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a hug FULL OF Greece!

A PLACE FILLED WITH
colors, flavors and experiences...
 WELCOMES YOU!



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Drama mountain range

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How many wonders
can fit in a *hug*?

How much beauty
can a place embrace?

Eastern Macedonia and Thrace welcomes you with open arms, offering unforgettable experiences. Monuments that will take you on a journey through time, natural landscapes that will captivate your senses, hospitable picturesque villages and distinctive towns; Unique local recipes and products that will surprise you, amazing beaches and fascinating people.

Eastern Macedonia and Thrace honors its tradition, making sure that it remains authentic and unchanged over time. A place blessed with an ideal climate, which contributes to the creation of unique, colorful natural images, while two islands of incomparable beauty, Thasos and Samothrace, stand out amidst the blue of the North Aegean Sea like emeralds. Ancient forests, high mountains and hills, lakes, waterfalls and rivers, lagoons and jagged beaches, the Nestos and Evros Delta, as well as the Thracian Sea create a warm embrace, full of Greece!



Kozaviti, Thasos

Maroneia, Rhodope

Old town of Kavala

Castle of Samothrace

Evros Delta

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a hug

filled with tradition, nature, history and culture

Byzantine monasteries, mosques, ancient temples and cities of religious significance, monuments that serve as real beacons of culture, picturesque settlements made of stone and wood, and culinary treasures made from traditional products are waiting to be discovered. Explore green slopes and mountain villages, and swim in a sea of beauty and hospitality. Discover ancient treasures and unique works of art by contemporary artists.

Colorful urban experiences

Where time meets heritage and culture meets memory, where the East meets the West and the past flows into the future, then you are definitely roaming in one of the distinctive cities of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace. Each and every one of them is a starting point for unique moments of relaxation, fun and wandering. Through multicultural crossroads, historic monuments and modern buildings, favorite haunts and modern spaces, the region narrates its story, revealing an embrace full of Greece!



Old town of Xanthi

Angitis River Cave



DRAMA

The melody of the water





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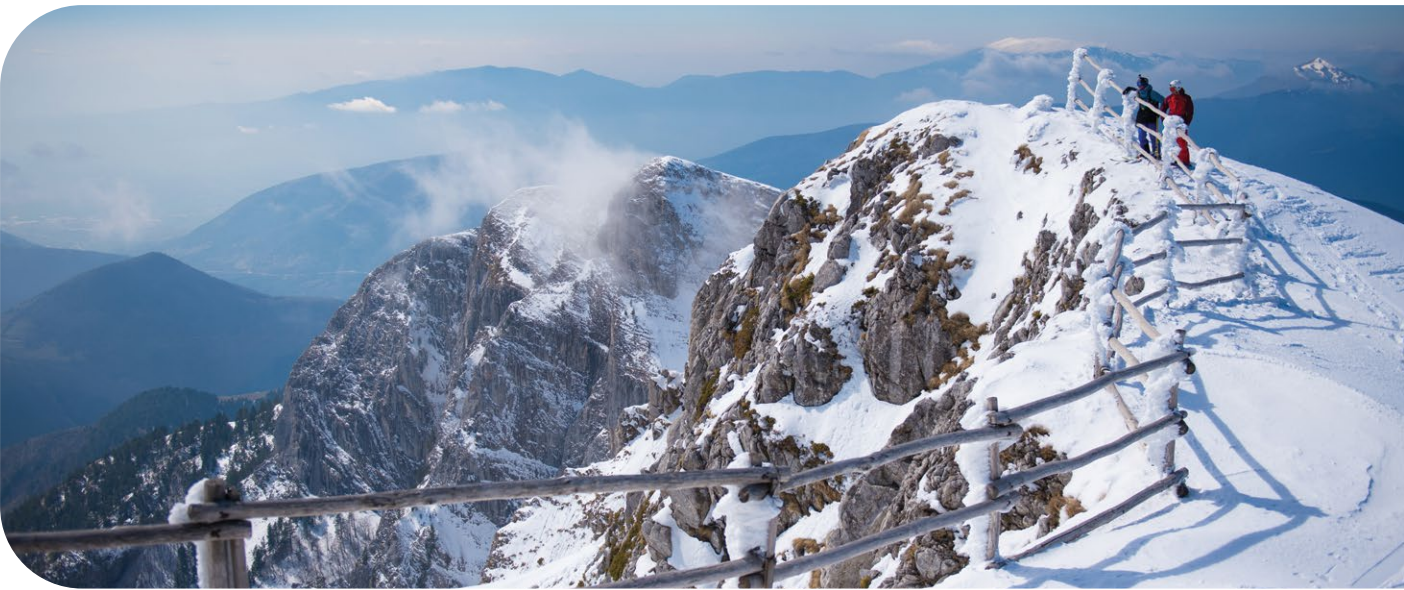


Platanovrisi Dam

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DRAMA

In the region of Drama, home to the Thracian Edoni of the 5th century B.C., you will find many different destinations worth exploring. It is said that the name "Drama" is derived from the word "Hydrama" or "Dyrama" due to the abundance of water in the region. Drama can only be described as "generous", with lush forests such as the Virgin Forest of Fraktos, Elatia, Simyda, abundant waters even in the city center, a fertile plain, rich vineyards, marvelous wine varieties and a rich gastronomy, treating offering visitors to unforgettable experiences. Nature lovers will enjoy the stunning beauty of its mountain landscapes and the ski center at Mount Falakro. Its impressive mountains, rivers and canyons, provide unique opportunities for outdoor activities and wilderness exploration. This place has a special musical tradition, it is faithful to its customs and it enchants visitors with the sounds of water, echoing from the Angitis River with its cave, the springs of Agia Varvara, the waters of Voirani and the Zygaktis River, as well as the rushing streams and mountain waterfalls, up to the Nestos River.



Ski Center, Mount Falakro



Oneiroupoli



Springs of Agia Varvara



Fraktos Forest

Kavala



KAVALA

The Blue City





Archaeological site of Philippi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Visitable Winery



Palia Kavala Waterfall

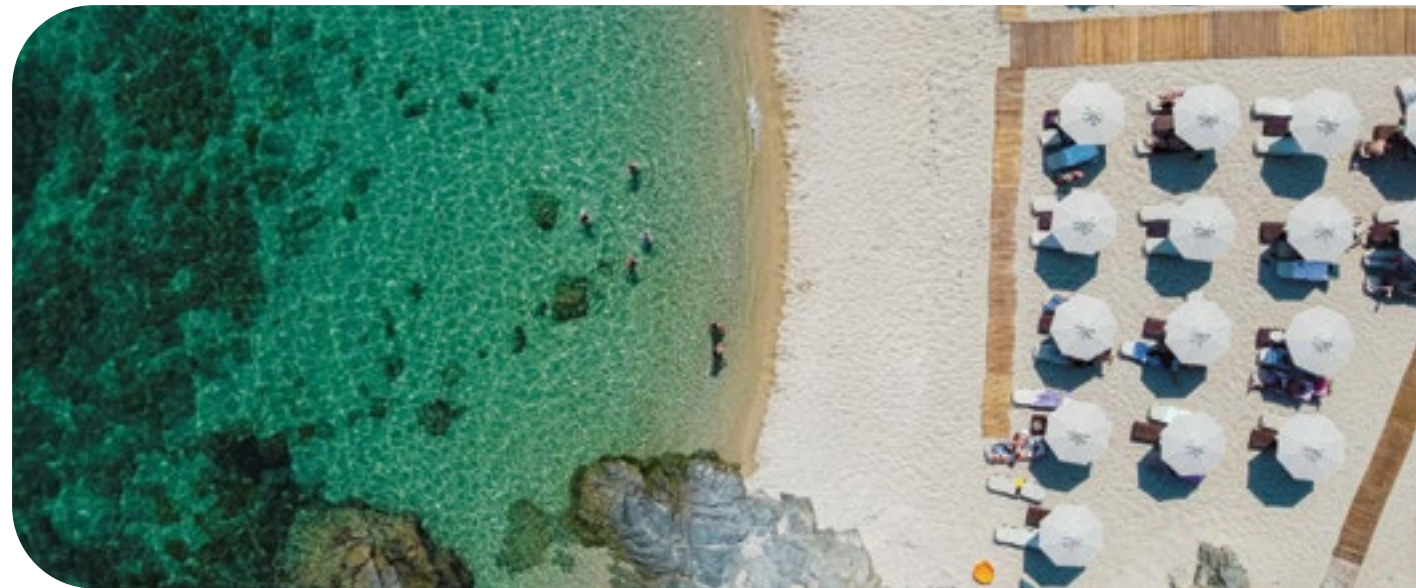


Mesoropi Trail - Pangaion

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KAVALA

The city was called Neapolis in antiquity, Christoupoli during the Byzantine period and Kavala in the modern period. It promises romantic walks in its castle, the Residence of Muhammed Ali of Egypt, the Imaret and the "Vrachakia tis Panagias" beach, its picturesque neighborhoods and flowery courtyards. It is the place that will introduce you to the art of hospitality and relaxation. Beautiful beaches full of young people and cosmopolitan haunts, from the sandy beach of Keramoti to the dunes of Nea Peramos and Touzla. A place that will take you on a journey though time, from the foothills of Mount Symvolu, the Krinides Mud Baths and the Nestos Delta, to the adventurous Pangaion, the Mesoropi trail, its beautiful mountain villages and monasteries. However, time stops the moment you visit the fascinating archaeological site of Philippi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the footsteps of Paul the Apostle and his vision for the spread of Christianity come to life in front of your eyes.



Paralia Elaiochoriou (beach)



Imaret



Monument of Apostle Paul



Ammoglossa Keramoti Beach



Old Town of Xanthi

XANTHI

Charmingly Timeless
Cosmopolitan



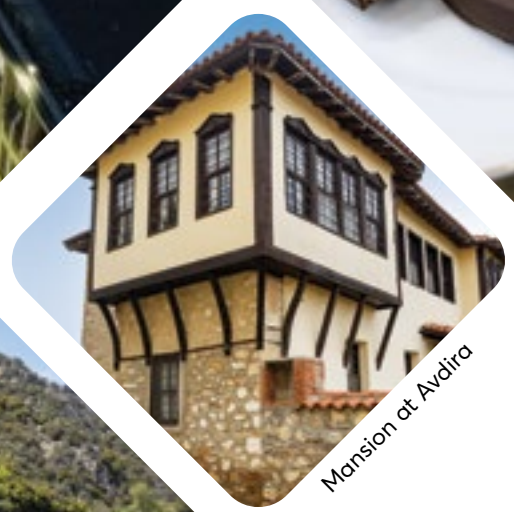


Central Square of Xanthi

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Kariokes (sweet)



Mansion at Avdira



Rafting in Nestos River

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XANTHI

From the Livaditis Waterfall and the Chaidou Forest, to Lake Vistonida and the Nestos River, the unspoiled nature provides a warm embrace. The old Clock Tower dominates the Central Square of Xanthi, and its hands lead you from the Castle of Xanthippi and the stone bridges to the north, to the Holy Monastery of Agios Nikolaos and ancient Avdira, land of Democritus, to the south. The warm waters and the sandy beaches of the Thracian Sea attract many visitors in the summer. You can discover the place of birth of Manos Hatzidakis, one of the most important Greek musicians. The enchanting Old Town of Xanthi will seduce you with its aesthetics of an earlier era, taking you on a journey through time, while the young people flooding its streets will lure you to follow their rhythms. As you go on, different aromas and flavors will overwhelm your senses, inviting you to indulge in roasted coffee, the traditional kavourma, the famous kariokes and syrupy sweets... indulging in a warm embrace full of Greece!



Agios Nikolaos, Porto Lagos



Carnival



Old city Festivities



Myrodato Beach



Arched Bridge over Kompsatos River, Iasmos, Rhodope

RHODOPE

In the harmony of contrasts





The Monument of the City of Komotini - The Monument of the Sword (Spathi)



Metropolitan Holy Church of the Assumption of Theotokos



Eski Mosque



Traditional coffee

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RHODOPE

Land permeated with the wine of the Kikones, with distinct aromas derived from ancient Maroneia, reaching all the way to the Clock Tower of Komotini. Here, visitors will find themselves before a unique scenery, dominated by the Byzantine fortress, the Old Market, beautiful natural landscapes, historic monuments, forest villages, belfries and minarets, a blend of the East and the West. The culinary journey to Thracian flavors excites the senses, with its strong spices, delicious nuts, fresh coffee, dreamy soutzoukacia, succulent lahmacun and soutzouk loukoum, while in the summer months, you will make a stop at the picturesque fish village, the famous Fanari, for authentic experiences at its unique fish taverns, the awarded with Blue Flags beaches and the lakes' complex with a plethora of rare birds. Rhodope is where legend meets tradition and history meets culture, but, above all, it is the place where people meet each other at the city's hangouts, in a warm embrace full of Greece!



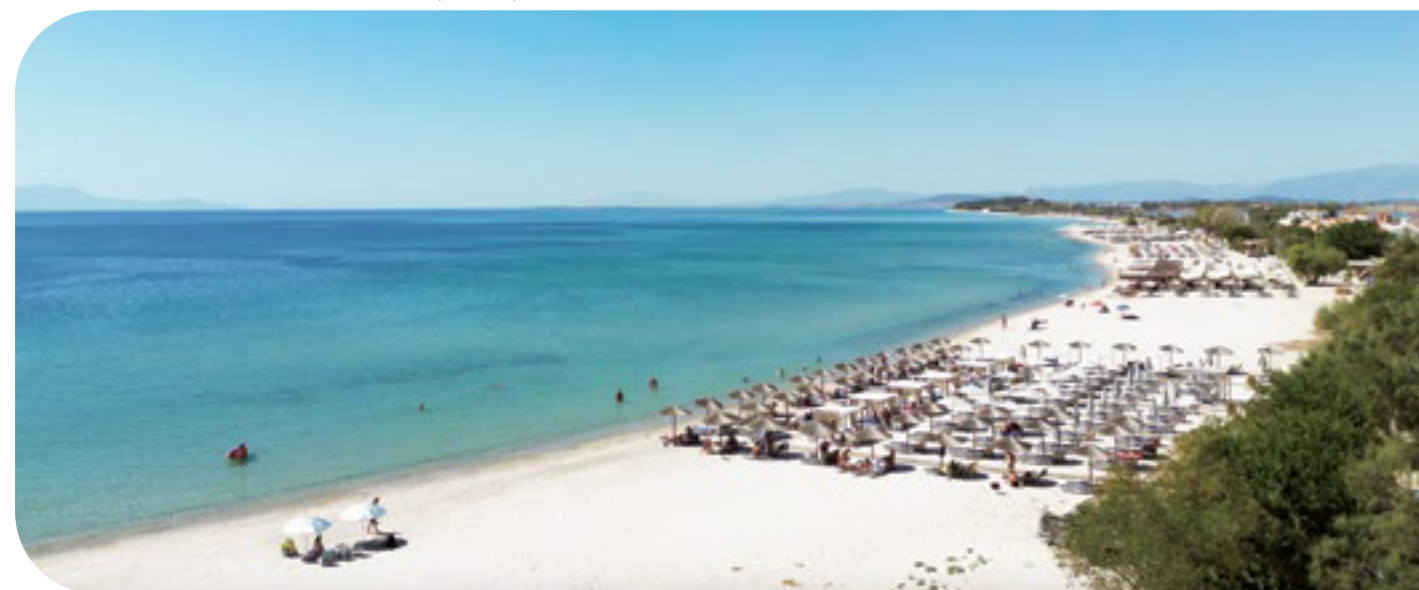
Central Square of Peace, Komotini



Ecclesiastical Museum of the Holy Bishopry of Maroneia & Komotini (Imaret)



The Komotini Concert Hall



Fanari - Arogi Beach

Mesimvria beach



EVROS

In the embrace
of an earthly paradise





Alexandroupoli Lighthouse



Didymoteicho



The Silk Museum, Soufli



Monastiri, Orestiada

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EVROS

At the northeastern edge of Greece and Europe, a crossroads between the East and the West, you will find the enchanting region of Evros. The ancient Via Egnatia, the Thracian Sea with its crystal clear waters, the wetlands of the Evros Delta and the famous Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli Forest are waiting for you to explore them and reveal their secrets while rowing, horseback riding and swimming. Starting at the Lighthouse of Alexandroupoli, Soufli with its handmade silk, the byzantine Holy Church of Panagia Kosmosoteira at Feres, the Didymoteicho Castle, the Burial Tumulus of Mikri Doxipara-Zoni, with unique findings from the Roman Era, Orestiada with its brand new modern central square, you are invited on an exciting journey through history and culture. Taste the authentic side of Greek gastronomy and meet hospitable locals, in a warm embrace full of Greece!



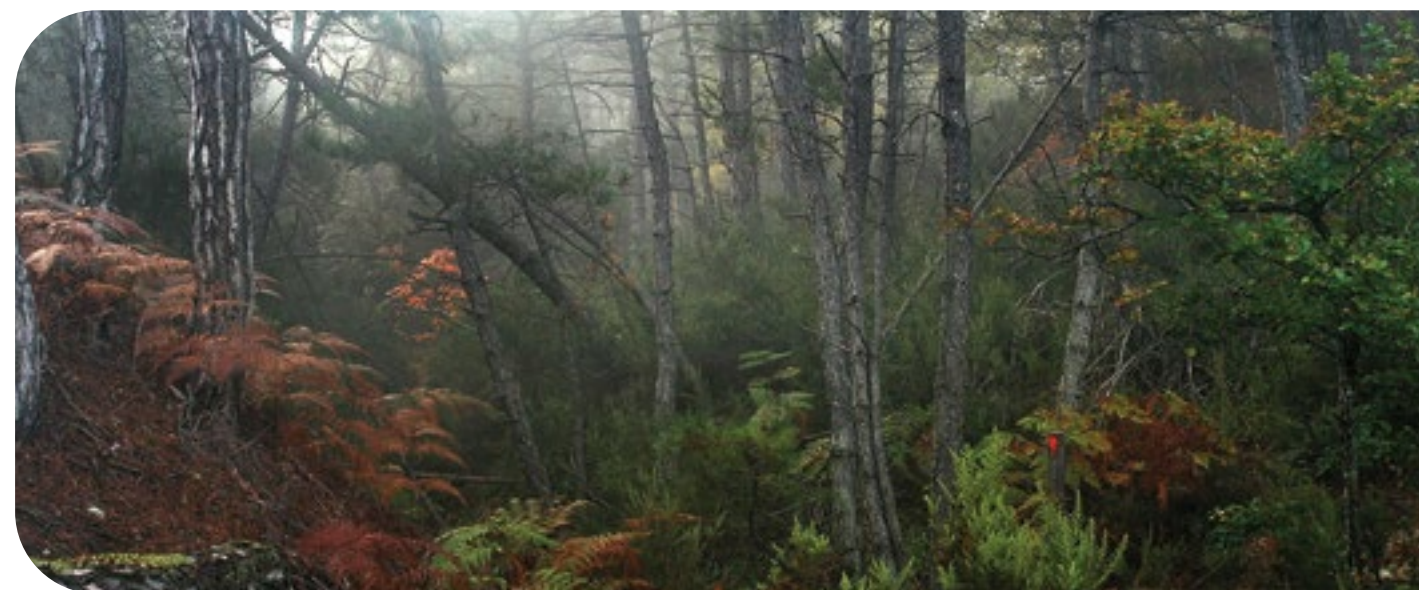
Alexandroupoli



Evros Delta



Holy Church of Panagia Kosmosoteira at Feres



Dadia Forest

Gkiola



THASOS

A traditional emerald island





Alyki Beach

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Olive oil from Thasos



Theologos



Traditional spoon sweet



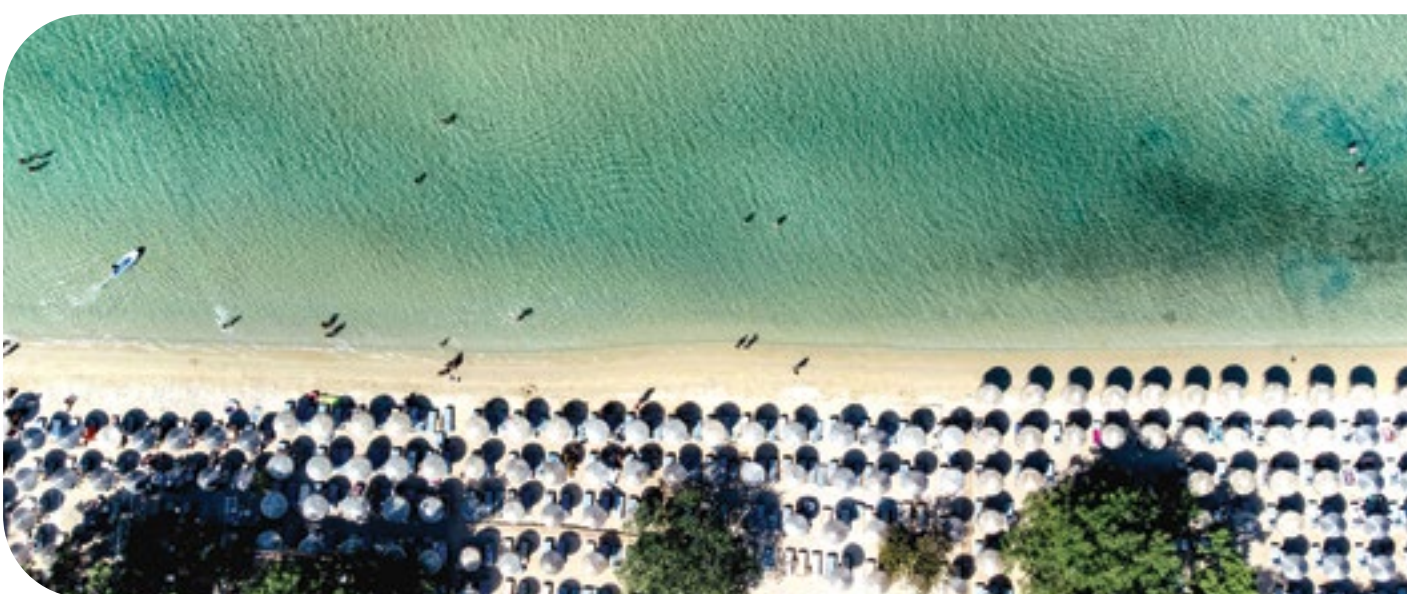
Saliara Beach



Holy Monastery of Archangel Michael



Limenas



Pachys Beach

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THASOS

Embraced by the Thracian Sea, the green island of Thasos, with its rich history and picturesque villages, generously offers the visitors its beauties and pine forests ending in clear blue waters, and golden beaches, ideal for a perfect escape from everyday life. On the way, you will meet a traditional beekeeper and the taste of the famous pine honey will leave you speechless. In Thasos, unforgettable holidays have their very own flavor. Piperolachana, tatarka, stuffed zucchini blossoms and sarmadakia will make up the perfect culinary journey. Enjoy unforgettable experiences in this paradise setting, with the marble remains of history, the ancient theater, the archaeological sites and the traditional settlements that fascinated Thasos, Europe's brother, who arrived on the island searching for her and stayed there forever. In a warm embrace full of Greece!

Vathra, Foniás Gorge



SAMOTHRACE

An alternative paradise





True copy of the Winged Victory of Samothrace (original: Louvre Museum)

Kamariotissa Port

Kipoi Beach

Hiking at Fonias gorge

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SAMOTHRACE

According to legend, Poseidon watched the Trojan War from the highest point in the Aegean, the former Island of Cabeiri. This mystic land is the home of the Sanctuary of the Great Gods in Paleopoli, where the parents of Alexander the Great met, on this island famous all over the world for the unique “Winged Victory of Samothrace”, which is now one of the masterpieces at the Louvre Museum. With the “Gateluzzi Stronghold” of Chora and “Panagia Krimniotissa” church. Here, where you will encounter true miracles! On the island of Samothrace covered in luxuriant vegetation and adorned with natural beauty. With the imposing Mount Saos and amazing hiking and climbing trails, unspoiled peaks, pebbly beaches, well-known thermal springs, centuries-old oaks and plane trees, the famous “vathres” (water pools), crystal waters and countless streams. Every summer, the island celebrates in the square of Kamariotissa, waiting for you to taste fresh seafood, the famous grilled goat and unique spoon sweets, in a warm embrace full of Greece!



Sanctuary of the Great Gods



Chora of Samothrace



Pachia Ammos Beach



Panagia Krimniotissa



The Silk Museum, Soufli

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Saliara Beach, Thasos

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