



Little wonders of the
city

Welcome to Thessaloniki – Your Airbnb City Guide

Dear guests,

We are thrilled to host you in beautiful Thessaloniki! Whether you are here for a weekend escape or a longer stay, we want to make sure you have everything you need to enjoy the city to the fullest. Thessaloniki offers the perfect mix of history, food, culture, and seaside charm.



Here is everything you need to enjoy your stay like a local.




Must-See Highlights







Historic & Cultural Sites

-  White Tower: City's landmark with stunning rooftop views.
-  Rotunda & Arch of Galerius: 4th-century monuments, great photo ops
-  Ano Poli (Old Town): Ottoman houses, cobbled streets, and panoramic vistas.
-  Museum of Byzantine Culture: World-class collection of Byzantine art.
-  Kapani & Modiano Markets: Bustling markets for local cheese, spices, and coffee.

Neighbourhoods to Explore

-  Ladadika: Vibrant district with restaurants and bars.
-  Valaoritou Street: Thessaloniki's nightlife heart.
-  Navarinou Square: Youthful vibe, street food, tattoo shops, and ruins.

Best Spots for Sunset


-  White Tower Waterfront
-  Trigonion Tower in Ano Poli
-  Port promenade
-  Boat Bar Cruises

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Local Life: Markets, Food & Neighbourhoods


Kapani & Modiano Markets


 Explore these vibrant food markets brimming with spices, local delicacies, cheeses, and fresh produce—great for sampling and photography.

Ladadika District

 Historically a significant olive oil marketplace turned into a trendy nightlife district, filled with restored ships-store buildings, lively squares, tavernas and bars like Morichovou Square.

Tips for Guests

 **Getting Around:**
Thessaloniki centre is very walkable. Many major sites cluster near the port. Use taxis or public transit for destinations like Ano Poli or beaches.

 **Museums & Tickets Recommended:**
White Tower, Archaeological Museum, Museum of Byzantine Culture.

 **Local Experience:**

Encourage stops at traditional markets and neighbourhood cafés for a taste of local life.

✿ Useful Websites for Exploring Thessaloniki

To make the most of your time here, check out these websites — they are packed with local insights, trip ideas, and practical information. Whether you are looking for hidden gems, transportation tips, or event calendars, these resources will help you explore with confidence.

📍 [Thessaloniki Blog](#)

A local gem with great recommendations on food, cafés, nightlife, hidden spots, and cultural experiences – written with love by locals!

📍 [Thessaloniki.travel](#)

The city's official travel portal – perfect for finding museums, festivals, maps, events, guided routes, and even downloadable brochures to help plan your trip day by day.

📍 [Tourist Guides of Greece](#)

Need a certified guide? This site connects you with licensed professionals

offering themed tours like Byzantine history, Jewish heritage, street art, or food-focused walks.



📍 Pro Tips

- ✚ Most highlights are easily walkable from the centre.
- ✚ Use these websites to check hours, find routes, or discover events during your stay.
- ✚ Combine what you find online with tips in this guide for the perfect balance of structure and spontaneity.
- ✚ Let us know if you need help with bookings, reservations, or local suggestions — we are always happy to help!



🚗 Day Trips & Beyond

Day Trip Options

🚦 Classic excursions include day trips to Meteora, Mount Olympus region, and Pozar Thermal Baths/Edessa—easy to reach from Thessaloniki.

Nearby Beaches

🚦 Chill out or take a quick dip at local beaches such as Perea, Neoi Epivates, and Agia Triada. A frequent boat shuttle service runs from behind the port near White Tower.

🗺️ Day Trips from Thessaloniki

| Destination | What to See/Do | Distance |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Mount Olympus | Hiking, mythology, nature | ~1-1.5 hr |
| Pozar Thermal Baths | Natural hot springs + Edessa waterfalls | ~1.5-2 hr |
| Halkidiki Beaches | Kalogria, Agios Ioannis, Possidi, N. Marmaras | ~1.5 hr |
| Vergina | Tomb of Philip II, archaeological museum | ~1.5 hr |
| Meteora | Monasteries on rock pillars (best as full day) | ~2.5 hr |

□ Suggested Itineraries at a Glance



✿ Day 1: Waterfront & City Centre

✚ White Tower

The iconic symbol of the city on Nikis Avenue waterfront. Climb to the top for panoramic views over the sea and city and explore exhibits on Thessaloniki's history from Byzantine to Ottoman rule.

✚ Stroll the Waterfront & Aristotelous Square

Walk along Nikis Avenue, dotted with lively cafés and restaurants. Relax or go shopping in the elegant Aristotelous Square, known for its distinctive architecture designed by Ernest Hébrard.

✚ Arch of Galerius & Rotunda

Discover these Roman-era remnants: the triumphal Arch and cylindrical Rotunda (now Saint George's Church). A fascinating mix of pagan, Christian and Ottoman layers.

🏰 Day 2: Byzantine and Historic Old Town (Ano Poli)

✚ Ano Poli (Upper Town)

Wander through narrow stone-paved streets, explore preserved Byzantine walls, Ottoman-era buildings, and enjoy sweeping views of the city and Eptapyrgio fortress.

✚ Byzantine Churches & Eptapyrgio Fortress

Visit the Church of Hagia Sophia (with stunning mosaics) and see other UNESCO-listed churches and the fortress perched above the city.

✚ Museum of Byzantine Culture

A standout museum displaying frescoes, mosaics, early Christian artifacts, textiles, and tombs from Thessaloniki's long spiritual and cultural past.



Thank you for exploring Thessaloniki with us! We hope this guide has helped you discover the soul of the city—from its ancient streets and hidden gems to the vibrant flavours and local culture that make Thessaloniki so special. Whether you are here for a short stay or a longer adventure, we hope you have felt the unique blend of history, creativity, and warmth that defines this place.

As you wrap up your journey, take a moment to breathe in the sea breeze, watch the city lights come to life, and carry a bit of Thessaloniki with you wherever you go.

Safe travels—and remember, you will always have a home here at Urban Kimono.

With gratitude,

Dimitris & Victoria

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