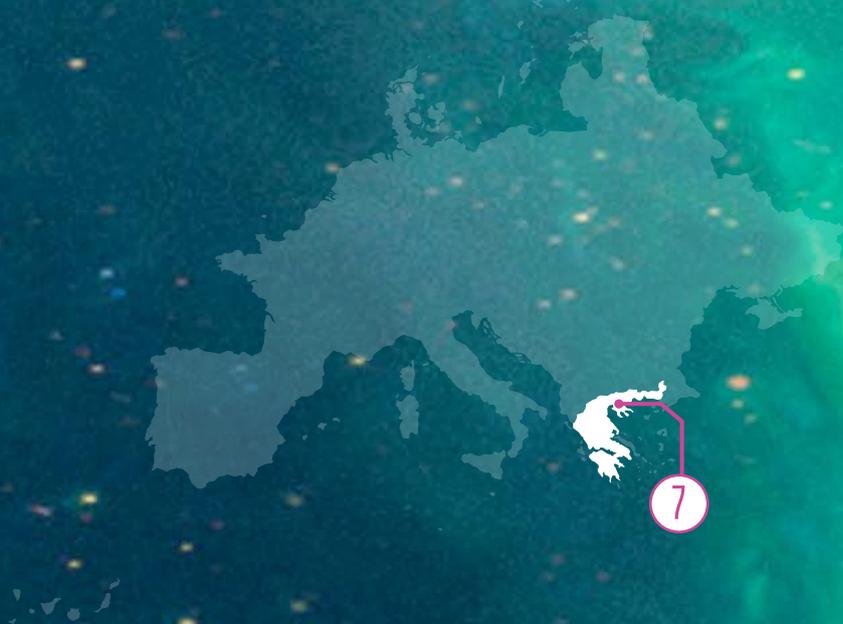




EU Sky Route
star tourism

Greece, Noesis - Taxiarchis Chalkidiki



Myths & Astronomy

Overview

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Soak up the magic and mystery of Ancient and Modern Greece on this myths and astronomy tour. You start your 58-kilometre adventure in the beautiful city of Thessaloniki, home to the prominent Science Centre and Technology Museum Noesis. This hub of scientific thinking was established in 2004 and has become one of the city's most visited attractions. Your week ends in Taxiarchis, a traditional Greek village with clear, dark skies perfect for observing the treasures of the deep night sky. Return your gaze to terra firma and marvel at the region's incredible forest scenery. It's famous for its vast fir tree plantations which are sold as Christmas trees each year.

Astronomical delights

Noesis Science Centre

This prominent science centre in Thessaloniki pays particular attention to astronomy, a popular pursuit here due to the dark and clear night skies. Learn about constellations and their popular myths in exhibits including a digital planetarium, 3D simulator, 3D IMAX cinema, technology museum and a fascinating, permanent exhibition about ancient Greek technology. The best time to visit for astronomical observing is spring and summer, but the region, and its snow-capped mountains also make this a popular destination in the winter.

Memorable sites

Iera Moni Agias Anastasias

This Greek Monastery was originally established in AD 888 by Queen Theophano but it was re-founded around AD 1525 by the Holy Mountain monk and Archbishop of Thessaloniki, St Theonas, who discovered a ruined church and became the Abbot, building a monastery which was to flourish in the presence of hundreds of monks. Today, the monastery houses relics of Abbot St Theonas and Queen Theophano.

Palaiokastro

The traditional Greek village of Palaiokastro sits 560 metres up Mount Cholomontas in central Chalkidiki.



Endless landscapes

Taxiarchis

Visit this traditional Greek village 670 kilometres up Mount Cholomontas. Explore the local area on one of the plentiful and pretty trekking paths scattered around. The area is also famous for the planting of fir trees by the villagers, to be sold as Christmas trees.

Places to stay

Apolimeni Petra, Cholomonta

www.apolimenipetra.gr/en

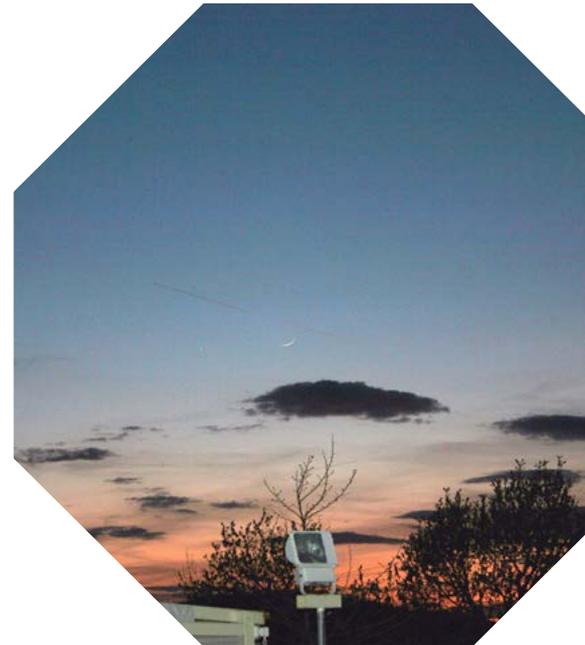
Rooms, studios, suites, restaurant, bar, swimming pool

Jimmys Hotel, Cholomontas www.jimmyshotel.gr

Rooms, suites, restaurant, spa and sauna

Farma Hostel www.farmahotel.4ty.gr

Rooms, restaurant, playground

Elatodasos Apartments www.elatodasos.gr

Places to eat



Siedlisko Carpathia Inn

Apolimeni Petra

www.apolimenipetra.gr

Jimmys Tavern, Cholomontas

www.jimmyshotel.gr

Rooms, suites, restaurant, spa and sauna

Farma Hostel

www.farmahotel.4ty.gr

Psili Rachi

www.psilirachi.gr

Navigating your Greek SkyRoute

Noesis Science Centre

Situated 12 kilometres from the city centre, six kilometers outside Thessaloniki on the Thermi road.

Iera Moni Anastasias

Located around 32 kilometres along the Thessaloniki to Polygyros Road. Accessible by car or public transport.

Palaiokastro Village

Continue down the Thessaloniki – Polygyros road for about 22 kilometres and you'll see the sign to turn left for Palaiokastro Village just after the junction to the monastery.

Taxiarchis Village

Continue on the road out of Palaiokastro and after around 12 kilometres you'll see the Aristotle University Forest buildings on your left and popular Jimmy's Restaurant on the right. Turn right at the junction and Taxiarchis Village is 3.5 kilometres down the road.