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Welcome to Ancient Messene (One day)

Activity information

- ⇒ Leave Athens and drive South West until we reach the Corinth Canal – short stop
- ⇒ Drive on and visit the ancient town of Messene. The remains of the City, outstanding perimeter walls erected in the 3rd century BC, massive Arcadian gate and eight surviving towers e.t.c
- ⇒ Lunch
- ⇒ Return to Athens

Ancient Messene

If you find yourselves in the **Messinia** region, the most significant archaeological site that you must visit is that of **Ancient Messene** which is located just outside of Mavromati village, 30 km from the center of **Kalamata**. This is one of the most well-preserved ancient city in Greece, which to this day manages to maintain the prestige of yesteryear, leaving its visitors impressed. The city was named after the mythical Queen **Messini**, daughter of King Triopios of Argos. The city remained the cultural center of **Messinia** until 395, when the invasion of the Goths of Alaric gave the decisive blow to the city. The first findings of the ancient city that was built in 369 B.C. by the Theban general Epaminondas began coming to light during the period of the Greek Revolution, taking both archaeologists and the public by surprise. The city was created using the Hippodamic urban system according to which all buildings have the same orientation. The area is divided into horizontal and vertical streets, while its wall measures 9 km in length and has two main gates. The **Arcadic** (or gate of Megalopolis) and the Laconic. The most significant monuments of this archaeological site that have been discovered with excavations include the Theater (existed from the Hellenistic age and was reconstructed during the emperors Augustus and Tiberius in the mid 2nd century A.D.), the Sanctuary of Sarapis and Isis, a proto-byzantine basilica, the Fountain of Arsinoe (daughter of the the legendary king of **Messinia**, **Leucippus**, and mother of **Asclepius**), the west side of the **Agora**, the Statue of Zeus the Savior, the Roman manor of later Roman ages, the Stadium and the Gymnasium (typical examples of preservation of the ancient city's building blocks). Source: www.greekguide.com

Price is **125 euro per person**

Dep.:**08:00**-Ret.:**20:00**

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Including

- Entrance fees
- Transport by luxury A/C bus
- Hotel Pick up and drop off service
- Services of a Professional – licensed guide
- Free wi-fi on coaches
- All taxes
- lunch



✓ Advice: Comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, hat and loose fitted clothing, sun cream are strongly recommended

Not including

- Gratuities (optional)
- Drinks and beverages

