

## GO LIVE!

**BEACHES** Halkidiki can boast an amazing 550km of coastline, featuring a thousand different beaches, some rocky and imposing, others offering an endless expanse of golden sand. Some busy and fashionable, others no more than deserted coves among the rocks, but all of them blessed with crystal clear waters reflecting the deep green of the pine forest. The Blue Flags that Halkidiki is awarded each year are richly deserved.

**ACTIVITIES** Thanks to initiatives by its hotels and local communities, Halkidiki has now developed a host of alternative forms of tourism, including sea sports, golf, mountain-biking, horse-riding, bird-watching, spas, hiking, agro-tourism, faith tourism and sports. There is a truly unlimited choice of activities for those who love to keep busy.

**GASTRONOMY** The rich soil and mild climate of Halkidiki have made it famous for its olives and olive oil, its fine breads and cheeses, as well as traditional sweets and pastries made with delicious local fruit. The region is also famed for its bees and honey, and is an important stopping point on many 'wine trails'. A place to enjoy all the healthy properties of the Mediterranean diet, to savor dishes prepared from the purest of ingredients.

**ENTERTAINMENT** Greece is famous for its 24-hour entertainment, its clubs, restaurants and bars buzzing with life well into the small hours of the morning. For those seeking fun and entertainment throughout the day and night, Halkidiki has plenty to offer: morning coffee in a traditional kafeneion, cocktails at the beach bar till the sun goes down, dinner in a traditional taverna or classy restaurant, drinks in one of the innumerable bars, and then a long evening listening to Latin jazz or reggae...

**ARISTOTLE** The ancient city Stagira was the birthplace of the philosopher Aristotle. The city was occupied by Philippos in 349 B.C., after the destruction of Olymthos. Philippos, rebuilt the city in order to honor the great philosopher, tutor of Alexander the Great. When Aristotle died, his fellow-citizens transported his bones to Stageira and set up a monument. Each year, at summertime, cultural events are organised here, the "Aristoteleia", within the archaeological space, continuing this age-old feast and developing a so much beautiful archaeological site.

**MOUNT ATHOS** The third, easternmost and most magical of the Halkidiki peninsulas is Mt. Athos, home to the unique Orthodox community of monasteries. It is a place dedicated solely to prayer and the worship of God, known informally as the Garden of the Virgin Mary. Mt. Athos enjoys the protection of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage status.



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*at a glance* Halkidiki - Mount Athos, Greece



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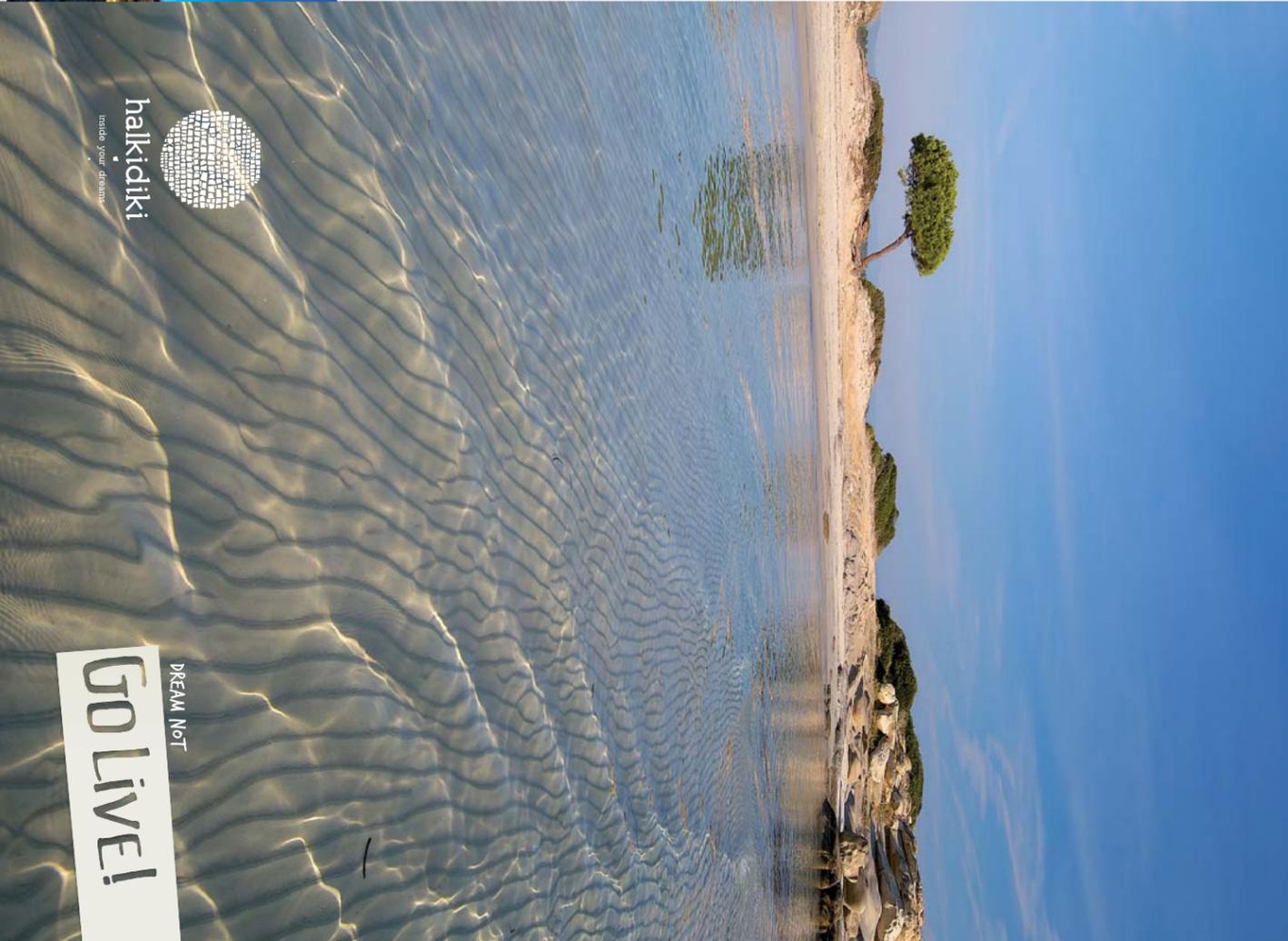
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They say that nowhere in Greece can boast beaches like those of Halkidiki. The region has the perfect combination of that distinctive Greek light, unspoiled landscapes, colours and fragrances. And the glorious natural setting is complemented by the rich culinary fare of the region and the living religious traditions of its people, manifested in a host of feast days and other ceremonies and rituals.

This is a place where all your senses will come to life, whether on the endless expanses of sand of the fashionable, cosmopolitan beaches, or in the intimacy of the many secluded bays and coves. The scent of the pine trees and the salt brine of the sea combine to relax the body and spirit, leaving you at peace to enjoy the grandeur of the region's famed sunrises and sunsets.

It is said that the great philosopher Aristotle loved the honey of Halkidiki, and you too will love the land and the rich produce of its gardens and orchards. The region is formed of three peninsulas or 'feet', each with its own unique charm, history and magic. There is Kassandra, or Pallini, scene of the Battle of the Giants in ancient mythology; Sithonia, a magical place of green forest and blue sea; and Mt. Athos, the world's only monastic state, home to twenty historic monasteries. Truly a place of dreams, and you dream has only just begun...



- City - Community
- Village
- Settlement - Toponym
- Motorway EGNATIA ODOS
- Main roads
- Provincial road
- Secondary road
- Unpaved road
- Borders of Halkidiki
- ✈ Airport
- ⚓ Port, Marina
- 🏥 Hospital - First Aid
- 🏛 Museum
- 🏠 Hotel - Rooms, Apartments
- ⛪ Monastery
- 🏛 Archaeological site
- 🏛 Traditional Villages Monuments
- 🕒 Cave
- 🍷 Visitable wineries
- 🎭 Theater Cultural Events
- 🏊 Water sports
- 📍 Information
- ⛺ Camping
- 🏖 Beach
- 👣 Hiking tracks



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AEGEAN SEA