

Jonathan's Tour team, welcome you to Kavala & Thasos island in 2020

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Itinerary - 4th to 11th June 2020
Price : 1.190€

Accommodation in Thasos "Elektra Hotel"

This program is a rough guide to the tour. Jonathan's tours reserves the right to make changes for the convenience or the safety of the group due to weather, group fitness or other events out of our control.



Thasos is a small island with a huge variety of landscapes. The trees come right down to the shore line in many places meaning that it is very wooded and densely vegetated. The footpaths are very varied. Some are dirt roads and others rocky and uneven. We will walk on all of these surfaces through olive groves, pine forest and lowland scrub. It would be a good idea to wear long trousers on the walks and wear ankle high as opposed to walking shoes. Thasos has many fine beaches, and ever changing views of the surrounding islands and landscapes. Nightingales, hoopoes, and bee eaters are often found in the forest and ancient olive groves. Thasos still feels like Greek islands used to feel with fishermen sipping wine and dancing the rembetiko in the evenings.



□Arrival day -Guests will meet at Thessaloniki airport at 11.30am. We will transfer to Kavala (about 2 1/2 hour drive). We will take lunch once we arrive in Kavala. We catch the afternoon ferry to Skala Prinou Thasos (2 hours). Once we arrive in Thasos we walk to the Elektra hotel. Time to relax and settle in before meeting in the early evening for drinks and dinner.

□1st walking day - The olive grove walk. We set off on foot from the hotel. We walk through ploughing fields, gardens, and olive groves all the way to the seaside port of Skala Sotiros. (7km walking 2.5 to 3 hrs walking) Here we will have a drink before transferring to lunch by the sea at Klisma. After a taverna lunch we will either take a short walk up to Kalirachi on dirt roads or transfer back to the hotel. For those who wish we will try and organize a visit to the olive oil and honey coop near Prinou. Evening meal in Skala Prinou.

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□ 3rd walking day - In the foothills of mount Ipsarion/ Potamia and Panagia.

Today we drive to the eastern side of the island just near to the capital. We begin our walk below the village of Potamia. We ascend on dirt roads to the museum of Bagia (a famous Thasian sculptor), from here on to the village and over the mountain to the village of Panagia for lunch in the village square. After lunch there will be time to explore the town and browse some of the shops. We drive back to our hotel in the mid afternoon. Overnight and dinner in Skala Prinou.

◆ Free day - Day off.

Today is a non walking day. We can organize for guests to be taken to Limenas. Or people can just relax at the hotel or explore the surrounding area. Lunch is not organized by Jonathans tours today. We meet for dinner and drinks at 19.00

□ 4th walking day - Kinyra circular route This is a circular route on the far south eastern coast. We walk on dirt roads, stony tracks and ancient footpaths. This is a special walk that takes us through a magical valley and back into the past. We will see shepherds, ancient sheep folds and forgotten pre Christian footpaths. We end up back at Kinyra where we will drive to Aliky to take a late lunch in a seaside taverna. After lunch possibility to visit an enchanted archaeological site with several temples, chapels and Hellenistic era marble quarry. Return to Skala Orinou in the late afternoon.

Or

The enchanted valley and the village of Mariés. Today's walk is centered around the beautiful wooded heart of the island. We walk on dirt roads and old footpaths through magical olive groves up to the village of Mariés where we take lunch in a picturesque taverna. 2hrs walking with 300m asc



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□5th walking day - Exploring Kavala and the surrounding country.

We catch the morning ferry to Kavala. We spend the morning exploring the town on foot, we visit the water path, the Roman aqueduct, and the castle of Kavala. Lunch will be taken in the back streets in a charming taverna. There will be time to do some shopping before we drive off to visit the archaeological site of Philippi and possibly a mud bath healing center before driving to the Royal hotel in Thessaloniki (Perea) for our last evening.

Departure day - The hotel shuttle will take people back to the airport. The vehicles can take up to 4 or 8 people at a time.

PRICE PER PERSON / 1.190€. **single supplement 120€**

What is included

Bed and breakfast, 4 evening meals, 5 picnic or restaurant lunches, travel and transfers during the tour, the services of a professional guide.

What is not included

Air travel, personal insurance, 4 evening meals, lunch on the free day, drinks, extra costs, entrance to museums, gratuities, arrival and departure meals.

If you want a detailed map of the island you can get maps from Stanford's in Covent garden. The reference for these maps is Terrain maps - 1:35.000 map 323 Thasos (10€) Or Geopepsis maps - 1:55.000 map 214 Thasos (5,50€)

For a detailed book on the treasures of Thasos best to buy a copy of Nigel McGilchrist's book no.11 Thasos ISBN 978-1-907859-16-8



We are looking forward to welcoming you in Kavala and Thasos