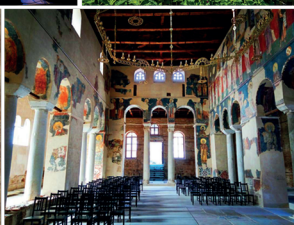


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ΠΕΡΙΠΑΤΗΤΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΔΡΟΜΗ - WALKING TOUR

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To Vermio Mountain,
Seli National Ski Resort,
Monastery of
Panagia Soumela
& Monastery of
Theotokos Kalipetras

To Monastery of Panagia Dovra
I.M. Παναγίας Δοβρά

To Vergina, Museum of Royal Tombs (Aigai),
Monastery of Timios Prodromos, Pieria Mountains
& Egnatia Road

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& Εγνατία Οδός

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1

Arrival in Veria Car Parking

Outdoor Parking Space close to the area of Promitheas Bridge (Bobolis).

GPS Location/Coordinates: Dimosthenous 25 Parking Veria, [G6F2+R9 Veria](#)

Opening hours: MO – SU 6:00–22:30



2

Traditional Quarter of Panagia Dexia

The preservable quarter of "Panagia Dexia" is developed along the River Tripotamos, just beside the central commercial market of Veria. The Church of Panagia Dexia was built in the early 19th c. in the place of an older church of the 14th c.

There are two more old churches in Dimosthenous street: Church of St Nicholas and Church of St Paraskevi.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Traditional Quarter of Panagia Dexia / [G6F2+98 Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

350 m. / 5' / 15'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: The church of Panagia Dexia has two entrances: One from Panagia Dexia street and the other from Dimosthenous street which is older and more interesting



3



The Old Cathedral (11th c.)

The Old Cathedral of Veria is one of the greatest temples of the middle Byzantine period, which the bishop of the town had it built between 1070 and 1080. The Church inside presents some of the greatest wall painting works of the 12th, 13th and 14th c. Opposite the Church, there is an ancient plane tree where the Turks hanged Archbishop Arsenios in 1430, after taking Veria. In 1977 it was declared preserved natural monument.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Old Metropolitan Church of Veria / [G6C2+WP Veria](#)

Opening hours: WE – MO 09:00-17:00, TU 12:00 – 20:00

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

130 m. / 2' / 15'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Visit the shops with the handmade souvenirs



4

Karachmet Bridge – Tripotamos River

The river that flows across the city of Veria is called "Tripotamos". Along the banks, there are 17 registered caves that were used as hermitages, corrals, water tunnels, ossuaries and the 16th c. stone bridge over Tripotamos river is one of the rare works by Turkish architect Karachmet (from whom it got its name) to survive to this day.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Karachmet (Celebi Sinan Bay) Bridge (16th c.) /

[G5FX+3W Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

200 m. / 3' / 20'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Cross the Bridge and walk along the pathway by the river.



5

Havra Bridge – Tripotamos River

There are 10 bridges that connect the two sides of Tripotamos River. Havra Bridge connects Promitheas with the traditional Jewish Quarter of Barbouta.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Havra Bridge / [G5CX+9F Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

230 m. / 3' / 15'

Admission: Free

Tip: Take photos of the 19th c. mansions



6

Traditional Jewish Quarter of Barbouta

The quarter is located next to Barbouta area, whose name comes from a fountain which is preserved until today. On the northwestern edge of the open courtyard of the Jewish Quarter with its cobbled streets and imposing mansions, there is the stone building of the old Jewish Synagogue with the rich and ornate decoration. The Jewish Synagogue in today's form was built in 1850 and it is the oldest in the northern Greece and one of the oldest in Europe. The interior of the Synagogue is impressive that is characterized by wood carved ceilings and vivid mosaic tiles.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Jewish Quarter of Barbouta / [G5CX+GR Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

95 m. / 2' / 20'

Πληροφορίες: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Visit the Jewish Synagogue of Veria after telephone communication. Visit the old mansions, today converted into boutique hotels.



7

Clock Tower Square (Raktivan)

It is the center of the modern city. The impressive building in front was the old courthouse. In front of the building, took place the delivery of the town to the Greek army by the Turkish commander on October 16, 1912. At the other side of the square, there is a memorial for the fallen of the WWII. Behind the courthouse there are some ruins left from the tower of Princess Vergina, wife of the last Duke of Veria. She drowned herself in Tripotamos River, after the city was occupied by the Ottomans. In the middle of Veroi street, there is another historical plane tree where the Ottomans hanged the fighter Karadimos and his boys in 1705.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Clock Tower (Raktivan) Square / [G6C2+22 Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 170 m. / 2' / 10'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Coffee or Ouzo Break at the local cafés or tavernas.



8

Apostle Paul's Tribune, a global pilgrimage

Paul visited Veria twice; in 56 AD and at the beginning of 57 AD during his journey from Asia Minor to Greece, to teach the life of Jesus to the people of the region. Paul's the Apostle passage through Veria and the impact of his preaching, reveal the significance of the town at the first steps of Christianity. The impressively large number of churches gave the city the nickname "Little Jerusalem". Today, at the city center, 46 Byzantine and post Byzantine churches with beautiful frescoes are well preserved.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Bema (Podium) of Paul the Apostle / [G692+92 Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

210 m. / 3' / 15'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Visit the shops with the handmade souvenirs. Coffee or Ouzo Break at the local cafés or tavernas.



9

The Byzantine Museum of Veria

The Byzantine Museum of Veria is housed in a majestic 1911 landmark industrial building known as the Mill of Mark, which is located close to the traditional district Kyriotissa next to the ancient town wall. The permanent collection includes impressive icons, murals from churches, mosaics, architectural sculptures, pottery art and coins, manuscripts and burial findings. The exhibits are housed in three floors, 720 square meters of total area.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Byzantine Museum of Veria / [G693+M9 Veria](#)

Opening hours: WE – MO 12:00 – 20:00, TU 12:00 – 20:00

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

450 m. / 5' / 30'

Info: <https://www.byzantine-museum-veria.gr/>

Admission: 4 € (From November 1st to March 31st each year, reduced price is valid for all visitors)

Tip: Buy a combined ticket and visit: Archaeological Site and Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai, Archaeological Museum of Veria, Byzantine Museum of Veria €15 (Only for the period: 1st April to 31st October)



10

Traditional Quarter of Kyriotissa

Kyriotissa is a picturesque quarter with a maze of narrow streets and dead ends, tall buildings, mansions and gardens with tall yards that evoke the traditional houses of the Balkans in the 18th and 19th century. Behind the tall fences and adjacent alleys emerge small stone Christian and Byzantine churches. One of the most impressive is the Church of Saint Savvas from the 14th c.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Traditional Quarter of Kyriotissa, Gr. Xenopoulou, Veria / [G6C3+8F Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 450 m. / 5' / 30'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Take a break at the small Gr. Xenopoulou square and visit the Church of Saint Vlassios (14th c.)



11

Veria City Hall

The City Hall was built by the Greek Christians, just before the liberation of the city. It initially functioned as a school. During the Balkan wars it served as a military hospital and barracks for Evzones and in World War I it was requisitioned by the French army.

After the conquest of Macedonia by the Romans (168 B.C.), Veria developed into a great administrative, spiritual and financial centre. The connection between Egnatia Road and the city of Veria by a paved road dating back to the 2nd century, part of which has been found and is exposed along Mitropoleos Street.

GPS Location/Coordinates: City Hall Veria / [G6F3+3Q Veria](#)

Opening hours: MO - FR 09:00 – 14:00 (Inside City Hall)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 270 m. / 3' / 10'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Visit the council chamber and request free brochures from the tourism department.



12

Elia Square

The "Elia" square is the city's meeting point. The walkway stretches along the Anoixeos Avenue and ends at the Archaeological Museum of Veria. Along the Avenue, the visitor is viewing the green plain of Imathia and the neoclassical mansions of the 19th century.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Elia Park / [G6F4+8X Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration:

350 m. / 4' / 10'

Admission: Free

Tip: Use the outdoor fitness equipment. Rent a bike. Coffee or Lunch Break at the local cafés or restaurants.



13

The Archaeological Museum

The Archaeological Museum of Veria exhibits the antiquities found in the Region of Imathia, from the Late Stone Age till the Hellenistic Period. At the entrance of the museum, the enormous Medusa's marble head is dominant, that was adjusted at the north gate of the ancient walls of Veria to keep the enemies away from the town. At the reception hall stands the impressive marble statue of the river god Olganos in the figure of Alexander the Great.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Archaeological Museum of Veria / [G6H4+MJ Veria](#)

Opening hours: WE – MO 08:00 – 20:00, TU 12:00 – 20:00

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 750 m. / 10' / 30'

Info: QR CODE

Entrance: Full: €3, Reduced: €2 (From November 1st to March 31st each year, reduced price is valid for all visitors)

Tip: Buy a combined ticket and visit: Archaeological Site and Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai, Archaeological Museum of Veria, Byzantine Museum of Veria €15 (Only for the period: 1st April to 31st October)



14

Archaeological site of Saint Patapios

The Church of Saint Patapios was built in the 15th century on the ruins of two older religious constructions, an early Christian baptistery of the 4th century and a big early Christian basilica of the 5th century. The Church of Saint Patapios preserves till today murals from the original temple that date back to the period between 15th and 18th century.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Archaeological Site of St Patapios / [G6G3+8V Veria](#)

Opening hours: Oct-Mar WE-MO 09:00-17:00, Apr-Sep WE-MO 08:00-20:00 & TU 12:00-20:00

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 500 m. / 7' / 20'

Info: QR CODE

Admission: Free

Tip: Maximum number of visitors each time, 15. Maximum duration of visit, 15'.



15



Old Central Market

The area known as “Teneketzidika” give a sense of the old central market. Some of the traditional workshops of handmade items are still operating. There are several shops since the beginning of the 20th century. From M. Alexandrou Street, the market goes up to Kentrikis Street to the level of Platanon Street and down from Filippou Street again to M. Alexandrou Street.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Platanon Veria, / [G6F2+MW Veria](#)

Opening hours: See opening hours for shops (Useful Information)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 500 m. / 7' / 20'

Admission: Free

Tip: Buy handmade household items. Taste and buy local delicacies. Break for coffee or drink at the cafés – bars.



16



Promitheas Bridge (Bobolis)

The Bombolis Bridge - near the current Thermopylae bridge - is the bridge where the open food market takes place. From the Bridge there is access to the Tripotamos River.

GPS Location/Coordinates: Promitheas Bridge (Bobolis) / [G6F2+MW Veria](#)

Opening hours: 24 hours (outdoor attraction)

Distance from previous point / Walking duration / Visiting duration: 350 m. / 5' / 5'

Admission: Free

Tip: Cross the bridge and visit the Jewish Cemeteries and the Holocaust Memorial (350 m. walking distance).

END OF ITINERARY: Outdoor Parking Space Promitheas Bridge (Bobolis).

HOW TO USE THE “VERIA CITY WALKING TOUR”

Duration: The suggested total duration of the route is approximately 7 hours including stops for coffee and lunch.

Distance: The proposed points cover a total walking route of approximately 5 km.

Route: It can start from any point and be followed in a circle line.

QR CODES: The devices need to have a QR CODE reader application.

GPS: The devices need to have a GPS application.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

GETTING TO VERIA:

BY CAR: Distance from Thessaloniki: 71,5 km (tolls), Distance from Athens: 508 km (tolls)

BY TRAIN: <https://www.hellenictrain.gr/>

BY BUS: <https://www.ktel-imathias.gr/>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Public buses, www.astikoverias.gr

PARKING:

- Point 1: Outdoor Parking Space close to the area of Promitheas Bridge (Bobolis), Dimosthenous 25 Parking Veria, G6F2+R9 Veria
- Point 11: Closed Parking Space, 28, Mitropoleos street (City Hall of Veria), G6F3+5R Veria
- Krypas Parking Space, Platanon Veria, G6F2+RR Veria
- Free Parking Area close to the Cemeteries. Free municipal parking lot, G6J2+G2 Veria

SHOPPING: The opening hours of shops are: MO-WE 09:00–15:00, TU-TH-FR 09:00–14:00 & 17:00–20:00, SA 09:00–15:00

BIKE RENTAL:

Point 7 – Clock Tower Square (Raktivan). Point 12 – Elia Park. Info: QR CODE

PUBLIC FOUNTAINS: Public tap water is drinkable.

LOCAL GASTRONOMY:

“Fasoulodavas” (oven-cooked beans), Smoked cheese from Vermio, Veal from Veria, “Xinomavro” wine, Tsipouro and the traditional sweet “Revani” Verias.

VISITING THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE:

Upon request, Mrs Evi Neska, tel. 0030 6983 880329

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Also visit in Veria:

- The awarded Central Public Library of Veria (www.libver.gr).
- The Arts Hall - Cultural Congress Centre of Veria (www.veriaculture.gr).
- The Antoniadios Cultural Center (www.veriaculture.gr).

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Information about travel & accommodation arrangements: www.discoververia.gr



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