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Thessaloniki

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A few words ...



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I am a firm believer in the power of education. Our education derives from teaching institutions, our family and our environment. I believe in the creative power of children and it is this power that a city must cultivate. Even when these children and their families are visitors to the city.

Thinking back to one of my visits to a Basque city, I remember how impressed I was with the many playgrounds I saw alongside the river cutting across the urban fabric, packed with families and small children, a beautiful picture that could only give hope for the future. This somewhat sparked the idea of a family- and child-friendly Thessaloniki.

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of certified playgrounds and renovated children's libraries throughout Thessaloniki, while there has also been a substantial rise in the number of private initiatives for engaging children in creative activities. We place great emphasis on these efforts and the landscape/environment has already started to change.

The work and effort that have been put into promoting local good practices and destinations for families and children for several years now by Ioanna Serafeimidou through *Pigolampides (Fireflies)* and *The Paper Boat* serve this precise purpose. I could not think of a better collaborator to develop this family-friendly strategy for the Municipality of Thessaloniki.



Ioanna Serafeimidou

Pigolampides (Fireflies)
The Paper Boat

Thessaloniki is the city I was born in. I love this city for its endless view of the sea and for the ships that remind you of fairy tales, and for its creative people and their unique ideas.

My studies are in the field of Tourism Enterprises and I have worked in Public Relations, Communications and Marketing. In 2009 I created *Pigolampides (Fireflies)*, a website for parents wishing to spend quality time with their children, and this opened a door for me to the magical world of children and fantasy. This was followed by *The Paper Boat*, which nurtured my love of travelling.

In recent years, the city has found its way into the hearts of travellers from Greece and abroad. I was very keen on working with the Municipality of Thessaloniki to promote the city as a family-friendly destination and therefore it is with great joy that I share with you all the locations that will make your stay unforgettable!

I strongly believe that Thessaloniki is a family-friendly destination and hope that the information we provide will carry you away on a journey through the city!

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1. Family-friendly spots at the heart of Thessaloniki

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Along the Thessaloniki waterfront

If you are staying in the city centre, you can walk from the port or the White Tower to the *Thessaloniki Concert Hall*. You will pass the 8 thematic parks along the waterfront. Do not miss the *Park of Water* with the water lilies and turtles, a favourite among children, the *Children's Traffic Park* right next to *Makedonia Palace hotel* and the 3 playgrounds with recreational equipment for all ages. Older children can go skateboarding or rollerblading at the skate park near the *Thessaloniki Concert Hall*, while you will also find many cafés, snack bars and restaurants along the way.

If you want to go on a bicycle ride, you can rent a family bicycle next to *Makedonia Palace hotel* or rent bicycles by the hour outside the port. You will come across fishermen, artists, runners, pumpkin seed and candy floss carts, and friends chatting with the sea in the background¹.

¹ If the weather is warm and you have a picnic blanket with you, you can create a unique experience for you and your children. If it is winter, you will most probably enjoy a view of snow-covered Mount Olympus. If you happen to have slipped a book on the gods of Olympus in your bag, it will most certainly spark the children's imagination!



In the parks of Thessaloniki

Other than the thematic parks along the waterfront, you will also find some parks in the city centre². The little ones will be happy to make a stop at the *Pedion tou Areos* playground (near City Hall) and will also be delighted with the park right next to it. There they will have a chance to see fish and turtles in the little lakes. You can picnic there or sit at the snack bar. If you are looking for some action, catch a ride on the *Xarchakos Train* from across the *National Theatre*, or play at the fountains in the area!

There is also a children's playground at *Navarinou Square*, next to impressive buildings dating back to the time of Galerius, which are definitely worth a visit. In the northern part of *Aristotelous Square* lies another playground.

Going up to *Ano Poli* (Upper Town), you will discover behind Agios Dimitrios hospital the *Gardens of the Pasha*, a small park built in 1904 based on the *Fantastic Architecture* movement, which reminds one of *Gaudí's* creations in Park Güell in Barcelona, however on a smaller scale.

² Remember that when on holiday, children want to play with their parents instead of visiting all of the city's sights. The city's relaxed pace will certainly help you with this!



At the port of Thessaloniki

The rebuilding of the Thessaloniki port's wharf has brought a lot of life to the area. There are three museums to visit here (the MOMus-Experimental Center for the Arts, the MOMus-Thessaloniki Museum of Photography and the Cinema Museum of Thessaloniki), while the children will be impressed with the different kinds of docked ships. If you are lucky, you might get to see a cruise ship at close range!⁴

You can rent a bicycle from the port and cycle to the Thessaloniki Concert Hall or board the Konstantis ferry, which travels to Neoi Epivates and Peraia during the summer months, where the people of Thessaloniki once had their holiday homes. There you will find many fish tavernas (traditional restaurants) serving fresh fish with tables right by the water's edge.

If you are a fan of the sea, then you must definitely sail across the Thermaikos Gulf by boat⁵. During the half-hour boat ride, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the city from the sea. The boats depart from the White Tower area and entrance is free. You will only be charged for your drink⁶.

4 Explore the area and remember to take photos with the sea and the White Tower in the background. There is a restaurant (The Kitchen Bar) and snack bar at the entrance to the port.

5 "Thessaloniki must only be viewed by boat. Never dare to behold her from land".
Nikos Kavvadias

6 In the Arabella boat you will meet the amazing "pirate of the Thermaikos Gulf", with whom you can take photographs.

In the museums of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki has a long history of 2500 years and this could not but be reflected in the approximately 30 museums of the city.

In addition to the 3 museums in the port area, you will also find a visit to one of the following museums in the city centre to be of great interest: Archaeological Museum, Museum of Byzantine Culture, MOMus-Museum of Contemporary Art, Olympic Museum, Teloglion Fine Arts Foundation, Jewish Museum, War Museum, Museum of the Macedonian Struggle.

Another very interesting museum to visit is the Folklore Museum, which is further east, while there is also a Children's Museum in the area of Toumba, next to the PAOK stadium. In the west part of the city, it is worth visiting the MOMus-Museum of Modern Art-Costakis Collection and, after booking a tour, the Railway Museum and the Museum of Water.⁷

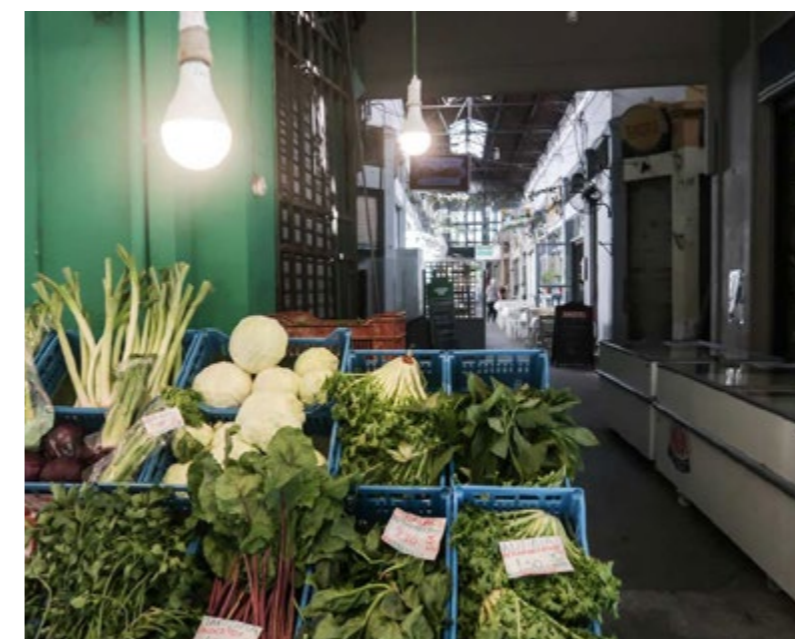
[Museums of Thessaloniki](#)

7 Before visiting a museum, first find out its opening hours and if it has an "independent educational guidebook" on its exhibits, and prepare your mind and mood for a unique experience with the children! Be sure to take with you a drawing block and paint so that you and the children can draw the pictures that will stay with you after your visit!

In the markets of Thessaloniki

Allow yourself to get lost in the city's markets, such as Modiano (which is being rebuilt), Kapani, Bezesteni (textile market) and Louloudadika (flower market). Sample and buy some cold meats, cheese, olives and fruit, and also enjoy some delicious local meze at the cafés and restaurants in the area.

The city centre is replete with shops for all ages, where you can find anything you want.



The monuments of Thessaloniki

In Thessaloniki you will find Roman, Paleochristian, Byzantine, Ottoman and Jewish monuments, post-Byzantine churches and more recent monuments (buildings from the interwar period, etc.). Fifteen of the city's monuments were listed in 1988 as *UNESCO World Heritage Sites*.

Visit the *Galerius Palace Complex*, the *Roman Forum (Agora)*, the *Rotunda* and the *Heptapyrgion* fortress. Go into the *White Tower* and discover the history of Thessaloniki through its six floors/units. The view from the White Tower will be your biggest reward!⁸

Monuments of Thessaloniki

8 Remember to take photographs and post them on social media with the #thessalonikifamilyfriendly hash tag.



Remember ...

- 📞 Tour the city on one of its buses:
 - On the No 50 Cultural Bus Line of OASTH (Organization of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki): This line will take you on a tour of the city's historical and cultural monuments. During the tour, you can watch a video presentation that provides information on certain sights. The route starts and ends at the White Tower. It departs every hour and makes 15 stops.
 - On the city's red tour bus (from March to October): This is a full tour of Thessaloniki on an open-top bus. It is a 70-minute route with 8 stops at the city's main sights. It departs every 30 minutes approximately (in summer) and you can take advantage of the stops to spend more time at some of your favourite spots. You can hop on the next bus with the same bus ticket⁹.
 - 📞 Visit the Skyline Café Bar Café Bar on the last floor of the OTE Tower, from where you can enjoy Thessaloniki's attractions while it gradually rotates for one hour. During this unusual journey you will have the chance to relax with a drink or snack and get to know the city from up above¹⁰.
 - 📞 During the summer months, the idea of watching a movie at an outdoor cinema under the light of the stars is most certainly an appealing one!
 - 📞 Walk up towards 3-Septemvriou Street and visit the WE Sports and Culture Venue. The older children, especially, will go crazy over the variety of options provided: circus, skating, climbing, skiing and snowboarding!
 - 📞 Choose one of the many escape rooms available in the city. The "older" children will certainly be captivated by all the mystery!
 - 📞 Take a photograph in front of Zongolopoulos' umbrellas, which have already become a trademark of the city.
 - 📞 Make a stop at the Children's Library in Ano Poli or at the Central Library which has a special area for children.
 - 📞 Wear comfortable shoes and walk through the picturesque neighbourhoods in the centre that are best visited on foot (Agia Sofia Pedestrian Zone, Aristotelous Square, Ano (Upper) and Kato (Lower) Ladadika, Ano Poli, Chrimatistiriou (Stock Market) Square) or slip away from the urban fabric for a while and discover the famous villas on Vasilissis Olgas Street in the Exochon Quarter (Countryside Quarter).
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- 9 A stop at Ano Poli for a stroll and some photographs is a must!
 - 10 Children under the age of 6 are offered a free drink.

2. Family-friendly spots just outside the city

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NOESIS – Thessaloniki Science Center and Technology Museum

At *NOESIS*¹¹ you can enjoy a screening of your choice at the Planetarium, Cosmotheater and/or the Simulator. You can also visit the Technology Museum which includes: the Classic Cars Exhibition, the Ancient Greek Technology Exhibition and the Technopark, an interactive space where visitors actively participate, play a leading role and learn while having fun¹².



¹¹ There is also a café-restaurant and a gift shop at NOESIS.

¹² If you have come this far, then you are very close to the *Partyland.gr* soft play centre. Here children can play in the huge play area, while there is also a restaurant and café for the entire family!

Magic Park: Endless fun with games and rides for children and adults

At *Magic Park* you will find dozens of ways to get your adrenaline pumping on rides such as the roller coaster, the Ghost Train, CrazyDance, etc. There are special discounts for families, the unemployed, large families and individuals with disabilities¹³.

¹³ You will find restaurants and fast food on the premises. The park is closed during the winter months.



Waterland: an exciting and thrilling theme park

A large city of water opens its gates every summer. It is one of the most exciting theme parks in Greece! Here you can enjoy swimming pools, slides, games and dozens of activities for all ages. There is also a zoo at *Waterland*, featuring camels, llamas, deer, horses and a farm of sheep, donkeys, chickens, geese and other domestic animals.

Anel Honey Park: The only honey park in Greece dedicated to bees

Experience *honey tourism*, a truly unique form of tourism! With a view to sustainability, the park tells stories about bees, the beekeeping tradition and nature. All visitors, young and old, can take a self-guided tour with the help of our map or book a scheduled visit to the park (Monday-Saturday by appointment)¹⁴.

¹⁴ In addition to learning about the life of a bee, you can enjoy a cup of coffee and also taste and buy pure products deriving from bees and nature.

Dinosaur Park

The *Dinosaur Park* was created in collaboration with the Palaeontology Department of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and is among the largest in Europe. Rare real fossils and life-size reconstructions "bring to life" the world of dinosaurs. Huge dinosaurs, creatures in motion and battles with dinosaur sounds make for a unique tour experience! The visitor receives information on the history of the earth and the animals that appeared on it throughout the different periods, from the beginning of time until today.

Shopping malls

If you have time you can visit the family-friendly *Mediterranean Cosmos* shopping mall (on the east side of the city) or *One Salonica* (on the west side), which have a cinema, restaurants, play centre and many stores for the whole family.

IKEA, which is also on the east side, is another family-friendly choice as it has, in addition to household items, selected toys, a play centre and a restaurant with a children's menu.

Various

If you are looking for more fun and games, you can visit *Adventure Paintball*, *North Skate Park* and the *Go Kart Center*. They are all in the vicinity of *Mediterranean Cosmos*.

The area of *Aretsou*¹⁵ is of particular interest as it takes you on a journey back in time. On the waterfront, next to the municipal snack bar, you will find a playground with a view of Mount Olympus. You can also walk along the marina, chat with the fishermen, and see the boats and yachts at close quarters. The waterfront houses a small amusement park in the summer.

¹⁵ You will find many fish tavernas in the area, and just before you get to Aretsou, you will find a Mini Golf course!

3. Tours and travel experiences in the city

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Tourist Guides Association of Thessaloniki

If you are interested in city tours, you can contact the experts.

Dot2dot

Its actions include thematic routes and alternative tours through Thessaloniki and to nearby archaeological sites, educational programmes for educational and social organisations, children and adult workshops, as well as artistic actions. The group has put together special packages for families. If you see Asterix and Obelix going around the city, they will probably be from *Dot2dot*!

Cycle Safari

organises cycling trips around Thessaloniki or to more faraway destinations. One can also rent a bicycle.

Eat and Walk

It offers unique gastronomic tours through the city and tells stories that nobody would want to miss! Through a programme of pictures and stops, also adapted to younger ages, you will learn a lot about the city's gastronomic route and will taste even more!

Thessaloniki Walking Tours

Through well-planned walks, it revives the city's memory by connecting the past to the present. Together you will search for the traces of the city's Roman past, you will discover the secrets of the most loved neighbourhood in the centre, *Frangomachala*, and you will get to know the flavours, the markets and the people of the city through a game..



Gamecraft

This group plans and holds original events based on modern and interesting techniques for experiential actions, such as live role-playing games and interactive games in an open or closed space. They have implemented dozens of recreational and educational games for children and adults in the city.

Touristree

It offers family-friendly organised tours in the city of Thessaloniki and in the wider region of Northern Greece (family can also include your pets, depending on the case). You can choose the tour that best suits you, whether it is on foot or on water, or it involves story-telling or activities!

Run With Me Thessaloniki

For those of you looking for something different, *Run With Me Thessaloniki* will familiarise you with Thessaloniki... on the go!

Thessaloniki Balloon Flights

If you have always dreamed of flying in a hot air balloon, then *Thessaloniki Balloon Flights* can turn your dream into reality! Ride in a hot air balloon with your friends and experience the magic Jules Verne describes on his trips!

In The Loop

If you love technology and prefer to have a more independent itinerary, then you can download the *In The Loop* application and its family loop itinerary at a low cost. Photographs, texts, voice narrations, hints and insider's tips will acquaint you with Thessaloniki, just like a local would.

Peek at Greek

a Greek language and culture school in Thessaloniki. Here, educators and students discover together the language that is hidden in Greek songs, movies, tales and recipes. They learn Greek while traveling, hiking or while we make a historic walk.

4. Family-friendly spots outside the city's walls

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If you plan on staying in Thessaloniki for several days and have time to explore the surrounding region, you can be certain that there are wonderful nearby and faraway destinations in store for you and your family!





Nearby nature getaways

Chortiatis

Leave your car at the antenna site and walk to the refuge in the forest. If you go in autumn, you will have the opportunity to try the tastiest chestnut soup you have ever had!

Platanakia (Panorama)

You will come across a few animals, a small playground and many plane trees that will offer you a cool summer afternoon. There is a snack bar on the premises.

Thermi Dam

In the wider area of Thermi you will discover two more oases: the *Thermi Dam* with the man-made lake filled with fish and rare birds, and the lush green *Environmental Park* with its picnic kiosks, playground, sports fields and unique view.

Seih Sou Forest¹⁶

Here you will find a municipal park. Enjoy a relaxing and beautiful walk through the forest.

Petralona Cave¹⁷

According to Aris Poulianos, who discovered the Petralona Cave, the most ancient Europeans lived here approximately 700,000 years ago.

¹⁶ There is no snack bar in the park. There is only a kiosk outside. You will need to walk down to the town to find a café or restaurant. You can take snacks along with you and have a picnic on the tables that are available in the park.

¹⁷ If you come all the way here, you must definitely have lunch at the Perek Estate and try some delicious Pontic dishes while enjoying the view of the mountain tops of Olympus and the beautiful Thermaikos Gulf.



Day trips out of Thessaloniki

🗺️ Organised excursions

Ammon Express

Ammon Express offers all-day daily excursions and tours to Vergina, Pella, Veria, Meteora, Dion, Philippi, Alistrati Cave and many other destinations. You can also book online.

Urania Maas Travel

This agency specialises in one-day or multi-day general and alternative tourism packages to all areas in Northern Greece. Alternative tourism includes wine, gastronomic, sports, yoga and ecological tourism. The *Dinosaur Museum* is highly recommended for children.

Trace Your Eco

This agency specialises in hiking and trekking tourism, and its objective is to bring each of us in touch with the natural wealth of Greece by combining the love of nature with sports and culture. It plans and implements getaways across Northern Greece, which are adapted to all kinds of groups.



Trigiro-Unique Travel Experience

They organise trips for small groups to “secret” destinations that offer unique experiences for the whole family. The Trigiro kids’ trip is to Naousa, which is one hour away from Thessaloniki, and includes: hiking, wine tasting and a tour of a well-known winery, as well as creative activities for children.

Veria Volta

Would you like to picnic on the banks of the Haliacmon, cycle along the lake or in the fields with the blossoming peach trees, walk on the land of Alexander the Great and pick herbs and aromatic plants from the slopes of the mountain? Veria Volta can organise this and much more for you in a one-day excursion to Veria, which is only 40 minutes away from Thessaloniki.

Agkistro Action

Agkistro Action offers families an experiential tour of the legendary Fort Roupel in Serres. When visiting the Serres region, you can also go on a boat ride to Lake Kerkini. Depending on the season, you can see dozens of bird species, go on a horse ride to Ano Poroia or visit the Vyronia Aquarium.

Irbis

If you visit Thessaloniki in winter, you should try Irbis, which was created for the purpose of promoting sports, recreation and adventure for children and adults alike. Through a recreational learning programme including games and exercises, young skiers learn the basic principles of skiing either on a simulator in the city centre or at a nearby ski resort.



Plan your own itinerary

Axios Delta National Park

Start your tour from the Chalastra Information Centre (open Monday-Saturday, 10:00–15:00). The exhibition is presented in Greek, while foreign visitors are informed orally. After the presentation you can visit the lagoon by walking on the 1-kilometre trail to see flamingos, seagulls, terns, ducks and other birds¹⁹. You can also visit the Nea Agathoupoli Observatory or the Hellenic Wildlife Hospital in the Kalochori area.

¹⁹ Do not forget to take your binoculars with you.

Lefkochori, Serres

Here you will have the opportunity to go horse riding as there are many farms in the area with horses and other domestic animals, and they also organise activities such as climbing, shooting, etc. Ziogas Western City, Agnanti, and Ktima Likno, are just a few of them.

Kilkis

You can visit the *Rancho Kilkis* farm, which has horses and activities, while the wider area is also home to the beautiful *Balkan Botanic Garden of Kroussia*, a living museum of nature, which is rich in indigenous plants (approximately 700), as well as in waterfalls, artificial lakes, trails, brooks, observatories and grass-lands. The *Blue Lake at Skra* is yet another natural attraction that is worth visiting.

Chalkidiki

This place certainly needs no introduction! Dozens of beaches with crystal-clear waters are waiting for you to enjoy your swim and relax on their sandy beaches. If you decide to visit Kassandreia, make a stop at picturesque Afytos, and if you choose Sithonia, make a stop at the mountain village of Parthenonas. Chalkidiki is beautiful in the winter too, so if you love nature, then you absolutely must visit Mount Cholorontas and definitely make a stop in the quaint village of Arnaia and at *Aristotle's Park*. Also, make sure not to miss the Mount Athos cruise!

Nymfaio

This is a more faraway destination, but a favourite among children and nature lovers, this being the home of the *Arcturos* sanctuary in Nymfaio, Florina. At a distance of 2.5 hours from Thessaloniki lies the *Bear Shelter* and the *Brown Bear Information Centre*, and just outside Nymfaio (at Agrapidies) you will find the *Wolf Shelter* and the breeding ground of the Greek shepherd dog, the most ancient Greek dog breed. Tours are held on the premises. Learn about the programme beforehand.

5. Events

Thessaloniki is a lively city which loves music, theatre, arts and innovation. When walking the city's streets, you often come across pop-up events for children, teenagers and adults. Thessaloniki has a different experience to offer every time of the year.



Exhibitions, feasts, flea markets and events in the Municipality's courtyard take place throughout the year. Special theme parks and fairs such as the Dino-saur Park, the Chocolate Factory and The Secret Worlds of Eugene Trivizas are planned and held every year at the Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF).

Winter

In winter, the city puts on its best clothes and gets decked out with decorations for Christmas. At the Asterokosmos Christmas Park (at the TIF) you will find rides for children, while the central squares in the city centre, such as Agia Sofia Square and Aristotelous Square, are filled with decorations and events.

Spring

The city fills with colours and smells in springtime. Interesting events are held in every neighbourhood, while the waterfront fills with pedestrians, bicycles and children! During this season, if you are lucky (or well informed) you can visit the Book Fair on the waterfront or at the TIF, the *Elephantastico* Festival held by the Municipality of Thessaloniki, the *Parathinoupoli* Festival (in Kalamaria) or *Sunday at AUTH* (science festival) at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Summer

The *Picnic Urban Festival* held in August at the *Roman Forum* (Agora) is one of the best events of the summer! Music, film screenings, chips and picnic blankets create a magical picture. This is a unique experience enjoyed by children and adults alike. The city's summer programme is complemented by concerts and theatrical plays.

Autumn

The *Demetria Festival*, the *International Puppet Theatre Festival*, the *International Film Festival*, the *Documentary Festival*, *Kinder Docs*, the *Thessaloniki Food Festival* and sleepovers at museums are only a few of the actions and festivals welcoming Greek and foreign travellers during this period.

Find out about current and scheduled events from the following websites:

www.pigolampides.gr
www.thessaloniki.gr
<https://thessaloniki.travel/en>

6. Restaurants and cafés²⁰

 [See map](#)

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²⁰ We recommend establishments where there is no smoking, some of which have special areas for children.

Thessaloniki is a crossroads of flavours, a gastronomic metropolis! Here you can try the following street food: Thessaloniki sesame seed bagels, sweet or savoury bougatsa pie (filled with custard cream or feta cheese), Trigona Panoramatos (custard-filled filo triangles), tsoureki (Easter sweet bread), as well as fresh fish at the countless tavernas and ouzeri across the city, or gourmet dishes at the more "sophisticated" restaurants.

Definitely look for:

Koumí coffee and crafts

It lies between the *Roman Forum* and the church of Agios Dimitrios. Stop there for a cup of coffee and creative craft-making!

TOMS Flagship Store

It can be found deep in one of the city's historical arcades (the old post office, Pelosov arcade). In the basement, in addition to the family-friendly environment, you will discover a small, charming patio. There is a TOMS store on the ground floor.

Anfan Gkate

It operates in the *Teloglion Fine Arts Foundation* and offers a warm environment with unique flavours and a bright children's area where children are looked after by a staff member qualified to work with children. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a meal or coffee at the restaurant, or see some of the Museum's exhibitions

Bombolo

For waffles and ice cream.

Join Juice bars

For a freshly-squeezed juice or a healthy snack on the waterfront or Palaion Patron Germanou Street.

The Garden Bar

On the ground floor of the *Colors* hotel for a mocktail (alcohol-free cocktail) or brunch!

Saints

The city's vegan restaurant offering delicious and healthy flavours, as well as a specially designed area with floor cushions and books for children.

Ergon Foods

In addition to its delicious dishes and very impressive design, it is equipped with ramps, special toilets for children and high chairs.

Choureal

Here you can make your very own profiterole!

7. Accommodation

[See map](#)



Thessaloniki has a great number of hotels for all pockets and tastes. Expensive and luxurious hotels with numerous services, medium-class hotels, boutique hotels, youth hostels and houses available via [airbnb](#) or feels like home.

The website of the [Thessaloniki Hotels Association](#) lists all hotels belonging to the Association and provides details on their services and location.

You can search for hotels via [booking.com](#), a remarkable search engine based on certain filters such as family accommodation establishments, proximity to the city centre and more. You can also search for apartments or

houses via [airbnb.com](#) and [feelslike-home.gr](#), a platform with residences both in Thessaloniki and in Chalkidiki, which are equipped and furnished keeping in mind the needs of the littlest of guests.

8. Services useful to families



Babysitting services

Should you need a babysitter to look after your children for a night, you can find one on the [nannuka.com](#) or [paramana.eu](#) websites. With the help of certain smart tools, parents can read full babysitter CVs and evaluations, compare profiles, gather the necessary information and select the professional whom they wish to contact.

Equipment Rental

You can rent baby and children's equipment or equipment for camping and extreme sports via the [luxurymoms.com](#) and [rentitall.gr](#) websites.

9. Travel and transport



Air Travel

AEGEAN offers the *AEGEAN For Families*, a set of services designed with the aim of making family trips by plane the smoothest, most pleasant and most fun experience for all family members. This package includes special fares for children up to the age of 12, an additional piece of hand luggage for infants, luggage check-ins at specially designed counters, priority boarding for families on all flights, as well as special privileges on international flights, such as keeping children entertained with the new *Aegean Junior Pilots* range of activities and offering children a specially planned children's menu.

Travelling to the city

Airport

If you arrive by plane, you can rent a car from the airport or travel to your hotel or apartment by bus or tax

KTEL (intercity bus service) or train

If you are arriving by KTEL or train, you can travel by taxi or public bus (OASTH Organization of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki).

Travelling within the city

[See map](#)

The centre provides an urban transport network that is connected to all areas in Thessaloniki; there are many taxi ranks, while you can also cover the historical centre of the city on foot.

Bicycles

here is always the option to rent a bicycle, either from the Municipality's nine bike-sharing stations (*i-bike*) or from the rental spots of private companies like *BikeIT*.

Parking

It is rather difficult to find a parking spot in the city centre since many spots are exclusively available to inhabitants of the city centre (special *THESi* sign with the blue lines). The spots with white lines are for visitors. If you have registered with *THESi*, then you can pay for your parking time with your e-wallet, which you can load using a credit or debit card, via web banking or via POS machine.

There are many private parking establishments in central areas with prices ranging from €1.50/hour (within the Port Authority) to €4/hour (at the Thessaloniki YMCA), with an additional charge for every additional hour after the first hour.

Car rental

If you are looking to rent a car, you will find car rental agencies in all central parts of the city, and also at the airport, the KTEL station (intercity bus service) and at the Railway Station. Remember to ask for a child car seat.

Taxi

Dial 18300 to reach *Taxiway* which offers taxi services for families (child car seats) and persons with special needs (they have specially-equipped vehicles with ramps to facilitate transport), as well as drivers who speak foreign languages to take travellers to the city or to other destinations.

Dial 18180 to reach the *Mercedes Taxi Club*, which offers luxury vehicles equipped with GPS systems, air conditioning, WiFi points, magazines, baby boosters, special car seats for small children, safety belts in the back seats and in some select models, TV, video and video games for young passengers.

10. Souvenir shops

[See map](#)



Before leaving the city, remember to take a small souvenir with you to always remind you of your family experience.









In the brand new and original souvenir shops scattered across the city, you will find unique maps, pop-up postcards, DIY crafts and many other items that will become an integral part of your everyday life²¹.

²¹ *The Flying Fig, Hello-from and From Thessaloniki are a few of our favourites!*

11. Books

It would be a great idea to read something about Thessaloniki before visiting the city. There are various children's books that are bound to spark their imagination and make them want to see the city at close quarters.

Below are a few book titles (in Greek) that you can ask for at your nearest bookshop.

-  Ένας Δεινόσαυρος στο Μπαλκόνι μου [A Dinosaur on my Balcony]
by Sakis Serefas (Patakis Publishers)
-  Τα Αδέσποτα [The Strays]
by Sofia Zarampouka (Metaichmio Publications)
-  Πάμε Θεσσαλονίκη; [Let's Go to Thessaloniki?]
by Marisa De Castro (Papadopoulos Publishing)
-  Το Ξεχασμένο Κλειδί [The Forgotten Key]
by Eva Kasiarou (Kokkini Klosti Demeni Publications)
-  Η Γοργόνα [The Mermaid]
by Angeliki Darlasi (Metaichmio Publications)
-  Τα Δεκατρία Φτερνίσματα [Thirteen Sneezes]
by Eleni Svoronou (Metaichmio Publications)
-  Θεσσαλονίκη: Οδηγός για Παιδιά [Thessaloniki: A Guide for Children]
by Yiolanda Chatzi (Kedros Publishers)
-  Στην Πόλη του Αη-Δημήτρη [In the City of Saint Demetrius]
by Kira Sinou (Kedros Publishers)

MUSEUMS OF THESSALONIKI

Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki

T: +30 +30 2313 310 201
www.amth.gr

Thessaloniki Museum of Byzantine Culture

T: +30 2313 306 400
www.mbp.gr

White Tower

T: +30 2310 267 832
<http://www.lpth.gr/indexeg.php>

MOMus-Museum of Contemporary Art

T: +30 2310 240 002
www.mmca.org.gr

MOMus-Museum of Modern Art-Costakis Collection

T: +30 2310 589 140-41
<https://www.greekstatemuseum.com/kmst/index.html>

MOMus-Experimental Center for the Arts

T: +30 2310 546 683
<https://www.cact.gr/en>

MOMus-Thessaloniki Museum of Photography

T: +30 2310 566 716
<http://www.thmphoto.gr/?lang=EN>

Cinema Museum of Thessaloniki

T: 2310 508 398
www.cinemuseum.gr

Teloglion Fine Arts Foundation, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 247 111
<https://www.teloglion.gr/en>

Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 250 406
www.jmth.gr

Folklife and Ethnological Museum of Macedonia and Thrace

T: +30 2310 889 840
<http://www.lemmth.gr/welcome>

Museum of the Macedonian Struggle Foundation

T: +30 2310 229 778
www.imma.edu.gr

War Museum of Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 249 803-05
<http://warmuseumthess.wixsite.com/english>

Olympic Museum of Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 968 531-2
www.olympicmuseum-thessaloniki.org

Railway Museum

T: +30 2310 559 590
<http://www.sfsth.gr/index.php/en>

Water Supply Museum

T: +30 2310 514 029
www.eyath.gr

NOESIS – Thessaloniki Science Center and Technology Museum

T: +30 2310 483 000
<https://www.noesis.edu.gr/?lang=en>

Children's Museum of Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 913 047
www.paidikomouseio.gr

FAMILY FRIENDLY SPOTS

Waterland

T: +30 23920 72 025
<https://www.waterland.gr/en>

Magic Park

T: +30 2310 476 770-1
<https://www.waterland.gr/en>

Anel Honey Park

T: +30 23920 72 786
<http://honeypark.gr/?lang=en>
Closed on Sundays

Adventure Paintball

T: +30 6985 579 916-7
<https://adventurepaintball.gr/?lang=en>

North Park Indoor Skatepark

T: +30 2310 475 728
<https://gokart.gr/en/>
Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

Go Kart Center

T: +30 2310 467 466
www.gokartenter.gr

Axios Delta National Park

T: +30 2310 794 811
<http://axiosdelta.gr/en/>

Petalona Cave

T: +30 2373 073 365
www.petalona-cave.gr

Dinosaur Park

T: +30 2310 686 544
www.parkodeinosauron.gr

TRANSPORT

Thessbike

T: +30 6978 008 141
<https://www.thessbike.gr/en/>

Bike It

T: +30 2310 888 920
<https://bikeitrentals.com/en/>

Karavakia – Thessaloniki Waterbus

T: +30 6945 971 857 Konstantis
T: +30 6974 800 022 Agios Georgios
<http://www.karavakia.com/en>

No 50 Cultural Bus Line of OASTH (Organization of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki)

T: +30 11085
www.oasth.gr/#el/politistikh-diadromh

Thessaloniki Sightseeing

T: +30 2310 515 944
<https://thessaloniki-sightseeing.com/en/home/>

Taxiway

T: +30 18300 / 2310 214 900
www.taxiway.gr

Mercedes Taxi Club

T: +30 18180 / 2310 525 777
<https://www.radiotaximercedes.eu/en/>

OASTH (Organization of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki)

T: +30 11085
<http://oasth.gr/eng>

THESi

T: +30 2312 315 404
<https://www.thesi.gr/?lang=en>

TOURS – EXCURSIONS

Tourist Guides Association of Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 546 037
<https://www.touristguides-ngreece.gr/en/>

Dot2dot

T: +30 2311 242 382
<http://www.dot2dot.gr/en/>

Cycle Safari

T: +30 2310 805 514
<https://www.cyclesafari.gr/en/>

Eat and Walk

T: +30 2310 278 027
www.eatandwalk.gr

Gamecraft

T: +30 2310 328 317
<http://gamecraft.gr/eng/>

Touristree

T: +30 6936 468 168
<https://touristree.eu/>

Run With Me Thessaloniki

T: +30 2310 905 205 / 6984 970 096
www.runwithmethessaloniki.com

Thessaloniki Balloon Fights

T: +30 2310 222 413
www.thessalonikiflights.com

In the Loop

www.intheloop.gr

Peek at Greek

T: +30 6976 4340 89 / 6945 247 282
www.peakatgreek.gr

Ammon Express

T: +30 2310 500 225
<https://www.ammonexpress.gr/en/>

Urania Maas Travel

T: +30 2310 257 390
<http://www.uraniamaastravel.com/>

Trace Your Eco!

T: +30 6949 650 300
www.traceyoureco.gr

Veria Volta

T: +30 6988 039 099
<http://www.veria-volta.gr/index.html>

Agkistro Action

T: +30 23230 43 033 / 6980 138 846
www.agkistroaction.gr

Irbis

T: +30 6907 601 100
www.irbis.gr

USEFUL SERVICES

Nannuka

T: +30 210 361 0717
www.nannuka.com

Paramana

T: +30 2111 097 273
www.paramana.eu

Luxury moms

T: +30 6945 585 560
<http://www.luxury-moms.com/?l=en>

Rent it all

T: +30 6948 614 847
http://www.rentitall.gr/index.php?id_lang=1



You will find maps and city guides at the Information Desks (glass booths) of Aristotelous Square, next to the National Theatre of Northern Greece (very close to the White Tower) and at the City Hall of Thessaloniki.



Remember to take photographs and post them on social media with the *#thessalonikifamilyfriendly* hash tag



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**No man will be without a homeland,
as long as Salonica exists.**

Nikephoros Choumnos
Byzantine scholar from Thessaloniki
(13th–14th century)

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