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LAND JOURNEY

ACTIVE TRAVEL for Cultural Explorers

Northern Greece & Athens

May 30 - June 9, 2028

from Ancient Macedonia to Classical Greece

Inspiring Moments

- Admire the early Christian **Church of St. David,** the **Byzantine city walls** and the **Roman Agora,** a architectural timeline of Thessaloniki's history.
- Explore **Dion,** a sacred ancient city at the foot of Mount Olympus.
- Gaze in wonder at **Meteora's monasteries.**
- Explore **Thessaloniki's Jewish heritage.**
- Admire well-preserved Macedonian artifacts at **ancient Aigai.**
- Walk in the footsteps of ancient Athenians at the **Acropolis.**
- Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



Top: Meteora | Above: Mezedes platter



Itinerary

Day 1	Depart gateway city ✈
Day 2	Arrive in Thessaloniki and transfer 🚌 to hotel
Day 3	Thessaloniki
Day 4	Ancient Dion | Mount Olympus
Day 5	Meteora
Day 6	Vergina
Day 7	Thessaloniki
Day 8	Thermopylae | Athens
Day 9	Athens
Day 10	Athens
Day 11	Transfer 🚌 to Athens airport and depart for gateway city ✈

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚌 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Program elements are subject to change and may be substituted with comparable alternatives when necessary.

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}
- **6 nights** in Thessaloniki, Greece, at the deluxe Electra Palace Thessaloniki.
- **3 nights** in Athens at the deluxe NJV Athens Plaza.

Transfers {with baggage handling}
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program
- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

A World of Discovery

Thessaloniki. Once the Byzantine Empire's Balkan counterpart of Constantinople, Thessaloniki is filled with reminders of its illustrious history. On a walking tour, pass by Byzantine walls, early Christian churches and a Roman agora.Visit a local market that has been selling fresh produce, spices and olives since the 15th century.

Dion & Mount Olympus. Travel to the archaeological site of Dion at the foot of Mount Olympus, home of the Greek gods. This sacred Macedonian city remained a vital city through the Roman and Byzantine eras. Its significant landmarks include temples to Zeus, Demeter and other deities; theaters from the Hellenistic and Roman periods; Roman baths; and exquisite mosaics.

Meteora. Witness the breathtaking sight of Meteora's monasteries built atop sandstone monoliths. In the 15th century, monks escaping Ottoman oppression built 24 monasteries on the peaks of these soaring stone pillars. Only six remain active today. Enter selected monasteries to admire beautiful Byzantine icons and architecture.

Aigai, Capital of Ancient Macedonia. Visit ancient Aigai, modern-day Vergina, to visit the Polycentric Museum of Aigai. The museum holds the treasures found in the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. The tomb, which lay undisturbed until 1977, has given historians a key look into ancient art, architecture and culture.

Jerusalem of the Balkans. A community of Sephardic Jews settled in Thessaloniki in the 15th century and became a vital part of the city. Visit the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki, Holocaust Memorial and neighborhoods that formed the core of Thessaloniki's Jewish community.

Thermopylae. En route to Athens, visit the site of the legendary battle between the Greek city-states and Persia.

Highlights of Athens. See the Academy of Athens, the National Library of Greece and the University of Athens, a trio of 19th-century neoclassical buildings that embrace Greece's architectural heritage. Ascend the Acropolis for a walk around the majestic Parthenon. Visit the Acropolis Museum to see ancient treasures from the hilltop site.

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Athens

Market Tour, Psyrri & Monastiraki. Tour the market that has been serving Athenians since 1886. Explore the Monastiraki and Psyrri neighborhoods to see how tradition and modern life thrive together.

Enrichment

– Thessaloniki: The Crossroads of Empires

– Contemporary Greece

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Archaeological Site of Aigai,** Vergina
2. **Meteora**
3. **Acropolis,** Athens
4. **Early Christian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessaloniki,** Thessaloniki
5. **The wider area of Mount Olympus**

Accommodations

Electra Palace Thessaloniki | Thessaloniki

NJV Athens Plaza | Athens

Tripadvisor

From $6,495

AHI Travel Expertise

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

Travel Consultants | Guide you through the reservation process, offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides & lecturers | Deepen your appreciation for the region.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.



Leonidas Monument

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Excursions on this program require:

– walking on unpaved, rocky or slippery paths and/or uneven surfaces
– navigating inclines and/or steps without hand rails
– getting on/off motor coaches