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CITY SITE SEEING SEASIDE

- 1 **Volos Info** Tourist Information Centre.
- 2 **City Hall**. It was inspired by the architecture of Pelion and it was built based on the designs of the praised architect Dimitris Pikionis (1970). There are permanent exhibitions of engravings, as well as photos of old Volos.
- 3 The sculpture of Argo. The symbol of the city. Made by the sculptor Nicholas of Pelion (1965).
- 4 **Bank of Greece**. A neo - classical building (1930).
- 5 Achillion Cinema and Theatre, based on the designs of the architect K. I. Argriris of Volos (1925).
- 6 **Papastratos building complex - University of Thessaly**. The former tobacco storage warehouses of the Papastratos industry (1935) on the promenade of the port of Volos, now houses the University of Thessaly, as well as organized conference halls.
- 7 **The Church of Saint Constantine**, designed by A. Zachos (1936), a significant architect from the beginning of the 20th century.
- 8 **The temple of the Holy Trinity**, right next to the hospital of Volos, decorated with the unique murals of G. Gounaropoulos.
- 9 **Athanasakeio Archaeological Museum of Volos** (1909), a neo - classical building and one of the oldest Greek museums. The exhibits cover chronologically all historical periods.
- 10 **Madonna Trupa**, one of the most picturesque churches right inside a cave above the sea, at the bottom of the Goritsa hill.

CITY SITE SEEING CITY CENTRE

- 1 **Roof tile and Brickworks Museum of N. & S. Tsalapata**, a rare specimen of a salvaged industrial complex in Greece, indicative of the industrial history of Volos.
- 2 **The train station**: An architectural gem, designed by the Italian engineer Evaristo de Chirico.
- 3 **The Synagogue** operates every Friday night and during all major holidays.
- 4 **The temple of Metamorphosis of the Savior**, designed by the architect Aristotile Zachos.
- 5 **The Municipal Art Centre "Georgio de Chiricco"**. It welcomes periodic exhibitions as well as two permanent municipal collections of Greek artists. It was named after the great painter Georgio de Chiricco, who was born in Volos (1888).
- 6 **The Lyceum of Volos Greek Women Museum** features an impressive collection of authentic costumes of the region, jewellery and weavings housed in a uniquely representative example of urban Volos architecture of the late 19th century.
- 7 **The Metropolitan Church of Saint Nicholas**, a unique monument of new byzantine architecture (1934), designed by Aristotelis Zachos.
- 8 **Greek Evangelic Church**.
- 9 **Catholic Church of Volos**. Parish of the Unsullied Conception of Virgin Mary (1903).
- 10 **The Folklore Centre of Kitsos Makris** is located at the two-story house of the renowned folklore researcher and it was donated to the University of Thessaly by his family (1989). It includes unique exhibits of folk art.

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- 1 A beautiful ride climbing the Pelion mountain, with an amazing view of Volos and of all traditional villages.
- 2 **Museum of Theofilos (house of Kontos)**, decorated with the murals of the famous folklore painter Theofilos Chadjimichail.
- 3 **Hill of Episkopi**: located in Ano Volos. Its peak is dominated by the Byzantine temple of Assumption of Mary.
- 4 **Portaria and Historical and Folklore Collection of Portaria**. This has been the most important commercial center of the 24 Pelion villages. Nowadays, Portaria is the "Lady in waiting" of Pelion, with an exquisite natural environment, fresh water sources and grand neo - classical mansions, most of them turned into guest houses. The traditional Pelion wedding ceremony takes place every August.
- 5 **Makrinitsa and the Museum of Folklore art & History of Pelion**. Makrinitsa is the "balcony of Pelion", a well - preserved traditional settlement, completely protected. It is a unique monument of Pelion art, in harmony with nature.
- 6 **Chania - Ski center "Agriolefkes"**. The ski center "Agriolefkes", one of the most beautiful of Greece, is the base of operations for winter sportsmen and an amazing place for a 'cool' vacation during the warm summer months.

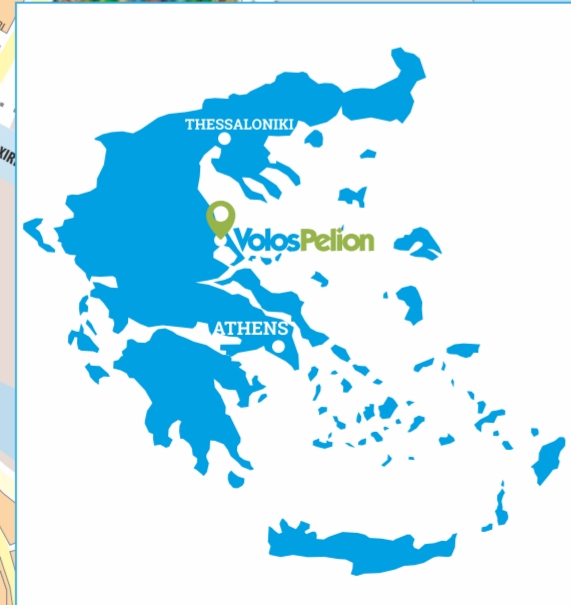
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

- 1 **Dimini**: The archaeological site of Dimini, known for the ruins of a great and organized Neolithic settlement (5th millennium), with unique architectural elements, such as the six stonewards, in between which the Neolithic houses were built. During the past few years, excavations have revealed a large Mycenaic city that, according to newer studies, it must have been ancient Iolkos. You can visit the archeological site with an automatic guide tour (in Greek and in English, tel. +30 24210 85960, 24210 25285).
- 2 **Sesklo**: Second and oldest Neolithic settlement (7th millennium). The visible foundations of the houses belong to the 6th millennium, the era of the settlement's prosperity. The archaeological site of Sesklo is well organized and can be visited with the same entrance fee as Dimini (tel. +30 24210 85960, 24210 25285).
- 3 **Dimitriada**: The ancient city of Dimitriada (1,5 km of Volos) was founded by the Macedonian King Dimitrios the Besieger. Some of the most important findings are the Macedonian palace and the agora, the ancient theatre and other structures. People started inhabiting this ancient city at the end of the Neolithic age and, during the Mycenaic years, the city of Nilia was founded in Pefkakia. There was the famous port of Iolkos, where the mythical Argonautic expedition, led by Iason, took place. The archaeological site is open for visits (tel. +30 24210 88091, 24210 25285).
- 4 **New Anchialos - Fthiotides Thives**: A small city by the sea, stretched across the lowlands, where the ancient city of Pirassos used to be, the port of ancient Fthiotida - Thiva. During the old Christian years (4th century a.C.) it was the residence of the Bishop and, during the 6th century a.C., the city of Fthiotida - Thiva was raised at the same place. The archaeological site is open for visits (tel. +30 24280 76468, 24280 77057).



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2421020273 | Fire 199 |
| Rental Rooms Association of
Magnesia 2428094559 | Forest fire 1591 |
| Port Authority
2421353800 | Coastguard emergency
intervention 109 |
| Railway Station
2421024056 | Tourist Police 171, 2421076987 |
| Little Steamtrain of Pelion
2421039723 | Greek National Organisation for
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2421093500 |
| Urban buses 2421024232 | University of Thessaly
2421074000, 2421074500 |
| Airport 2428076886 | Sports department of Municipality
of Volos 2421044268 |
| Taxi 2421027777 | Indoor and outdoor swimming
pool of Volos 2421053390 |
| Hospital 2421094200 | National Sports Center of Volos
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