

CIVITAS Forum

Travel and Accommodation Guide

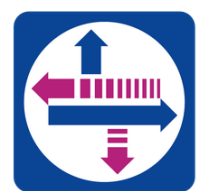
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Welcome to Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki welcomes visitors with a rich sense of history and an easygoing pace. With more than 2,300 years of heritage, lively streets and cafés sit alongside landmarks such as the Rotunda and the Church of Saint Demetrius (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

This guide will help you **navigate how to get to the city, where to stay, and how to move around once you arrive.**

The city's compact centre makes it easy to settle in. A walk along the waterfront, a visit to traditional markets like Modiano, or a stop at a neighbourhood bakery introduces Thessaloniki's celebrated food culture – from bougatsa (custard-filled pastry) to koulouri (sesame-crust bread ring), there is something for everyone. Historic character and contemporary energy blend seamlessly.

Ano Poli (the Upper Town) offers narrow streets, traditional houses, and sweeping views across the city and the Thermaic Gulf. In the evening, Ladadika comes alive – a historic district of tavernas, bars, and live music venues, easily reached on foot or by public transport.

Getting around is part of the experience. Cycling along the waterfront promenade –from the port to the concert hall – offers sea views, public art such as the Umbrellas sculpture, and plenty of places to pause for a coffee. With other major events happening in the city at the same time, it's recommended to plan your trip soon.

Τα λέμε από κοντά! See you soon!



How to reach Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki is located in the region of Central Macedonia, in Northern Greece. To explore options to reach the city, we recommend visiting websites like [Rome2Rio](#).

By train



To reach Thessaloniki by train, you must first arrive in Athens. The journey from Athens to Thessaloniki takes around five hours. The train station in Thessaloniki is located close by the city center. It is a ten minutes walk from the city center or five minute ride by metro. The only train carrier is [Hellenic Train](#).

By bus



To reach Thessaloniki by bus, there is a direct connection with a number of countries, including Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Albania. To find information about all the connections, visit the [Macedonia Intercity Bus Station](#) website. [Flixbus](#) is also available for several international routes.

By bicycle



For those arriving in Thessaloniki by bicycle, good for you! Before beginning, check out the [EuroVelo](#) website to find the best way to arrive safely in Thessaloniki.



By plane



To reach Thessaloniki by plane, the Thessaloniki International Airport Makedonia is just 16 kilometers outside the city-centre and has connections with over 30 countries. From the airport, the city centre is accessible by bus, taxi or car.

The bus line 01X (01N during the night) is an express line that connects the city centre with the airport. The bus line 02X directly connects the airport with the closest metro station. The cost for the bus is €2 for the airport lines and €0.60 for the metro. Tickets can be purchased from ticket vending machines. Information on bus itineraries can be found in **TheTA website** or in **TheTA app**.

Hint!: Don't throw away your tickets - they are reusable!

For those wishing to take a taxi, the approximate fare from the airport to the city centre is €25-35.

By car



For those traveling to Thessaloniki by car, it is suggested to park your vehicle in a parking garage upon arrival and move around the city by public transport.

Parking spots on the street that have white lines and **'Thesi - by ParkPal'** signage have a limit of 4 hours stay. Payment for parking can be done via the **ParkPal app**.

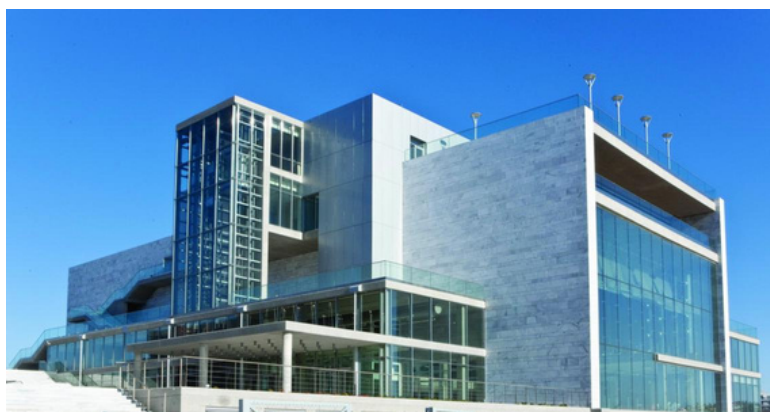


Forum Venue

The CIVITAS Forum 2026 will take place at the **Thessaloniki Concert Hall**, in the building **M2**. The building is designed by the renowned architect, Arata Isozaki.

Thessaloniki Concert Hall

25is Martiou &, Thessaloniki 546 46, Greece



Metro 1 one reaches the venue, with the closest station being **'25 Martiou'**. **Bus lines 01X, 03K, 05, 06** also reach the venue, with the closest stop being **'Megaro Mousikis - 25 Martiou'**.



Accommodation

The following accommodation options have confirmed special rates for Forum attendees. Contact the hotel directly to receive the special rate, **mentioning the CIVITAS Forum 2026**, and, when listed below, also mention the discount code. Prices do not include overnight tax. Due to the high tourist season and increased demand during this period, room availability and rates cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to change.

ABC Hotel

tel. +30 2310265421

Book via email at: info@hotelabc.gr

Prices: Single €75/night, Double €95/night. Breakfast Included.

Nea Metropolis Hotel

tel. +30 2310530363 & 2310525540

Book via email at: info@neametropolis.com.gr | Use code: CIVITAS 2026

Prices: Single €65/night, Double €75/night. Breakfast Included. Discount until 31/05/26.

The Mavili Urban Stay Hotel

tel. +30 2310530063

Book via email at: info@themavili.gr

Prices: Single €91/night, Double €95/night. Breakfast Included. Discount until 02/09/26.

Vergina Hotel

tel. +30 2310529308

Book via email at: info@vergina-hotel.gr | Use code: CIVITAS 2026

Prices: Single €60/night, Double €75/night, Triple €95/night. Breakfast Included.

Elisabeth Boutique Hotel

tel. +30 2314074000

Book via email at: info@elisabeth-hotel.gr

Prices: Single €115/night, Double €120/night.

Anatolia Hotel

tel. +30 2310522422 | [Booking link](#)

Onoma Hotel

tel. +30 2314423300 | [Booking link](#)



Holiday Inn

tel. +30 2310563100 | [Booking link](#)

Prices: Single €125/night, Double €135/night. Breakfast Included.

MonAsty Hotel

tel. +30 2310274545

Book via email at: info@monastyhotel.com

Prices: Single €205/night, Double €225/night. Breakfast Included.

Oscar Olympic Hotel

tel. +30 2316033770 | [Booking link](#)

Domotel Olympia

tel. +30 2310366466 | [Booking link](#)

Book via email at: reservations-olympia@domotel.gr. Use code "CIVITAS".

Teight Hotel

tel. +30 2312315900

Book via email at: reservations@teighthotel.gr

Prices: Single €140/night, Double €150/night. Breakfast Included.

The Met Hotel

Tel. +30 2310017000

Book via email at: themethotel@chandris.gr

Prices: Single €140/night, Double €160/night. Breakfast included.

The Modernist Hotel

Tel. +30 2316009996 | [Booking link](#)



Moving Around Thessaloniki

Bike & e-bike



Bicycles can be rented to explore the city centre and Thessaloniki's waterfront. Rentals are available from **Thessbike**, **RideMovi** and **BikeIT**.

E-scooter



E-scooters are available via the **Hop**, **Uber**, **Lime**, **RideMovi** and **Dott** apps.

Bus



Thessaloniki has an extensive bus network. **OASTH** is Thessaloniki's main bus operator, providing frequent service throughout the city. Routes extending beyond Thessaloniki are served by **KTEL Thessalonikis**.

Metro



The new **Thessaloniki Metro** is a driverless and automated urban rail system that links the city centre with eastern Thessaloniki. Many metro stations also function as archaeological displays, showcasing ancient roads, Roman and Byzantine remains, and other artefacts. The network consists of: Line 1 (red) and Line 2 (blue).



See you in Thessaloniki!

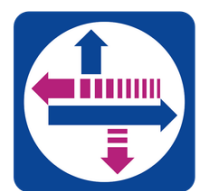
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