

HALKIDIKI

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GUIDE

UNFORGETTABLE AEGEAN MOMENTS

RENT A BOAT OR A YACHT

Want to do something out of the ordinary? Want to experience how it feels to be alone on your own little island? Discover the beauty of the Aegean Sea in the most elegant way by sailing. Be a captain for a day or more and explore the **550km of Halkidiki coastline** or some of the **1000 different beaches**. Visit places that are only accessible by boat, such as **bays, coves and lagoons**. Do you want any suggestions? Try the nine tiny islands all around Vourvourou or the Drenia Islets in the Mount Athos area for fishing, diving or swimming. There are many companies that rent **boats** where you don't need a license. You can charter bigger **yachts** by the day or for longer cruises, and smaller **sailing boats** and **catamarans**.



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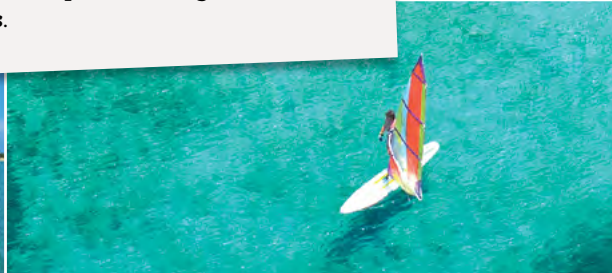
One of the most popular and fun activities in Halkidiki are **boat cruises!** Daily cruises depart from Kassandra, Sithonia and the east Coast giving you the opportunity to explore different places, swim in remote exotic beaches, discover virgin isles and admire historic sites of great importance like **Mount Athos** (UNESCO heritage site). Especially, a cruise to Mount Athos is an amazing experience of a lifetime! A fabulous opportunity to feel the spiritual aura of this seductive place and admire the magnificent architecture of the Byzantine monasteries along with the majestic landscape surrounding them. Even though, women are not allowed on Mount Athos, all visitors (men and women) have the opportunity to admire the magnificent monasteries from the boat. Boat cruises depart daily from Ouranoupoli (East Coast) and Ormos Panagias (Sithonia).



WATER FUN STARTS HERE!

WATERSPORTS

Halkidiki beaches are fun places for the whole family as sea breezes moderate high summer temperatures. **All kinds of watersports are available all over Halkidiki**, at most of the well-known beaches like Nea Potidea, Sani, Siviri, Possidi, Polichrono, Glarokavo, Nikiti, Sarti, N. Marmaras, Kalamitsi. There are many modern and well-equipped facilities to hire equipment, offering you some carefree and stimulating fun-time. If you are an adrenaline lover, you can choose from a range of exciting **motorized watersports**. There are also water sports for the whole family, such as **pedalos**, **ringos** and **bananas**.



The Blue Flag works towards sustainable development at beaches/marinas through strict criteria dealing with water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, and safety and other services. Halkidiki, each year, has more than 90 beaches and 3 marinas awarded by the Blue Flag.

SEA KAYAK

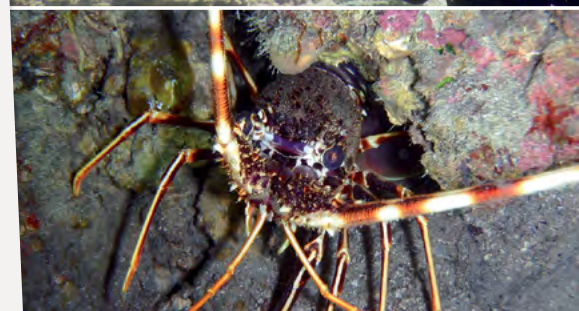
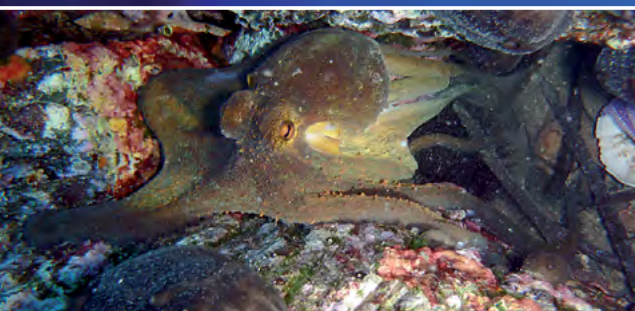
Settle into a comfortable kayak, get instructions, and paddle behind an experienced guide along the amazing Vourvourou Bay in Sithonia.



SCUBA DIVING & SNORKELING

Discover the underwater beauty of Halkidiki with its amazing marine life, old shipwrecks, and reefs. ***If you dive***, there is plenty to see underwater, even within a few metres of the shore. The underwater landscape varies greatly from area to area, from sandy bottom to steep cliffs and from crystal clear waters to dark underwater caves. The waters in most areas are warm and there are no intense currents.

Diving takes place in more than 60 locations all over Halkidiki, while in diving schools you can attend all of the training programs, as well as an integrated diving trip program for graduate divers. There are hundreds of ***snorkel sites*** in Halkidiki but one of the most unique is in Toroni, where you can find underwater ruins of the ancient *Lecythus* castle, with some large foundation stones often visited by schools of fish, octopus and other invertebrates. In Stratoni qualified divers can dive in the sea horse marine park, which is one of the most important in Europe.





ROUTES

Discover a new network of **walking routes** all around the Halkidiki region. Take your path for **mountain biking** and **hiking** walks around the peninsulas on woodland tracks and along coastal pathways. Before setting off, it is important to pack appropriate warm clothing; even when it is hot on the coast, it can be quite chilly high up in the mountains. Also be sure to bring plenty of drinking water and sunblock. Apart from walking, you can drive your way through dense wild green forests, traditional colorful villages and golden sandy beaches with specially equipped state-of-the-art **4x4 vehicles** driven by highly experienced drivers. Try one-day trips at Kassandra, Sithonia or to the mountainous areas around the capital of Halkidiki, Polygyros.

For more information, you can follow the link:
www.halkidikiroutes.gr



DISCOVER HIDDEN PATHS!



ADRENALINE ON THE ROCKS

ROCK CLIMBING

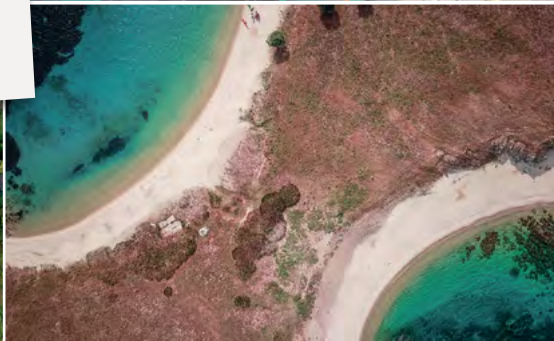
Do you love climbing? Halkidiki offers an interesting rock climbing area for routes up to 5c and from 6a to 6c (French grades). For rock climbing, abseiling and great bouldering right above the sea, head to **Loutra** on a climbing journey that will take you as high as 100 meters. It is even suitable for the hot summer season and ideal for families as one can perfectly combine beach life and rock climbing.



THE FREEDOM OF FLYING

AERIAL ADVENTURES

Paragliding or **paratriking** (the double seated motorized paraglider) are more adventurous ways of taking to the air than flying. They offer spectacular views, they are safe and an once-in-a-lifetime experience that you will never forget! Admire the forests, the beaches and the tourist sights of **Kassandra** or **Sithonia** from above in the country where the dream of flying was born. Loosen up yourself with total security in the hands of the **professional pilots**. The typical paratrike flight lasts 20 minutes while paragliding doesn't need any previous experience. Discover a new dimension of fun and excitement.



CONQUER THE GOLF COURSE



GOLF

Experience a **signature golf course** beneath blue skies and enjoy the legendary Greek hospitality. Porto Carras is home to the one and only golf course in Northern Greece. Enjoy a luxurious golf experience on its **awarded 18-hole** and par 72 course, which proudly hosts international tournaments all year round, with views to breathtaking scenery. These fully equipped facilities are perfect for **professional and amateur golfers**, to practice their skills in the serenity of the warm Greek climate while having access to all the comforts of the resort facilities.

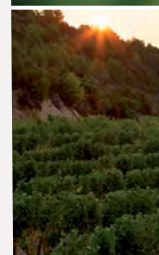
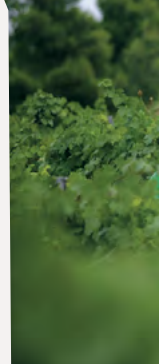


SADDLE UP FOR A RIDE!



HORSE TREKKING

Vast, wide open spaces encourage **horse riding** in Halkidiki. A ride along a beach or through a green forest would be the highlight of your holiday. In Sithonia there are organized facilities for horse riding either in fenced locations or in the forest and on the beaches. Options range from **half-day treks** to **multi-day safaris**. The routes are made in order to cover all ages and all levels of experience, from beginners to **professional riders**. All the necessary equipment is provided, while all horses are trained for every level of riders. In the riding clubs you can find organized areas of recreation with snack bars and playgrounds for kids. Wear your helmet, follow the experienced guides and live an unforgettable unique experience.



TASTE A WINE IN A VINEYARD



WINERIES & AGRICULTURAL FARMS

Walk through endless **vineyards**, visit **wineries**, **agricultural farms** and distinctive **distilleries** in order to taste the quality wines and spirits of Halkidiki, combining them with local dishes. The grapes savour the sunlight, the sea breeze and the spirit of freedom. The wines stand out for their unpretentious character. The climate is ideal for cultivating top quality Greek varieties such as **Roditis** and **Xinomavro** as well as **Sauvignon blanc** and **Cabernet Sauvignon** which produce the **Vins de Pays de Halkidiki**: a bright, fruity, vivid white wine and a deep colored, rich and round red. In Halkidiki you can find the largest vineyard in Greece (4.750 hectares) located in Agios Pavlos and taste excellent wines, accompanied by mouth-watering traditional local dishes like **dolmadakia** (rice and herbs mixture wrapped in vine leaves) and various **pites** (pies.)



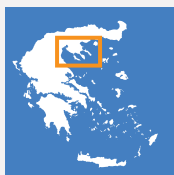
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