



Thessaloniki, the host city of **EUROMAT 2017**, is a vibrant and modern European city, one of the most important trade and business centres in the Balkans with great history dating back to around 315 BC. The city is situated strategically in Macedonia, Northern Greece, and is easily accessible from all over the world. Nearby archaeological sites from the time of Alexander the Great and Roman and Byzantine times offer great opportunities for sightseeing before or after the congress.

Accessibility

With a strategic position in Greece and Europe, Thessaloniki is easily accessible by all means of transport. Features International Airport (Macedonia International Airport by IATA code SKG), Railway station, Harbour, Intercity Bus station and is connected with the rest of Greece and abroad through national and international highways.

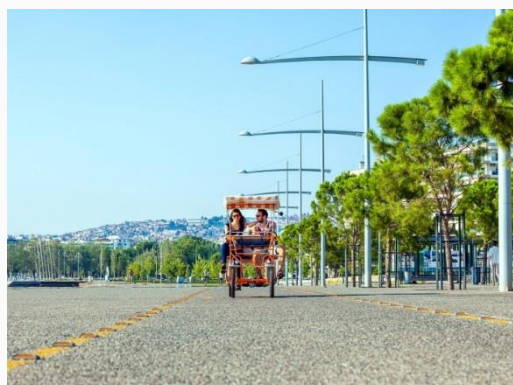
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Moving around the city

Thessaloniki offers an easy and quick way to commute; no city spot is more than 30 minutes away from the center by public transportation.

Undoubtedly, the best way to get acquainted with the historic center is by strolling down the UNESCO monuments, the market, the traditional taverns, as well as the coastline with the beautiful sunset. Public buses and taxis are the main means of transportation in Thessaloniki, while bicycles have become increasingly popular over the past years. The picturesque boats and the alternative Segway, complete the list of transportation selections during the summer period.



Arts & Culture

Thessaloniki was the European Capital of Culture in 1997 and remains a city with intense cultural activity. As evidenced by the dozens of museums, theaters, the Multiplex of art, the Concert Hall, the outdoor sculpture and music heritage, Thessaloniki produces culture and moves with strength and versatility, having a restive workforce, its residents, creating and many times pioneering at the cultural life of Greece. Search and discover places and people and why not, become yourselves part of that creativity!



Climate

The climate of Thessaloniki is Mediterranean, being partly affected by the mainland. The rarity of extreme weather conditions and the mild temperature characteristics of each of the four seasons, provide the perfect opportunity for residents and visitors to take pleasure in the beauty and colors of each switching of the urban landscape.

In September the average temperature is 25°C with average humidity 47%.

Currency

Greece is a member of the Eurozone and the euro is the official currency. You can buy euros from banks, exchange offices in the city center and the airport "Macedonia", while foreign exchange services offered in many hotels.

Shopping hours

The shops' opening hours are not pre-determined. In general terms, the regular shopping hours on weekdays are 09:00 – 21:00 and Saturdays 09:00-15:00.

Time

Thessaloniki, like the rest of Greece, belongs to the Eastern European Time Zone and is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2). Like most European countries, Thessaloniki implements the time change from "winter" to "summer" and conversely.



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