

Project - Ioannina



Where to stay:

There is a wide range of accommodation in Ioannina. You can choose from expensive five-star hotels to more affordable hostels for budget travelers. The quiet hotel “Du Lac” by the lake Pamvotis is an excellent choice.

What to see:

A visit to Ioannina is not complete without a visit to the picturesque island on the lake. You will admire the old houses and walk through the streets that are full of shops selling local products. The ancient oracle in Dodoni is also worth a visit, especially if you are keen on ancient Greece. The Silversmithing Museum, which is located in the castle of Ioannina, also attracts many visitors. Its rich collections include silver objects that show the history and technology of silversmithing in Epirus.

A bit further away, the Zagori villages are an excellent destination for those wishing to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.



Where/What to eat:

Ioannina has plenty of cafés, bars and restaurants. We strongly advise you to taste some local dishes, such as the famous pies. The region of Epirus is also known for its cheese – try the local “Metsovone cheese” and you will love it! Also, don’t forget to sample local “tsipouro”, a local drink similar to the famous ouzo.

Where to shop/ What to buy:

When you visit Ioannina you should pay a visit to the shops by the castle that specialize in silver objects. You can find jewellery and other beautifully crafted objects at reasonable prices. If you visit Metsovo, a mountainous village half an hour from the city centre, you can buy objects made of wood. You may not know it, but the region of Epirus has some fine wines – the village of Zitsa, just a few kilometres away from Ioannina has some excellent wineries that you can visit and buy wines at discount prices.



Where to have fun:

Ioannina has a wide variety of places where you can enjoy yourself. Younger visitors can enjoy a drink in cosy little coffee shop and bars. You can also walk around the lake or just hang out along the promenade lined with trees. For the more adventurous, a guided hike in the Vikos Gorge is a must.



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