

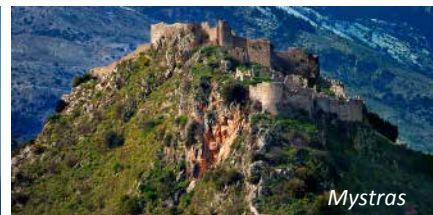


Education, Tourism and Entertainment in fabulous Greece!

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Voidokilia



Mystras



Ancient Messini



Messinia



Outdoor



activities



English lessons by accredited and experienced native speakers, sports, activities and exciting tours with English-speaking Group Leaders, based at a fabulous seaside hotel at one of the most beautiful regions of Greece, Kalamata and Messinia in the Peloponnese.

We are pleased to introduce our **New 7-day / 14-day Edutainment Programme.**

The emphasis will be on the tourism, excursion, activity and recreation side but gentle education will also be an integral part of the programmes. After all, education is of prime importance throughout one's lifetime.

Our visitors will thus able to enjoy the combination of the following:

- **Residence in a beautiful and fascinating country** with a friendly climate and a very deep civilisation spanning back 5,000 years, offering a unique combination of historical, cultural and natural attractions (to be sampled by coach excursions, with guides and animators).
- **A varied programme** of outdoor activities (Cycling, Basket-ball, Tennis, Football, Hiking...)
- **A menu of guided excursions** to places of historical / artistic / natural interest, such as the magnificent Ancient Olympia (birthplace of the Olympic Games), the remarkable and large ruins of Ancient Messene, the Byzantine citadel of Mystras, the natural wonders of the Bay of Yalova, the picturesque seaside town of Pylos and its submarine antiquities museum and the castle and fortifications of Methoni.
- **English lessons** from accredited and certified native speakers, at 2 hours every day.

Hotel premises



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Kalamata, the capital and central port of Messinia, situated at the site of ancient Farai, is located 238 km SW of Athens. Following independence from the Turks and thanks to the exploitation of the fertile Messinian lands (producing olive oil, raisins, figs etc), it developed into a wealthy urban centre and a significant port.



The point of reference in the city of Kalamata is the legendary “castle of Isabeau” where the renowned International Dance Festival takes place annually. It is amphitheatrically constructed on the site of the Farai Acropolis offering a bird’s eye view of the city. No less beautiful is the exquisite Old City at the foot of the Castle. The wider region boasts the patron saint of Kalamata, Panagia Ipapanti church (1873), the 12th century Kalograion Monastery with the renowned silk weaving workshop, and the Byzantine church Agioi Apostoloi (13th century) with the brick enclosed masonry. The area is the hotspot for the city’s youth, for it is the beating heart of the nightlife in Kalamata and by no means will it be still!

Must-see attractions

- The City Hall
- The Modern Greek Art Gallery, with paintings, sculptures and carvings
- The Benakeion Archaeological Museum with findings dating from the Bronze Age to the Roman period
- The spacious central King George square
- The picturesque railroad station area with a network of pedestrian ways, small coffee shops, bars and tavernas
- The Folklore and History Museum, housed in the Kiriakou mansion
- The Municipal theatre
- The Railways Park with exhibits of old motorcycles and railway wagons
- The 4 km seaside road in front of the city’s extensive beach, granted the Blue Flag award.

Events

- The revival of the impressive “saitopolemos” (dart-war) custom at Easter, on the eve of the Resurrection (Western Beach Kalamata – Old Abattoirs)

- Cultural events, theatrical performances and concerts at the Castle amphitheatre during summer
- The Carnival events with the traditional “gaitanaki” (maypole dance) in the city’s central square
- The International Dance Festival in summer
- The International Documentary Festival
- The major carnival in Messini on the last Sunday of the Carnival (Apokries) with the customary happenings.

Getting to Kalamata

More and more people visit Messinia also in winter and enjoy the mild, healthy climate. The vast majority of visitors fly into Athens or directly into Kalamata International airport (KLX) which services flights* from all over Europe, Athens and Thessaloniki.

With the recently completed Moreas Highway it takes less than 2,5 hours to reach Kalamata from Athens.



*2014 destinations and air carriers:

AEGEAN: Paris, Dusseldorf, Moscow, Kiev, Saint Petersburg, Rostov, Stockholm, Athens
 ASTRA AIRLINES: Thessaloniki
 AUSTRIAN AIRLINES: Vienna
 BRITISH AIRWAYS: London (Heathrow)
 BLUE PANORAMA: Rome
 CONDOR AIRLINES: Munich, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Stuttgart
 GERMANIA: London
 EASYJET: Hamburg, London
 NIKI FLY: Vienna
 TRAVEL SERVICE: Prague
 THOMAS COOK: Glasgow, London, Manchester
 TRANSAVIA: Amsterdam
 RYANAIR: Milan (Bergamo)
 SCANDINAVIAN AIRWAYS: Oslo
 URAL AIRLINES: Yekaterinburg