

## Mount Olympus and the greek healing waters of Thermopylae

Highlights: City tour in Thessaloniki “in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul” - the three Macedonian cities royal: Pella, Vergina and Dion - three days on Mount Olympus - the possibility to climb up the summit - the Tempivalley - the Meteora monasteries - the healing waters of Thermopylae and Kamena Vourla

Day 1: Arrival in Thessaloniki and meeting in the hotel. Dinner at the former dock warehouse district Ladadika.

Day 2: Guided walk “In the footsteps of the Apostle Paul”: you will see some of the Byzantine churches and two former mosques. At noon we drive to Pella, the former Macedonian royal city, where Alexander the Great was born and to Vergina, where we visit the grave of Phillip II. This and other royal tombs were in 1977 discovered unplundered.

In the evening we reach the village Litochoro at the foot of Mount Olympus

Day 3: In the cool of the morning, we wander through the third former Macedonian royal city of Dion, which is especially beautiful situated at the foot of the mountain gods. Here we see the sanctuaries of Demeter and Isis. Afterwards, we drive up to 1000 meters and begin our ascent in the shadow of Mount Olympus. After 3-4 hours we reach a shelter in the 2100 meters. It is run by the German-born Maria Zolotas. Up from the shelter you must have climbing condition and must be free of giddiness.

Day 4: Today we climb the Mytikos with 2917 meters the highest of the five peaks of Mount Olympus. Who wants to remain in the vicinity of the hut can hold conversation with the gods in smelling summer meadows.

Day 5: Free. It is possible to climb another peak of the Olympus.

Day 6: Descend to Prionia and trip through the romantic Tempi-valley to the Meteora-monasteries. Overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 7: Visit of two of the most beautiful Meteora monasteries. Trip to Thermopylae and swimming in the fountain. Overnight in Kamena Vourla.

Day 8: Trip back to the airport of Thessaloniki.

Services:

- 7 nights with half board
- All transfers and entrance fees
- English speaking guide
- Travel insurance certificate

Dates and prices: see in the german version of this website