



A true living experience

East Macedonia and Thrace lies on the northeastern edge of Greece, in the shadow of the dominant Rhodope mountain range, gliding along mountains and plains, meandering in its pristine forests, mirrored in lakes Vistonida and Ismarida, travelling along the rivers Nestos and Evros until their deltas and swimming in the Aegean Sea. This completes a mosaic of natural beauty, of a land vibrant with different sounds, shapes, colours, aromas and flavours. Crystals of sea salt, pebbles, water drops, snow flakes, crunchy nuts, olives, slowly roasting coffee beans offer travellers who want to live something more than a simple tourist trip an experience encompassing all five senses. Here, a human mosaic of different races and religions came together to create a warm and welcoming image that renders East Macedonia and Thrace unique.

A mosaic of human presence

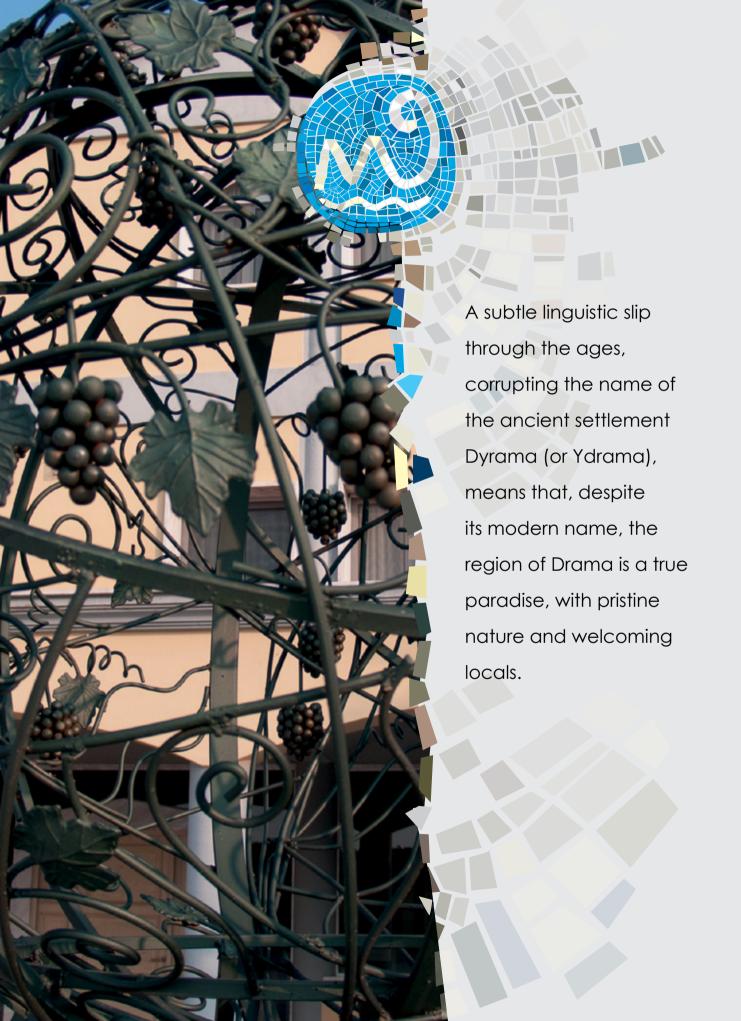
Carved stones lying next to bridges and mansions, amber beads on worry beads, knots in rosaries, ivory ornaments on musical instruments that give life to feasts and circular dances.

A cultural mosaic

Fragments of statues and columns, mosaics that narrate the exploits of gods and heroes, domes and minarets, tobacco leaves tied with string to dry, colourful stitches in silk embroideries. Drama, Kavala, Xanthi, Rodopi, Evros and two islands: Thasos and Samothraki. Come to add your own pebble in this colourful mosaic.

Come for a true living experience

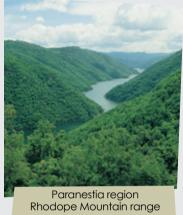


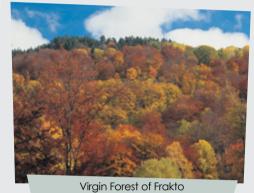


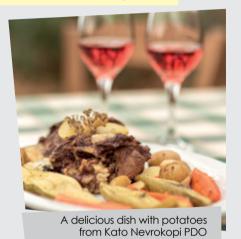




The Agia Varvara Waterfall in the Arkoudorema valley













The Babougera, a custom with Dionysian roots

Oneiroupoli, Drama



International Short Film Festival of Drama



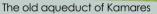












The exotic small peninsula of Keramoti, a colony of herons





The majectic ancient city of Philippoi





The Vima of the Apostle Paul

The Castle of Kavala

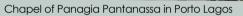




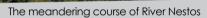




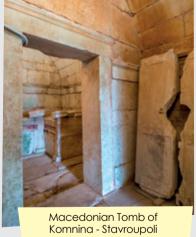






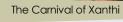






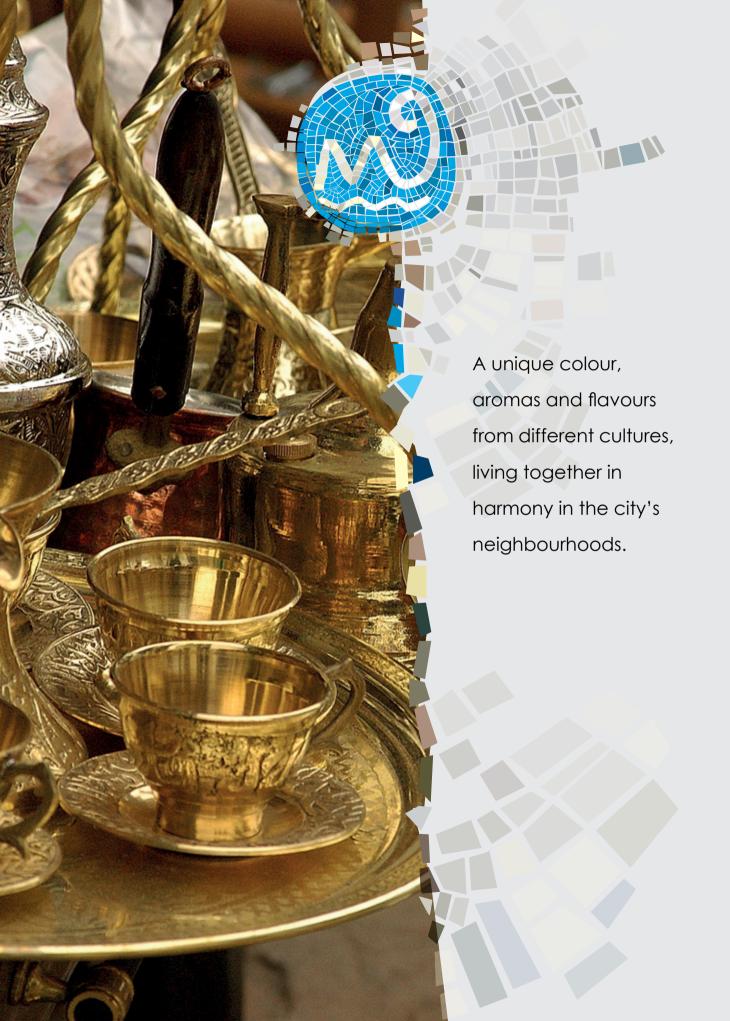
















Ecclesiastical Museum (Imaret)



Bridge of River Kompsatos, Iasmos











Picturesque taverns in cobbled streets







The flame-lighting ceremony of the Special Olympics in the Ancient Zone



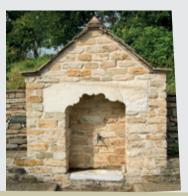






Birds of prey in Dadia forest

Pythio Castle



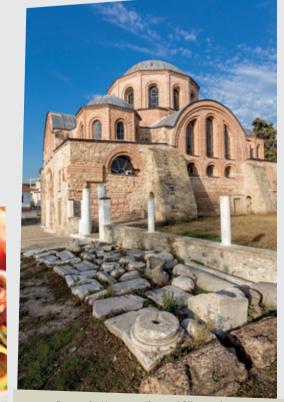




Sealing of the floor of a building with inverted amphorae in the Ancient Zone



Fresh fish and traditional Thracian chilopites



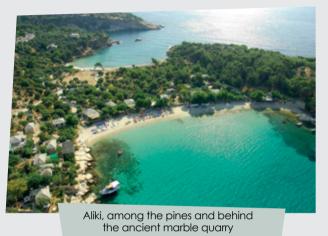
Panagia Kosmosotira, a 12th century Byzantine church











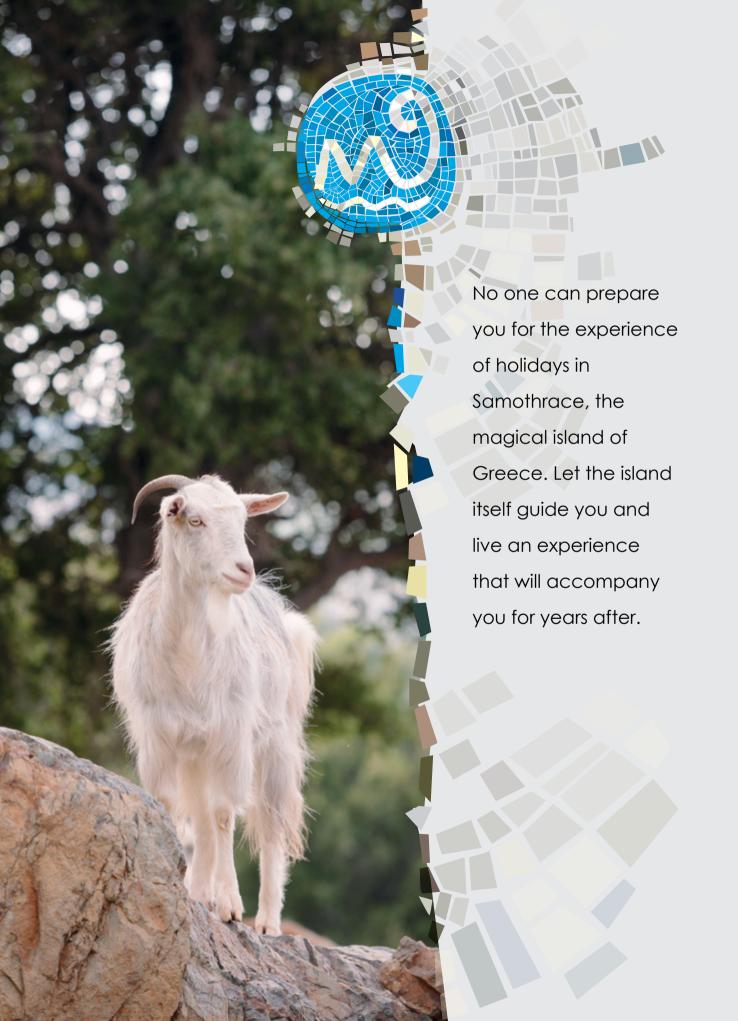










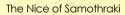




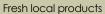














An ideal Fishing ground

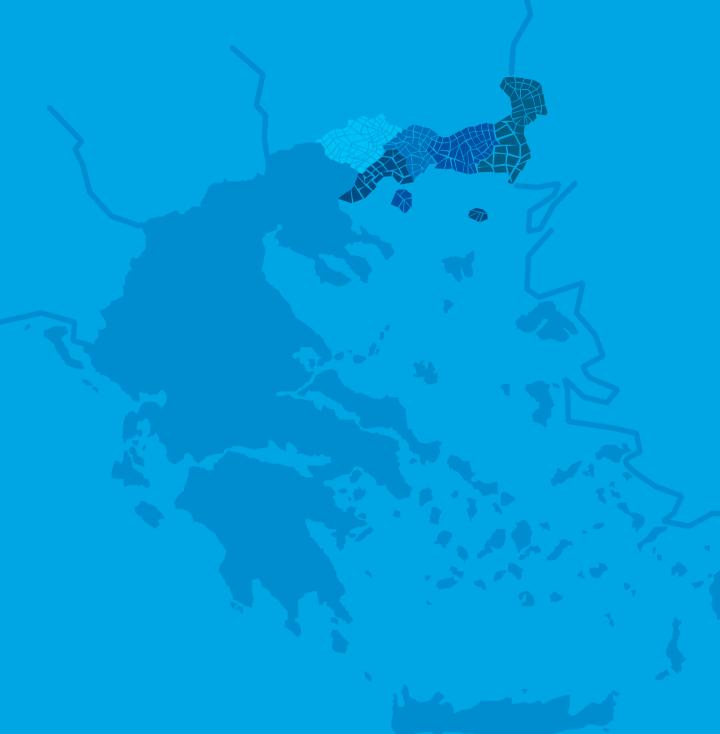


Pachia Ammos, the most famous beach on the island

















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