

## The Roman and Byzantine walk

We explore the Roman and Byzantine past of Thessaloniki, discovering its monuments, many of which are classified by Unesco as World Heritage sites and try to connect the past with the present through a rather unique city experience.

Our walk starts at the Trigoniou Tower in the Upper Town (Ano Poli) where we have the chance to enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of the city. During our tour we wander around its narrow picturesque stone paved streets, we see the remaining eastern city walls where we discover important inscriptions and visit medieval churches hiding important treasures. Walking down along the fortification walls, we find ourselves facing one of the most important monuments of the city, the emblematic Rotunda with its superb mosaics. The arch of Triumph (Kamara) and the palace of the soldier - Emperor Galerius are the last stops of our walk.

Moving through the threshold of two eras we seek the visible and hidden traces of the Roman and Medieval world.

*meeting point:* Trigoniou Tower (Ano Poli)

*starting time:* 11.00

*duration:* 3 hours

*language:* English

*price:* 12 euros per person

*group size:* 20 - 30 prs



## **One city, many faces, countless stories.**

Following the traces of all those who lived in Thessaloniki before us and narrating a fascinating story we seek the complex identity of the city we inherited. Our tour starts from the Hellenistic period, to pass through the Roman Byzantine, Ottoman ones and reach the 19th multicultural Thessaloniki as well as the astounding 20th century era, without of course neglecting to take a look into its dark ages. Together we discover not only glorious monuments, many of which are UNESCO listed sites of World Cultural Heritage, but also places where the human adventure made what we now call history and forged the city's cultural identity.

Wandering around time and places, we discover a Roman forum (Agora), monumental constructions with a unique character such as the Rotunda, an arch immortalizing military triumphs, palace ruins, medieval towers, modest Byzantine churches hiding rare treasures, and streets, legendary squares, points and corners associated with major historical events.

Together we embrace the city of poets and the city of social movements, and hopefully end up feeling welcome and cozy in a city that once belonged almost equally to Jews, Greeks, Ottomans and refugees from Minor Asia. Their coexistence left its indelible traces in culture, music, gastronomy, in every aspect of everyday life.

*meeting point:* Aristotelous str. - Mitropoleos str. (at the entrance of Electra Palace Hotel)

*starting time:* 11.00

*duration:* 3 hours

*language:* English

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## The Grand Food Tour – Flavors and Scents

How was Thessaloniki's culinary identity made up? What are the stories behind the flavors that we love so much and how do they relate to the city's past?

We walk in the center of the city, through the markets of Modiano, Kapani and Athonos with our guide Kostis Zafirakis and detect the complex sophisticated gastronomic identity of the city. We meet the people of the markets, listen to their stories, visit selected venues and shops and taste their excellent products. We have fun, drink, eat and most importantly enjoy chatting with people passionate about different savoring ingredients and preparation of delicious dishes, who introduce us to the pleasure of good food.

During this walk we share a rich dining experience, tasting honey, chalva, nougat desert, pasteli, delight lokums and olives as well as a great variety of fine cheese and cold cuts, secret recipe dishes and learn every tiny detail on the preparation of the appetizing Macedonian pie. We look for places gastronomically related to the past, to homemade and street food, always spotting new gastronomic trends.

*meeting point:* Aristotelous str. - Mitropoleos str. (at the entrance of Electra Palace Hotel)

*starting time:* 11.00

*duration:* 3 hours

*language:* English

*price:* 20 euros per person (including all the tastings)

*group size:* 20 - 30 prs



## In the footsteps of Aristotle

The life, the work and the heritage of the greatest mind of the ancient world.

We approach the greatest mind of the ancient world during an innovative and inspired tour through the archeological site of the ancient Stageira, but also to modern Stageira, revealing stories that penetrate each other, composing a special atmosphere.

History, philosophy, archeology are combined with walking in an environment of incomparable natural beauty, while Tasos Papadopoulos, with his distinctive narrative style, tells the story of Aristotle's life and points out the most important parts of his work. Wandering round this imposing site, apart from Stageiritis, we meet Plato, Philip and Alexander, Aquinas and Averroes and in one the most charming stops of our tour, Umberto Eco.

This tour becomes even more significant as recent scientific announcements suggest that the Heroon, at the center of Ancient Stageira be the tomb of Aristotle, which really makes the area a prominent outstanding destination.

*meeting point:* Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki

*starting time:* 10.00

*duration:* 8 hours

*language:* English, Greek

*price:* 40 euros per person (including a sandwich, tsipouro & snack and the entrance ticket to Aristotle park)

*group size:* 30 -45 prs

