

## Self-guided: Northern Greece (M-ID: 2991)

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**from €1,085.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

11 days

**Welcome to our Greece Special Program. Look forward to a journey through the more than 3000-year history of this beautiful country and experience the hospitality in the country where this term originated.**

Here you will find a program designed specifically for motorcyclists.

Due to its special geographical structure and nature, Greece offers a great variety of possibilities. Besides the 13.676 km of coastline, in Hellas, you will find a great combination of mountains, rivers, gorges, streams, lakes, and valleys.

We know these areas from "before", from the time when there were no highways in Greece. These routes are still very important because they connect the different mountain villages with the rest of the world. The other dream landscapes we pass through are to be enjoyed "on top". You can enjoy a coffee at a kafenion everywhere and chat with the locals. Quite often some people can speak German because they have spent some time of their life in a German-speaking country. English is usually no problem.

Tour itinerary:

**Day 1: Arrival in Igoumenitsa (96 km)**

Individual arrival via Italy by ferry from Ancona, Venice, Bari, or Brindisi (subject to change). Most ferries run overnight. So, after taking care of the simple entry formalities, you are already fit for the onward journey. Today's leg will take you to Ioannina, the capital of the Greek province of Epirus. Here you can visit the historic old town and enjoy a magnificent view of the city and the freshwater lake Pamvotida from the citadel. Here you will also find first-class restaurants and bars for your physical well-being. Overnight stay in Ioannina. Daily kilometer: approx. 96 Km

**Day 2: Ioannina - Kastoria (183 km)**

Today you will ride to the Pindos Mountains. You have two

options to reach the day's destination. In any case, we recommend you to ride by the Vikos Gorge and enjoy this hammer view extensively. Vikos Gorge is registered in the Guinness Book of Records as the deepest gorge in the world, measured by the ratio between depth and width. The further ride to Kastoria through the mountains will be more than a motorcycle thrill. Kastoria is picturesquely situated on a rocky peninsula in the freshwater Lake Orestiada. Meanwhile, everyone calls it Kastoria Lake. Fifty-seven of the seventy-two medieval churches are located in the old town of Kastoria alone. You will not be able to miss them. From the 14th century until the end of the last one, Kastoria was famous all over the world for the unique processing of furs. On the shore of Lake Kastoria, about 5 km south of the city, remains of a Neolithic settlement were found, dated to 5260 BC. You are welcome to visit the museum there. Daily kilometer: about 164 - 183 km

**Day 3: Kastoria (150 km)**

Our recommendation for today is to do at least the "small lake tour". This is about 10 km long and leads you along the peninsula. Plane trees, wild chestnuts, and other trees will provide the necessary shade on the way. One of the main sights there is the former monastery Panagia Mavriotissa from 1083, where you can admire the historical frescoes and enjoy the panorama from the shore. Another highlight on the way is the "Dragon's Cave", which is a very beautifully developed cave with thousands of stalagmites and stalactites. Don't just leave it at that for today though. Ride to the villages outside the city on the Vitsi Mountains. Even bears may cross your path there, as Northwest Greece is home to many bears and other wild animals. Enjoy the evening with a tsipouro, beer or wine, and good food in one of the nice restaurants by the lake. Overnight stay in Kastoria. Daily kilometers: approx. 10 - 150 km

#### Day 4: Kastoria - Halkidiki (306 km)

If you are in a hurry to get to the beach today, you better take the highway. Don't worry, the Greek highways are not as crowded as ours and the toll booths are not expensive. However, if you prefer the way rather than the destination, then ride over the beautiful old roads and the mountains. What's an extra 1-2 hours on the bike, enjoying curves for that? 30-45 minutes from Thessaloniki, unfortunately, the curves end, because the flatland with its famous fruit fields begins. Around Thessaloniki, you will come in traffic, but it is not so bad, because we recommend you to take the bypass highway. Depending on which place you have chosen in Halkidiki, you have about a 30-90 minutes ride to your beach hotel. Here we have planned three nights for you. Daily kilometers: approx. 306 km

#### Day 5 to 7: Holiday in Halkidiki

Here you may relax and enjoy your beach vacation. We still recommend you to make one or the other trip because the first two Halkidiki "fingers" offer some dream corners for swimming, beach sports, or also for culinary enjoyment. If you would like to stay here longer or prefer a different (smaller) hotel class, please let us know and we will be happy to organize it for you.

#### Day 8: Halkidiki - Kalambaka (350 km)

Today it's "goodbye" to Halkidiki beach and "hello" to Meteora monasteries. The road will take you past Thessaloniki again and then after a stop to say hello to Mount Olympus, you will arrive in Kalambaka where you will stay for two nights. Daily kilometers: about 350 km

#### Day 9: Meteora Monasteries (20 km)

Today you have the opportunity to admire these famous monasteries, which belong to the UNESCO world cultural heritage, built on top of unique rock formations. Even an earlier James Bond 007 movie with Roger Moore (For your eyes only-In deadly mission) used this area as a backdrop. Have a good evening in Kalambaka with tsipouro or retsina. Overnight stay in Kalambaka. Daily kilometer: approx. 20 km

#### Day 10: Kalambaka - Igoumenitsa (184 km)

Today curves appear again. A wonderful stretch to Igoumenitsa is waiting for you again. The gate to Italy is the nickname of this small town due to the number of ferry connections to Italy from there. Enjoy the last evening in Greece in a restaurant or cafe at the harbor. The overnight stay is in Igoumenitsa. Daily kilometer: about 184 km

#### Day 11: Return to Italy

End of this beautiful tour.

Countries	Greece
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	no (self-guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

For 2023:

pro Person im Doppelzimmer	€1,085.00
pro Person im Einzelzimmer	€1,985.00

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Please note: on certain dates surcharges may have to be applied. They will be calculated upon request. Please contact us and we will inform you about the exact valid price for your date.

Half double rooms cannot be booked on Self-Guided tours.

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ATTENTION: Prices for 2024 are not yet confirmed. Bookings are subject to change. In case of price increases you can confirm them or cancel free of charge.

## Included

10 nights in the best possible category in the place according to the description incl. local taxes

Breakfast (Basically, we select very good hotels at top locations that also include breakfast. However, depending on the period of your booking, it may happen that we occasionally need to book hotels that do not offer breakfast. Should this be the case, we will let you know before finishing your booking process. Nevertheless, everywhere in Greece you can buy breakfast for little money.)

Local taxes

Detailed roadbook with extensive information and road maps in our specially developed TRAVEL APP (offline use possible) for each rider.

Road atlas and guidebook per rider

One exclusive PIN per participant

Guarantee certificate for package tours

## Not included

Flights

Ferries

Transfers

Petrol

Supplementary insurance

Motorway tolls

Parking fees

Entrance fees

Meals

Everything that is not specified under features

## More details

Duration: 11 days

Total length: 1289 km

Minimum age: 21 years

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Change Requests:

We are happy to accept your change requests. Changes (max. 5) are possible for an extra charge of 25 € per service (plus the cost of the additional service).

Exceptions to this are:

You would like to stay in a simpler accommodation category.

You would like relinquish the bathing extension in Halkidiki, or you would like to stay there longer.

You would like to stay a few days longer somewhere along the way - without changing the route.

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In the travel documents you will find both a road atlas and a guidebook of the region. In addition, you will receive our app developed specifically for your tour. This works on and offline and makes sure (via the GPS on your phone), that you are on the right biker route. In addition to that you will also find some tips and information about places where you are located. The app works in all major iOS and Android phones. For copyright reasons, the tour password on the app will be deactivated about 2 weeks after the end of the trip, but you will still get enough more material from us so that will help you retain your memories.

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Entry requirements:

Please pay attention to the applicable entry regulations in Greece.