

Sightseeing

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS

- 1 Ancient Mesimvria (Mesimvria – Zoni) colony of Samothrace founded at the end of the 7th century BC
- 2 Traianoupolis founded at the beginning of the 2nd century AD by the emperor Trajan near the Egnatia Road
- 3 Doriskos founded in 512 BC by Darius I
- 4 Plotinoupolis founded by the emperor Trajan (98 – 117 AD) reached its peak of importance in the 3rd century AD
- 5 Megalithic dolmen style tombs from the 9th century BC and chest tombs from the 8th century BC
- 6 Prehistoric rock drawings on the heights of Hilia there is a rock with carved male and female figures
- 7 Rigio Roman tomb from the 1st century AD
- 8 Elafochori domed stone tomb 3rd - 4th century BC
- 9 Mikri Doxipara four-wheeled chariots dating from the 1st century AD
- 10 Paleopolis, Samothrace the ancient city of Samothrace was still lived in up to Byzantine times
- 11 Makri an archaeological site with tombs and the "Cave of the Cyclops"

CASTLES

- 12 Didimoticho – A Byzantine castle in a very good state of preservation
- 13 Pythio – A Byzantine castle built in the 14th century, served as the personal refuge and Treasury of the emperor John Katakouzinos
- 14 The Byzantine castle of Avantas impressive ruins of Byzantine fortresses
- 15 Hora, Samothrace Mediaeval fortifications at Hora dated at the end of the 10th century
- 16 Cape Fonias, Samothrace the Tower of Fonias, the work of Gattilusi in the 15th century is situated on this stretch of the coast

CHURCHES / MONASTERIES

- 17 Church of St. Anastasia in Makri 18th century
- 18 The Cave of the Saints Theodore, which was turned into a chapel with Byzantine frescoes from the 11th & 13th centuries AD
- 19 Church of St Peter & St Paul in Nipsa with an impressive bell tower from the mid 19th century
- 20 Church of Panagia Kosmosotira (the Holy Virgin who saves the World), a majestic Byzantine monument built in 1151/52 survives almost intact to this day.
- 21 Dadia Monastery 17th century
- 22 Kornofolia Monastery or the Monastery of the Panagia Portaitissa founded before the 17th century AD
- 23 The 19th century Church of St George of Soufli, a post-Byzantine church with a large, richly decorated carved wood iconostasis
- 24 The churches of the Alepohori area: The trio of post Byzantine churches of the region: St Athanasios, Aghia Paraskevi - or St Panteleimon of Paliouri - and St Athanasios of Alepohori
- 25 The church of Kamariotissa in Samothrace with its miraculous icon, dating from the Iconoclastic Period
- 26 Monastery of St Andrew, Samothrace
- 27 Church of the Assumption of the Virgin founded in 1875. The relics of the five holy neo-martyrs of Samothrace are kept inside this church
- 28 The Monastery of St Thanasis north west of the village of Alonia in Samothrace. On the iconostasis in the church nave there are icons of Cretan workmanship.

MEDICINAL BATHS / SPAS

- The Spa of Traianoupolis (hydrogen sulphide, chloride and sodium springs with a hydrotherapy facility, and sections for therapeutic drinking and inhalations, tel.: +30 25510 61225)
- The Thermal Baths of Samothrace (hydrogen sulphide, chloride and sodium springs with hydrotherapy facility and therapeutic baths and therapeutic drinking, tel.: +30 25510 98229)

The Mountain Route-Ardas

Open your map and set off by car for breathtaking journeys, which lead to places of unique natural beauty, preserved settlements such as Metaxades, Paliouri and Petrota, as well as to historic monuments. Lush green forests of pine and oak adorn the mountaintops, between which can be discerned the Pomakohoria on the border with Bulgaria. Go along paths carved out by man or by nature and discover the mysterious beauty of the region and of the people. Follow the river Ardas, the most important of the Evros tributaries and you will end up in Kastanies where every summer an established youth meeting is organized. Explore this region and you will certainly go home having had some unique experiences.



Samothrace

The multiform and wild vegetation exceeds the stereotyped picture of just another island with sandy beaches. By the light of Mount Fengari (Greek for moon), the highest peak of the island, the mysterious character of Samothrace emerges. The Kabirian Mysteries echo in the shadows of the Genoese castles tales of the knights of old are still unfolding. This remarkable island, with its exotic natural beauty, its cataracts and natural swimming pools, the "Vathres" is revealed in pictures hidden in the hinterland. Leave the beaches behind and wander through mountainous Samothrace. Discover the many different faces of the island and sense for yourself its natural and historical greatness.

three countries at one glance



Tradition

Tradition in Evros is a word of tangible significance. It is hidden in the music of the region and in the efforts of musicians and instrumentalists to maintain traditional music styles and instruments. You will find it served up on your plate since the local people grow and use traditional produce in ways that they have inherited from earlier generations. Tradition is found in the small shops where professions still useful for the local society are offered. It is admired in the museums and in front of the showcases, which display beautiful hand, made costumes. Tradition is embedded in the modern way of life and enriches it greatly as all year round cultural associations and clubs play an active part in the happenings of the region and organize various events.



NOTES TO THE MAP

- EGNATIA HIGHWAY
- NATIONAL HIGHWAY
- B-ROADS
- NON-ASPHALT ROADS
- RAILWAYS
- FERRY-ROUTES
- BORDERS OF THE PREFECTURES
- MOUNTAIN PEAKS +507
- TOWNS OVER 5.000 INHABITANTS
- TOWNS WITH UP TO 5.000 INHABITANTS
- VILLAGES WITH UP TO 1.000 INHABITANTS
- LARGE URBAN CENTRES
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS
- CASTLE/FORTRESS
- CHURCH/MONASTERY
- CAMP SITE
- BEACH
- MARINA
- CAVE
- LIGHTHOUSE
- FOREST
- AIRPORT
- THERAPEUTIC BATHS/SPRINGS
- CUSTOMS

MUSEUMS

ALEXANDROUPOLIS

- Ecclesiastic Museum Tel.: +30 25510 26359 & +30 25510 82282
- Museum of the Fauna and Flora of Evros Delta Tel.: +30 25510 26200
- Natural History Museum (Maestros) Tel.: +30 25510 80204
- Historical and Folklore Museum Tel.: +30 25510 28926
- Ethnological Museum of Thrace Tel.: +30 25510 36663

FERES

- Folklore Collection Nikolaos Gotsis Tel.: +30 25550 23214

SOUFLI

- Silk Museum Tel.: +30 25540 23700

- The Bouroultis Private Folklore Museum Tel.: +30 25540 24168

DIDIMOTICHO

- Municipal Art Gallery Tel.: +30 25530 23658
- Folklore Museum Tel.: +30 25530 22316
- Military Museum Tel.: +30 25530 26518

ORESTIADA

- Folklore Museum Tel.: +30 25520 28080

SAMOTHRACE

- Folklore Museum Tel.: +30 25510 41709
- Archaeological Museum Tel.: +30 25510 41474

INFORMATION CENTRES

TRAIANOUPOLIS

- The Evros Delta Information Centre, Tel.: +30 25510 61000

FERES

- The Municipal Tourist Centre (Evros Delta), Tel.: +30 25550 24310

DIDIMOTICHO

- Tourist Kiosk, Tel.: +30 25530 22222

DADIA FOREST

- Information Centre National Park of Dadia - Lefkimi - Soufli, Tel.: +30 25540 32263

SAMOTHRACE

- Municipality of Samothrace Information Centre at the port of Kamariotissa, Tel.: +30 25510 89242

entertainment



This is a region blessed with many gifts, which will offer moments of great happiness, joining everything together in the space of a breath. The changing rhythms of the region will take hold of you from the first moments of your arrival. Slow moving are the hours when you need to relax and enjoy the beauty of the surroundings and more intense when you find yourself in the evening in a large urban center that is pulsing with life. Beach tavernas, restaurants, cafis, bars and clubs are yours to choose from. The entertainment goes on until the early hours of the morning. In Alexandroupolis you can taste the famous fresh fish of the area while further north cavourmas (spicy meat) and sausages, game and local cheeses dominate the menu. The wine and tsipouro produced locally are of exceptional quality. When you leave, as well as select local produce, you should take with you some splendid memories.

