	-	-	-

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Location

Rising over small sandy gulfs in northern Crete, Deluxe IBEROSTAR Creta Panorama & Mare and IBEROSTAR Creta Marine hotels are situated next to the picturesque fishing-village of Panormos and a leisurely 20 minute drive away from cosmopolitan Rethymnon. Combining a privileged central location, upscale comfort and state-of-the-art facilities, these First Class Hotels and Bungalow Complexes are the ideal destination, for business or pleasure.

Accommodation

Beautifully landscaped lush gardens surround the fully air-conditioned main building and bungalows complex. There are 454 rooms (Creta Panorama & Mare) - 359 rooms (Creta Marine) expertly furnished and comfortable guestrooms, also with disabled accessible accommodations and luxurious suites. All rooms are appointed with individual bathroom, hair dryer, climate control, direct-dial phone, safe box, fridge, Satellite Colour TV with music channel and a private balcony or terrace with splendid views.

Facilities & Services

In an elegant and relaxed ambience, the hotels' restaurants and taverna serve a wide variety of a-la-carte and buffet dining. Guests can watch the sun sink into the sea while indulging in a pre-dinner drink at the pool-bars or relax over cocktails at the cosy lobby bars or the music bars. Other facilities include a children's playground, game-room, mini golf, table tennis, billiards, Open-Air Theatre, Satellite TV and Video Lounge, a hair parlour, a jeweller's, mini-club, a mini-market, and an Internet corner.

Sports & Leisure

There are on-site flood-lit tennis courts, volley and basketball courts, while water-sport activities include: Water Ski, Banana Boats, Ringo, Canoes, Jet Ski. A Scuba-Diving Centre at locality.

The hotels' outdoor seawater pools, indoor heatable pools and one outdoor freshwater pool are perfect for plunging. A fitness room is available to guests, featuring sauna and hydro-massage. Evening entertainment is provided with stage performances, a daily animation program, night shows, Greek nights and folklore shows.

Conference Facilities

For state-of-the-art business convenience, IBEROSTAR Creta Panorama & Mare boasts an excellent Conference Centre, providing for air-conditioned venues for events up to 500 persons. The Centre comprises one large Conference Room, Lobby and Exhibition Area, two Meeting Rooms, two Committee Rooms, a Secretarial Office, as well as sufficient outdoor space on the veranda for special events. The Conference Centre is equipped with climate control and a hospitality desk. Special notice boards, microphones, flip charts, overhead / slide and video projectors and video VHS, Secretarial assistance, hostess services, press office and photographers are on request available.

The hotel IBEROSTAR Creta Marine has two function rooms ideal for conferences. The largest room has a capacity of 300 persons and the second room of 40 persons.



Type of Event

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	COCKTAIL/RECEPTION (persons)	BANQUET (persons)
KNOSSOS (Main Conference Hall)	406	600	250
KNOSSOS A	235	-	100
KNOSSOS B	189	-	80
KRITI (Foyer/Exhibition area)	195	300	-
MATALA (Meeting Room 1)	126	100	60
ARIADNI (Meeting Room 2)	125	150	-
GORTYS (Committee Room 1)	23	-	-
ZAKROS (Committee Room 2)	15	-	-
RETHYMNO (Press Room)	15	-	-
APHRODITI (Terrace/Pergola)	270	300	200
DELPHI (Open-air Theatre)	820	800	-

Conference Layout

HALLS	SURFACE AREA (m ²)	THEATRE LAYOUT (persons)	CLASSROOM LAYOUT (persons)	"U" LAYOUT (persons)
KNOSSOS (Main Conference Hall)	406	500	250	100
KNOSSOS A	235	250	125	50
KNOSSOS B	189	200	100	30
KRITI (Foyer/Exhibition area)	195	-	-	-
MATALA (Meeting Room 1)	126	100	50	20
ARIADNI (Meeting Room 2)	125	100	-	20
GORTYS (Committee Room 1)	23	16	-	-
ZAKROS (Committee Room 2)	15	8	-	-
RETHYMNO (Press Room)	15	8	-	-
APHRODITI (Terrace/Pergola)	270	-	-	-
DELPHI (Open-air Theatre)	820	600	-	-

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Profile

Established in 1987, Agora Travel S.A. is a reputable and professional travel and tourism company, providing quality services that ensure full customer satisfaction. Operating throughout Greece, the company specializes in incentives and congresses, in addition to a full range of incoming services. Having successfully organized more than 300 seminars, symposiums, conferences and congresses where it accommodated over 135,000 participants and accompanying persons, the company combines reliable and personal services with a top quality product aiming to develop an important professional tool to the benefit of its customers. Agora Travel is an established leading travel expert in the sector. Offering services to corporate customers in Greece and elsewhere, it has created a solid communication basis with clients, providing innovative solutions and top quality services. One of the leading companies in the Greek tourism sector, Agora Travel has earned reliability and trustworthiness confir-

med in its cooperation with governmental and international agencies, aiming at developing its potential for a leading position in the sector of international business travel, incentives and conference organization. An experienced and dedicated creative team enables the company to ensure absolute satisfaction for the most discerning client.

Services

- As one of the leaders in the Greek congress and conference sector, Agora Travel performs on a high professional level to organize any type of events, from small business gatherings to major international congresses with thousands of delegates.
- Preparation of all types of events, including the location of suitable venues, conference premises organization, planning, budgeting, financial management and sponsoring, abstracts and scientific agendas, audiovisual and communication equipment, social events, trips, promotion, registration, accommodation and transport.
- Incentive travel custom made to fit client demands.
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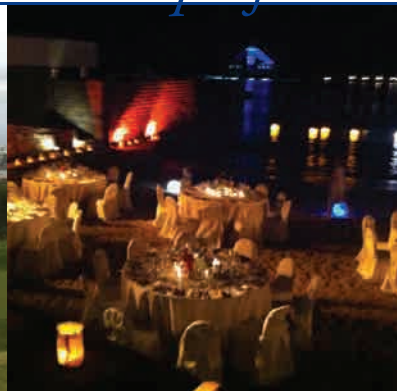
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Profile

KOSMOS TRAVEL operates in the field of Conference and Business Travel for the last 35 years, providing integrated travel services to companies and enterprises, organizations, as well as governmental and public institutions, in Greece and abroad. Our experienced staff provides exclusive services to clients for Congresses & Events, Business Travel, Incentives & Outgoing Congresses and Incoming - DMC Services.

We are at your disposal for Venue proposals, hotels, budgeting, sponsoring and financing project design and management, full - scale secretarial support, communication, hospitality & entertainment. Our CEO Michalis Vlatakis is the Vice President of Pan-Hellenic Federation of Tourist Enterprises and President Tourist & Travel Agents of Crete.

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Services

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

We plan, organize and implement national and international Congresses and Conferences. In Greece Our services include:

- Selection and booking of the convention facilities and locations
- Secretarial Management
- Accommodation
- Online Reservation system for registration, transfers, accommodation and excursions
- Budgeting, Sponsoring and Financial Control
- Design and Management of all Congress services



- Invited Speakers & VIP Programs
- Audio - Visual
- Communication - PR activities
- Events
- Entertainment & Gastronomy

INCENTIVES

- We offer to our clients unique opportunities and interesting programs for incentive and reward trips in Greece or abroad.
- We are constantly conducting research for new attractive destinations, travel ideas and activities, based on the wishes, preferences and needs of each company.
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Conference Equipment
& Audiovisual
Facilities



Conference Equipment & Audiovisual Facilities



A conference organizes group interactions to facilitate communication in order to inform, educate, discuss and decide. Such organization uses conference equipment to enable communication within and between groups and delegates, including audio-visual aids, simultaneous interpreting equipment and equipment to record and transcribe conference proceedings.

Greece has a long record in the audiovisual field, realizing that knowledge and information are the engines that drive economies in the 21st century. Throughout the country, professionals with long experience in the sector and with membership in prestigious international Congress Associations, specialize in the provision of audiovisual products and services, providing integrated solutions to their clients' growing needs. They offer a wide range of audiovisual facilities with emphasis on customer service for making a complex task seem easy, providing state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained staff that gives them the flexibility to respond to customers' specific needs.

Greek companies offer comprehensive audio-visual assistance comprising a wide variety of platforms to enhance proceedings by supplying presentation technology, production and services nationwide and abroad, including audio, video, lighting and staging to ensure a quality performance. For large groups, the conference equipment - including soundproof booths and individual headsets - provide the perfect non-intrusive vehicle for simultaneous interpreting, while there is also assistance available with voting systems, audio-visual aids and recording systems. For small group settings or for mobile tours, the companies can sell or rent portable equipment, with or without interpreters.

Services provided include web design and live Internet broadcasting of a congress, video tape recording of any event and sound technical installation and support, as well as photography. Due to the high technical expertise and superb equipment available, some of the companies are capable to operate a mini TV station that broadcasts live any events to the Internet, with an end result equivalent to a professional TV production; E-learning/Technical support provides the required technical support and appropriate software to companies and organizations that have already developed educational material for their personnel training and continuous training; a digital album comprising a CD or VCD production with Slide Show or photos along with music from the entire conference and the Incentives; state of the art technical support facilities, with direct access to Internet through wide bandwidth (T1) lines, private web server, e-mail, web and e-mail hosting and telematic applications, on-line bookings; PC & Videoconferencing, on-line voting, teleworking, PCs, word processors, scanners, printers, copiers, CD abstracts & proceedings, translation systems and equipment.



Slide Show

*photos
music*





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When it's your job to produce documents for special events, or to meet short-term demands for intense document production, Xerox Special Event Services is the simplest printer rental and copier rental choice. Terms are as short as three days or as long as one year, and we offer a complete product range from desktop to high speed equipment - printers, multifunction printers, fax machines, and copiers. Your printer rental and copier rental comes with, supplies and support to make your event special, whether it's across the hall... or across the country. Count on us for printer rentals and copier rentals for:

- Events like meetings, conventions, seminars, trade shows, and sporting events
- Peak periods of increased workload

like tax season, litigation, audits, and year-end reporting

- Short-term needs for film productions, engineering projects, and construction sales offices
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Events

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Conference Technical Support/Booth Design & Construction



In a bid to create original designing and constructive solutions with impressive results, the Greek professionals of the contemporary exhibition and conference market offer an increasing variety of support services

Greece is positioning itself at the heart of the conference and congress market climbing in 15th place (International Congress and Convention Association report 2008) as a global conference destination, hosting more than 160,000 conference and congress delegates with revenues exceeding 450 million Euro. The phenomenal success of the 2004 Olympic Games acted as a springboard for increased investments in the all aspects of the travel industry with focus on the meetings, conference and trade-fair sector in Greece. Accordingly, in the trade show support, conference support and exhibition support services, a large number of professionals make continuous attempts to prepare the best environment possible for their customers, especially nowadays when the service quality defines the standard of the events and plays a much more important role than ever.

In a bid to create original designing and constructive solutions with impressive results, the Greek professionals of the contemporary exhibition and conference market offer an increasing variety of support services in the design of trade show booths, including tabletop displays, banner stands, pop up displays, graphics, snap displays and many more. Staffed with skilled professionals from a variety of backgrounds and departments, including architectural, graphic and electronic design, production and integration of multimedia presentation, as well as experienced craftsmen in all relevant construction fields, the companies provide technical support, they design custom or portable exhibits and can produce displays that are light-weight, durable, inexpensive to ship and easy to setup.

Once the event begins, trade show support, conference support and exhibition support services can provide attendance tracking and lead retrieval services. The companies also offer logistical and innovative technical support during the event and continue to work for their clients even after the trade-show booth, product exhibit, and supporting marketing materials are complete. They understand convention center practices and provide technical support throughout the conference and guidance during critical move-in and move-out periods.



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Floating Conferences
& Incentives



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Floating Conferences & Incentives



At a time when professionals are finding it more difficult than ever to maintain a proper balance between their work and personal lives, corporate-tourism experts are promoting "floating conferences" and associated incentives, translating into new opportunities for employees to relax, re-energize and combine career development with the activities aboard a luxury cruiser.



In island-rich Greece, the splendid natural attractions in the Aegean and the Ionian Seas combined with the first-class amenities aboard a cruiser or a yacht provide for a superb setting for conferences, business meetings, formal dinners and other similar events. Several cruise lines offer an exclusive range of catering and conference facilities and a highly trained staff experienced in catering for all occasions, especially for corporate events.

The Greek shipping and cruising industry boasts one of the most varied and large fleets in Europe, sailing in a wide range of outfits from commercial linen to ferries connecting major ports, as well as from single-day cruises to long deluxe trips aboard fully equipped ocean liners. Every port in Greece is connected either by ferry or some smaller vessel to provide for easy and relatively inexpensive access.

A yacht is a highly prestigious venue for a business meeting or conference, not only offering privacy but also taking passengers away from the pressures of the outside world. More and more professionals are using yachts to relax, travel and work in peace. Greece has to offer the yachtsman a great deal, not only because of the natural attractions in the Aegean and the Ionian, but also due to the readily available supplies, both on the islands and along the coastline on the mainland. Yachting in the Greek seas has become so popular during the past two decades that chartering has grown from a small business into a vigorous industry boasting 2,000 yachts and itineraries to suit the most discerning customer.

It has been found that a cruise motivates and it is a way of training, also bringing people closer together. A long-time favorite of meeting planners and incentive organizers. Greece has all there is to offer for a life on the sea waves. From day trips around its over 3,000 islands to long-haul trips on a large cruise liner around the Mediterranean. With its bright sunshine and minimal rainfall, Greece offers an unrivalled choice for the incentive and conference planner and works its magic on any individual traveler or group.



Cruising



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Location

Sea Cruises Exclusive was established in 1991, being the owning and / or operating company of middle size luxury cruising vessels, all being engaged in the one day cruise business. Our activity has expanded in various areas all over Greece, including the Cyclades islands, Crete, Kalamata and Zakynthos. Since 1996 our activity moved to Athens area, offering day or night cruises to the neighboring islands always on an exclusive charter basis. S.C.E. is currently the exclusive operator of the cruising vessels "Alkyonis" and "Mantalea" and the only company in Greece specialized in upgraded, custom-made day or night cruises, mainly addressed to the corporate, incentive & congress market.

Activity

We organize day and night cruises in the Athens area, always on an exclusive charter basis, with voyage schedules and services customized for each event. A day cruise could include the most popular destinations near Athens such as Aegina, Poros or Hydra, as well as more isolated or remote destinations including the Corinth canal, Epidavros, Cape Sounio, Agistri, Spetsas and other sites of interest. A night cruise usually combines dinner and entertainment on board with slow navigation along the coastline of Attica or a short visit of a close island.

Vessels

Exclusive operators in the Athens area of the day cruising vessels "Alkyonis" and "Mantalea", two of the most modern, comfortable, safe and luxurious vessels of this category in Greece. The "Alkyonis" is a fast and handy vessel, ideal for day excursions, whereas the "Mantalea" has plenty of open deck areas, thus being ideal for day excursions of larger groups as well as night events.



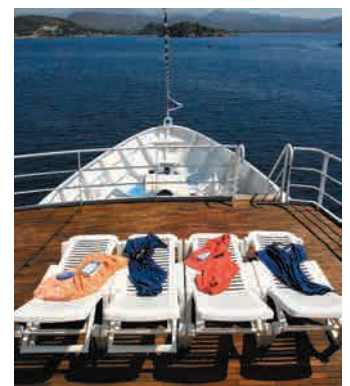
Services

Aiming to change a usual sea excursion into an unforgettable experience, our customers can choose among a number of services, organized and offered by our company, including:

- Catering, with a wide variety of freshly cooked lunch and dinner menus as well as breakfast, cocktails and other snacks, all served by our professional and friendly wait staff
- Entertainment on board, by selecting among live music or DJ sets, dancing shows, karaoke, fireworks shows, team games etc.
- Conference facilities for corporate activities on board
- Onshore activities, including guided tours, water sports, scuba diving, team games on the beach
- Additional services, such as transportation to the vessel, hotel arrangements in case of overnight ashore or dining on a destination island.

Customers

80% of our customers are well-established Greek and foreign corporations, who enjoy a friendly and luxurious environment and integrated services for their events. Major companies such as Kodak, Heineken, Coca-Cola, Novartis, Levi's, Luis Vuiton, Peugeot, Texaco, Michelin, Visa and many others are included in our customers list. Our company's long expertise is also reflected by our participation in important international events. The Athens 2004 Organizing Committee chartered the "Mantalea" to be the only spectators' boat for the sailing events during the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. The same vessel was chartered by America's Cup Management to serve as a spectators' boat for the big sponsors' hospitality program, in the 32nd America's Cup held in Valencia in 2007.



	m/v "Alkyonis"	m/v "Mantalea"
Year of built	1995	1990
Length	40,40 m.	43,42 m.
Breadth	6,90 m.	8,32 m.
Lounges	2 / 145 sq.m.	2 / 185 sq.m.
Covered air decks	2 / 100 sq.m.	2 / 245 sq.m.
Open decks	1 / 30 sq.m.	1 / 70 sq.m.

	m/v "Alkyonis"	m/v "Mantalea"
Cruising speed	15 knots	15 knots
Official capacity	300	500
Lounge dining seats	90	148
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Total dining seats	154	269
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