

## TRACES OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT - VERGINA & PELLA

**Wednesday, 24 June 2009**

**09:00 - 17.00**

**Departure at 09:00 from Conference Hotel "Makedonia Palace"**

Drive across the beautiful Macedonia and stop at Pella, the second capital of Macedonia and birthplace of Alexander the Great. Visit the archeological site, part of the ancient glorious city and enter the residences of the ancient aristocrats, admire the exceptional floor mosaics of the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. as well as all the findings of the excavation displayed in the museum and feel the atmosphere of Alexander's the Great glorious past.



Continue to Vergina, identified with ancient Aegae, the first capital of ancient Macedonia. The today small village became world known due to the discovery of the Royal Tombs as there, was supposed to be the burial place of the Macedonian Kings. The tour includes a visit of the newly completed exhibition bearing the



Tombs and the findings of all 3 Tombs, one of them as the Tomb of King Phillip II, father of Alexander the Great.

Feast your eyes on the marvelous treasures; all masterpieces of ancient Greek art dated back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C., such as golden wreaths, silver vessels, miniature sculpture, paintings, exhibited in the unique museum. Free time for lunch and drive back to Thessaloniki.

***Euro 95, 00 per person***

***Rates Include:***

- Deluxe a/c motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Lunch
- Vat

***A minimum of 15 participants is required for each tour.***

## **CHALKIDIKI - SITHONIA**

**Thursday, 25 June 2009**

**09:00 - 19.00**

**Departure at 09:00 from Conference Hotel "Makedonia Palace"**

Chalkidiki is a peninsula of distinctive shape located roughly in the centre of Macedonia, east south of Thessaloniki and terminates in three smaller ones.

Chalkidiki is the only mainland prefecture of Greece with the longest stretch of coastline. It has the beauty of Aegean islands as well as the advantage of access by road. The second smaller peninsula is called Sithonia.

We drive directly to Porto Carras winery to taste the fantastic wines of biological cultivation. We continue to Porto Koufo for photos, Satri, Vourvourou and other beautiful small fish villages to precede finally the capital of the prefecture, Poligyros where we will have lunch.

After lunch we will visit the archeological site of ancient Olynthos, the most important cultural center in Chalkidiki during the classical period, known also from the 'Olynthian' speeches of the orator Demosthenes.



A considerable big part of the ancient city has come to light, built on the famous Hippodamean (grid) system as well as beautiful floor mosaics. Return to the hotel.



***Euro 90, 00 per person***

***Rates Include:***

- Deluxe a/c motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Lunch
- Vat

***A minimum of 15 participants is required for each tour.***

## **METEORA - WORLD'S CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Friday, 26 June 2009**

**07:00 - 19:00**

**Departure at 07:00 from Conference Hotel "Makedonia Palace"**

Meteora is a geological miracle. The monastic community that came into being in this impressive rocky landscape is unique in the world, while the astonishing natural phenomenon that gave its existence is of great geological age and has long been the subject of study by many Greek and foreign geologists and scientist. Bold monks established the first monasteries, more



that 900 years ago, perched on the top of huge rocks that seem to be suspended

in the air (thus the name Meteora).

With an early start, you head for the 'stone forest', stopping for coffee at Tembi valley, visiting later a workshop of painting portable icons to see the procedure, continue with a visit to two monasteries to see exquisite specimens of Byzantine Art, drive down to Kalambaka for lunch and some free time and return to Thessaloniki.

***Euro 105, 00 per person***

***Rates Include:***

- Deluxe a/c motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Lunch
- Vat

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