

## A FULL DAY IN HISTORY

# THESSALONIKI & VERGINA

For this full Day experience to either or both destinations, we gladly arrange a transfer from the Hotel and shall be happy to advise on a Guide (recommended) or tailor-make your itinerary in Thessaloniki as per your preference revolving around history, food exploration or shopping

### THESSALONIKI: WHERE HISTORY MEETS URBAN CHIC

Dotted with historic sights, Greece's second-largest city truly earned its rank amongst The New York Times top destinations in 2016. Thessaloniki calls for a cultural ride starting from the harbour along the vibrant promenade peppered with Restaurants, Bars and Coffee Shops right to the iconic landmark "The White Tower". Finally, one should not miss out to dive into the atmospheric Centre boasting numerous Byzantine churches, historical districts, and museums. At the Resort, we are happy to create a tailor-made itinerary sharing local Insider-tips ranging from historic to modern-art musts, from the most buzzing flea markets to most exclusive Designer-Boutiques and from all parlours' roundest Thessalonian Koulouri to the city's way longest Bouzouki-Nights

**Distance from the Resort: 90 KM**

### VERGINA: A MACEDONIAN "EL DORADO"

1876: <<There is a chance that those who rake over the same grounds after us, which we earnestly hope for, shall indeed uncover the history of Macedonia, for we are convinced for it to lay in the Hills of Palatitsa>>. Determined Archaeologist Léon Heuzey earned his colleagues' pitiful smiles upon his fantastical quest for a Macedonian "El Dorado". Those after him were Dr Manolis Andronikos and Team picking up the shovels to blister their hands for 40 long years under the burning sun to unearth a few minor tombs but mostly handfuls of dust. The 8th November 1977 was a Tuesday like any other when a shovel's pounding sound from within a 17 feet pit brought the mockers to an abrupt silence. Dr Andronikos had knocked against a marble sarcophagus, the Tomb of Philip II, the man who conquered all the Greek cities, paving the way for his son, Alexander the Great. A stone at a time "Aigai" surfaced, the Royal Capital of Macedonia, the Hellenic Kingdom loaded with paintings, exquisite silver and gold ornaments, the monumental palace, and over 300 tumuli. "Aigai", now Vergina is one of the world's greatest discoveries, **UNESCO world heritage**, proof of Macedonia's Greek origin and both Heuzey's and Andronikos' legacy to live in the annals of history for all time to come. We gladly enhance this full-day experience with an expert local guide.

**Distance from the Resort: 170 KM**

