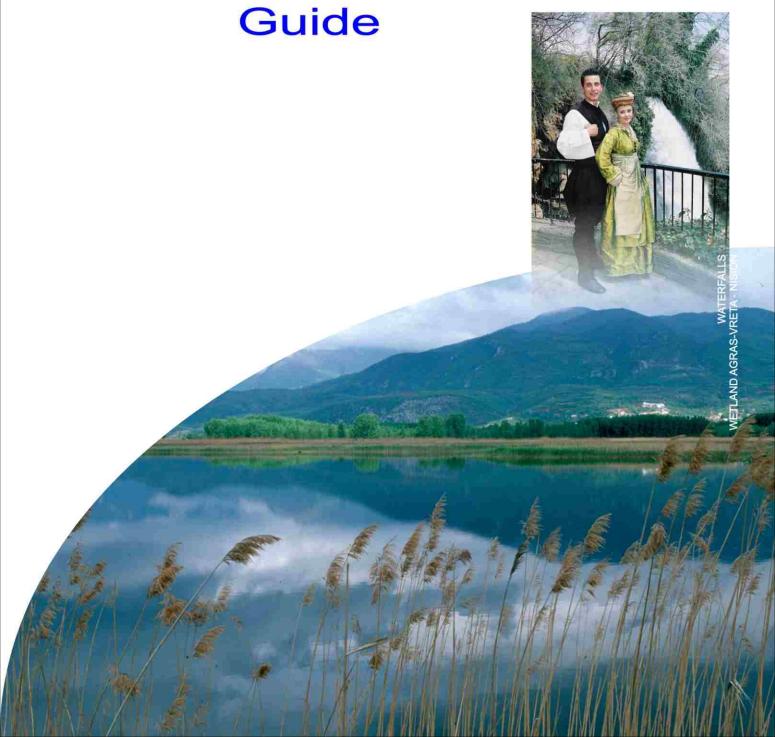
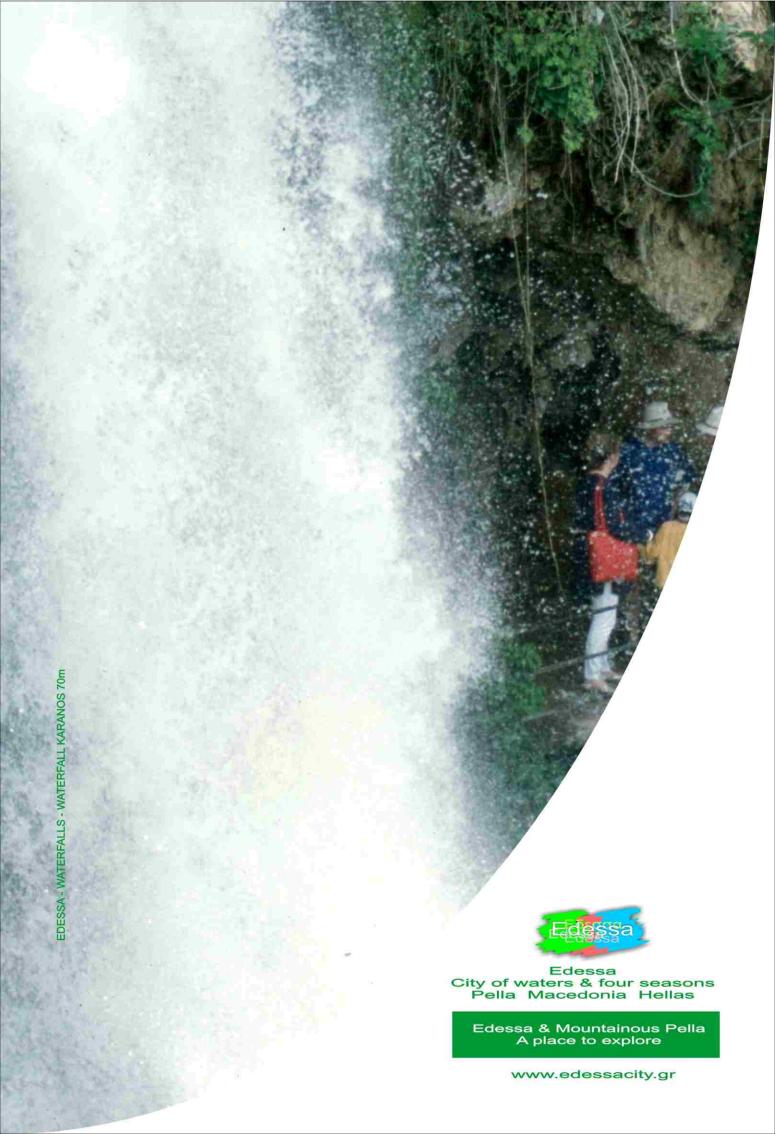




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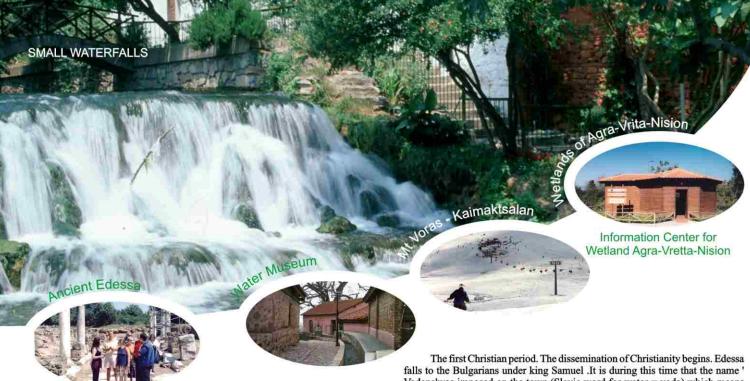
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History Edessa 3000 years of history & culture

In 814 B.C Heraclides KARANOS makes Edessa the capital city of the first kingdom of the Macedonians and the fate of the city was identified with the history of Macedonia. Ancient, byzantine but also industrial finds testify the towns' history. Romans, Slavs as well as Ottomans pass from its history.

On 18th. October 1912 the town was liberated and incorporated to the Hellenic state as capital city of the Prefecture of Pella. In 1923 many Asian refugees came to live in Edessa while in the 50 60ies.the "White Coal" (hydro energy), which for centuries had moved mills, workshops, industries and factories, becomes useless. This was the end of the industrial growth of the town.

Today the town's future project follows the history & the rich Macedonian tradition.

Important stages in the history of Edessa:

Prehistoric times (4000-3000 B.C). In the area of "Loggos" and "Paradisos" (Hotel Xenia) many archeological finds have been discovered.

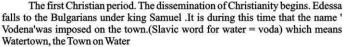
Historical times the settling of the Macedonians- the use of the name EDESSA (derived from Feδ, which is derived from the word υδ-ωρ (water) and means the town of waters.

Edessa becomes the capital city of the Macedonian state.

Ancient times. Edessa is built on two levels the Acropolis (part of modern Edessa) and the main ancient town (place Loggos).

There are indications that Aiges and Edessa is the same town. It's the place where Fillip the Second founds a state. Alexander the Great and his army expand this state, which soon becomes the Macedonian Empire.

168 BC.-130BC. The conquest by the Romans. The Via Egnatia passes through Edessa.



Battles between the Byzantines and the Slavs.

1204 Edessa was occupied by the Crusaders (IV). 1239-1252 The establishment of the Episcope of Vodena.

1343 The occupation of Edessa by the Serbs. The people move from the Lower Town to the Acropolis, the modern town of Edessa.

1389 The town is occupied (after betrayal) by the Ottomans.

1395 The completely destruction of the town by a powerful earthquake.

1750 Monks who were educators start the first school.

1782 The first secondary school named "Ellinomuseo" is established.

1821 Many inhabitants of Edessa take actively part in the revolution of 1821 (Naoum, Gatsos, Troupkos).

1872-1877 The establishment of the "Educational Society of Vodena» and the "Maiden school" was built.

1892 Edessa is connected by railway with Monastiri.

1895 The running of the first textile factory

The driving power is the "White Coal" (hydro energy) 1900 The Mosque "Geni Tzami" and the town clock were built.

1904-1908 The inhabitants of Edessa take part in the Macedonian fight for the liberation of Macedonia.

1912 Edessa was liberated from the Turks.

1924-1940 A great industrial growth - Edessa is called "Manchester of the East" (12000 inhabitants- 2500 industrial workers)

1940-1944 The town is occupied by the Germans (Nazi) . A big part of the traditional town quarter Varosi and many other buildings are destroyed.

1946-1948 The Civil War

Edessa - Historical Settle Waterfalls.

1962-68
waterfalls.

Decades'70-'80-'90 Town
planning, Touristic, Cultural,
Athletic and Intellectual
development.



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Sights

Visit in Edessa

The Waterfall Karanos. One of the most important sights in Hellas. The river Edesseos passes through the town and falls from a height of 70 m. Nature created these famous falls in the 14th cent. after a powerful earthquake. The springs are at the Wetlands Agra-Nissi-Vritta. Organized guided tours (23810 20300).

The double Waterfall. One of the many waterfalls right below the pools. Waterfalls Park. A fantastic combination of aged-old plane trees and waters.

The cave at Waterfalls Park. A small cave with high geological value, next to the big waterfall Karano

Ancient Edessa .Ancient Edessa built at the foot of the rock, in the fertile plain Loggos. Was founded in 814 BC by the Macedonian king Karano. The ancient site is only 3 km away from Edessa. We also suggest the stone paved road, which starts at Varosi, goes through the Open air Water Museum and leads to the Ancient Town. Only 10 minutes' walk. Entrance is free. Organized guided tours (23810 20

Ancient Wall. The Acropolis was fortified by a wall, which now survives to a height of 6m. Parts of it can be seen through windows beneath apartment

The Church of the Assumption of the Virgin. Byzantine church built in the 14th cent at the historical town quarter Varosi. Marvelous wall paintings (the oldest date from 14th cent.) & a remarkable woodcut icon screen. Organized guided tours (temporarily only externally).

The Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. A second Byzantine church at the historic quarter Varosi. Opens on 29th June. Guided tours only externally.

Open Air Water Museum. Industrial history of the town. Watermills & workshops which are one of the most interesting places to visit next to the waterfalls'park. Organized guided tours.

Open Air Water Museum Aquarium Housed in one of the old flourmills. The first in Hellas with endemic fish. Entrance 1,50€. Open daily from 10:00 to 18:00 (except Tuesdays). Organized guided tours & educational programs for schools.

Monastery Agia Triada (Holly Trinity) The Monastery was built in 1865 on the ruins of an ancient temple next to the Ancient Town. It is a place for devoutness & warship. The entrance is free for all the people (dressed modestly). 3 km. away from Edessa.

Traditional Town Quarter Varosi

It used to be a Christian town quarter during Ottoman occupation. Stone paved roads and Macedonian architecture can be admired here. In this area there are Museums, Art Halls, Hotels.

Folklore Museum It is housed in a neo- classical building donated by the couple Mr. and Mrs. Sivena .It has an exclusive collection of traditional costumes, household utensils, tools and implements used by local craftsmen in the 19th and 20th century.

Daily open from 10:00-18:00 (except Mondays). Entrance 1,50€. Organized guided tours & for groups (23810 20300).

Old Maiden school - Art Hall. A renovated building from the last century that housed a girls' school where many of the older inhabitants began their education. Today it holds recurrent exhibitions with works of Hellenic and foreign artists. Open periodical.

High Rock . A place, overlooking the fertile plain Loggos. Even Mount Athos can be seen when the weather is clear.

Byzantine Bridge It is said that it was part of the Via Egnatia. There is also a small lake with ducks as well as a park and playground, which is next to the bridge. Organized guided tours (23810 20300).

Small Waterfalls. Many small canals flow through the town creating small waterfalls in the heart of the town. Many picturesque cafeterias and pubs can be found in the area of the small falls.

River Edessaios. Wonderful and romantic walks along the riverbanks. Following the rivers, upstream, you get to one of the oldest parks, Kioupri, with the Byzantine Bridge.

Town Clock

Built in 1900 and made of stone in the heart of the town.

Cultural Center

cultural events.

One of the most modern buildings, which is in the old part of the town and symbolizes the pass from the Macedonian architecture to modern times. Designed by the architect A.Pistiolis. There is a small exhibition of mosaics & black white photos

Society of Alexander the Great. Hosts the cultural life of the town since 1922, it is a cinema, theater, conference hall, picture gallery, library, school for local

traditional dances and chess. It also holds courses of lectures and many other

EDESSA

VAROSI

Entrance free. Information (23810 23377).

Theatre Gavaliotissa. New amphitheatre with 2500 seats at the forest Gavaliotissa 3km.away from Edessa. A nice place for picnics, too. You get there following the footpath along the railway. Information Guided tours (23810 20300)

Train Station. A pleasant place with big old-aged plane trees. Here, you can also find a cafe and a restaurant. The cuisine is based on local traditional recipes. Access free

Sport Center Pasa Tsair. A place for multi sports activities such as footballtennis-volley and basket. A park for children, for traffic education. Entrance free. Information (2381023101)

The Mosque Geni Tzami. There used to be six mosques during the Turkish rule. Today there is only one left which houses the archeological finds of the ancient town of Edessa.

Guided tours (only externally).

Thousand Pine Trees. A fantastic park with pine trees and athletic installations. Nice, convenient place for picnics easily accessible for visitors.

Hill 606. A hill at a height of 606m overlooking the town of Edessa and the fertile plain Loggos. A captivating place easily to be explored.

Only 6 km away from the town, accessible from the path through the forest, for those who like trekking there are organized excursions- trekking & cycling 5 (2381020300).





Aquarium



Waterfalls' Park Mills- Hemp Factory

Visit Mountainous Pella ...

Wetland Agra-Nisi-Vretta, Ancient Pella, Vegoritida Lake, Traditional Settlement Agios Athanasios, Panagitsa Lakes, Ski Slopes, Spas Loutraki, Aridea, Ecological Park of Kria Vrisi.



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Edessa & Mountainous Pella

At The Edge Of The Town

Enjoy a walk along the edge of the rock of Edessa, the Acropolis of ancient Edessa, the God defended castle of Vodena, the Watermills & Hemp factory, the balcony of the North, the magnificent Waterfalls. Have a unique experience of Hellenic nature and history in this corner of Macedonia.

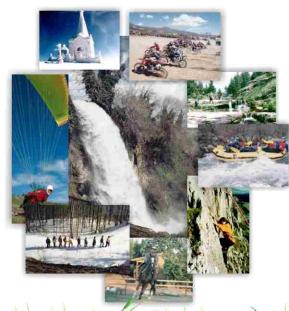
Organized services, excursions, guided tours, restaurants, conferences, manifestations, exhibitions, Tourist information Office Waterfalls Park (23810

Ski CenterVoras-Kaimaktsalan

The giant mount Voras looks at Edessa from an altitude of 2524 m and is situated

only 45 km from Edessa .It is since 1995 one of the most famous and best winter resorts in Hellas. A perfect place for those who are keen on winter sports. There are 14 slopes and 6 lifts; you will find an organized chalet, which provides all the comfort to its visitors. If you do not know how to ski there are instructors who can teach you. Tourist Information Office (23810 20300)

Loytraki Spa Baths "Pozar"
The Spas of "Pozar" (means 'a place beneath the fire') are 32 km away from Edessa. The Spa center is built in a fantastic area which offers unique sites such as the canyon surrounded by mountains with caves, paths and routes suitable for long walks, mountaineering and excursions. The facilities provided are swimming pools & hydrotherapy clinic.Services: restaurants, accommodation, bars. There is also the Spas' unique cave park. Tourist information (23840 91 300)



Outdoor Activities

Guided Tours

Discover the waterfalls and its secret with us. Visit the Open-air water museum with the traditional watermills, workshops, the water driven hemp factory 'Kannavourgio'. Visit the folklore museum and the traditional settlement Varosi all these at the edge of the rock of beautiful Edessa. Information (23810 20300)

Walk on the land of Alexander the Great and Fillip along a stone paved path, which starts at Varosi and leads to the Ancient town of Edessa.

There are also fantastic paths that join Edessa with the forest Gavaliotissa & Hill 606. Nice places for walks and picnics. Information (23810 20300).

Cycling

A tour in Edessa on a bike. Starting from the waterfalls continuing along the edge of the town to site Kioupri at the Byzantine bridge, and from the old town Varosi to the train station. Information Reservations (23810 20300).

Boating at The Wetlands

Take a boating tour with rafts in the lake, rowing& bird watching. The view is unique. Admiring the villages Nissi Vretta and sense real nature.

Information Reservation (23810 20300)

Mountain Bike

There are many fantastic routes through forests and hills with ever-changing sceneries. An unforgettable experience for those who are keen on cycling. Bicycles& equipment provided.

Information Reservations (23810 20300).

Horse Riding

At the villages Agios Athanasios & Kesariana. Take a ride in the village and through the forest on a horse. For beginners there is a small training program. Information Reservation (23810 20 300)

Archery

Learn all the secrets of Robin Hood's techniques! Brief training program competitions fun Information Reservations (23810 20 300).

Climbing

At the climbing area of Drosia and Loutraki. Techniques & brief educational program will help you to initiate its secrets, which is a 'must' for those who want to pass the "Ravine of Chaos».

Information Reservations (23810 20300).

Flying Center

The air-flying club Macedonia Thrace lies near the village Panagitsa since 1950. The gliding center has got a private airport with two runways, control tower, hangar, flying equipment, building for repairs, material storage, parking space, hotel with 10 rooms, hostel, restaurant, café-bar, briefing office and camping place. Offers also equipment for shoot gliding. There are air athletic sections for flights with sailplanes. These flights last 15 minutes. Next to the aero club there is the Moto Cross racetrack with an automatic water system, control tower, infirmary, room for technical checks and parking space. The racetrack is 2,8-3,5 km long with different kinds of jumps. It is $26\,\mathrm{km}$ away from Edessa. Information (23810 20 300).

Trekking-mountainous walks

Routes with scaled difficulties at the crossroad of the European paths E4& E6. The 'Riverbed of Florou (StaraReka)' the 'Black Forest'- the 'Ravine of Loutraki' and the surrounding mountaintops are waiting to be conquered. Information - Reservations

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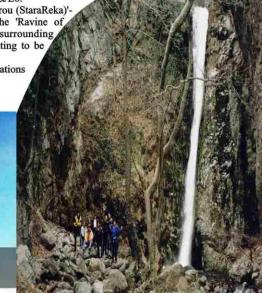
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62 routes through mountainous Pella









The area has got special landing places on mount Voras (area

called Kerasies 1200m). There are excellent conditions for flights and wonderful views of the lake and the mountains around. Information-reservations (23810 20300).

Gliding (soaring on a sailplane)

The Aero Athletic Center of Macedonia-Thrace organizes 'addicting flights. Feel the flight withoutany sound. Information (23810 20300).

Rafting-Descending the river in rafting boats

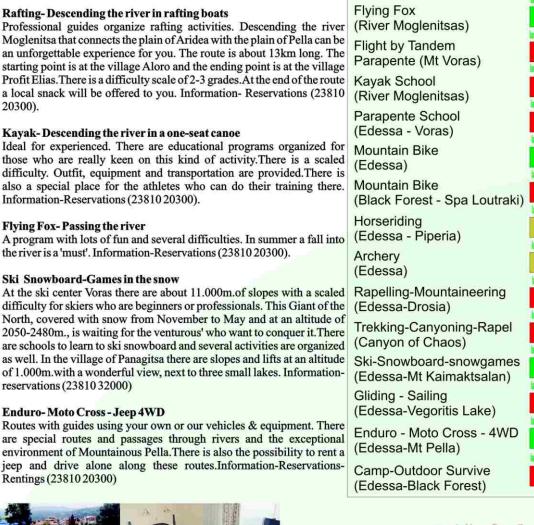
Professional guides organize rafting activities. Descending the river Moglenitsa that connects the plain of Aridea with the plain of Pella can be an unforgettable experience for you. The route is about 13km long. The starting point is at the village Aloro and the ending point is at the village Profit Elias. There is a difficulty scale of 2-3 grades. At the end of the route a local snack will be offered to you. Information- Reservations (23810 20300).

those who are really keen on this kind of activity. There is a scaled difficulty. Outfit, equipment and transportation are provided. There is also a special place for the athletes who can do their training there. Information-Reservations (23810 20300).

the river is a 'must'. Information-Reservations (23810 20300).

difficulty for skiers who are beginners or professionals. This Giant of the North, covered with snow from November to May and at an altitude of 2050-2480m., is waiting for the venturous' who want to conquer it. There are schools to learn to ski snowboard and several activities are organized as well. In the village of Panagitsa there are slopes and lifts at an altitude of 1.000m. with a wonderful view, next to three small lakes. Informationreservations (23810 32000)

Routes with guides using your own or our vehicles & equipment. There are special routes and passages through rivers and the exceptional environment of Mountainous Pella. There is also the possibility to rent a jeep and drive alone along these routes. Information-Reservations-Rentings (23810 20300)



(Loutraki Canyon)

(Agras Wetland)

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Edessa, in the daylight of the 21^α cent. invites you and makes you feel at home

Conference Halls	Area m2	Theater	Class	U-shape	Banquet	Cocktail	Translation Facilities	Projection Facilities
'Estia' Hall 1	500	300	300			400	1	1
"Waterfalls" Hall 1+2+3	460	400	400	290	400	500	1	1
Cultural Center Hall 1+2+3	380	300	300	240		400	1	1
Water Museum Hall 1+2+3+4	640	540	540	380	540	600	1	1
Water Museum Hall Hemp Factory	250	200	180	150	200	400	1	1
Gavaliotissa Open-Air theater	3000	2500				2500		1
Pella Hall 1	500	290	290			400	1	/
Alexander the Great Hall 1	500	230	230			400	1	1
XENIA Hotel Hall 1+2	300	300	300	200	300	500	1	1
EGES Hotel Hall1	200	150	150	80	150	200	1	/

Waterfalls-Cultural Center-Water Museum-Mills-Hemp Factory

This area is a polymorphic place suitable for all kind of conferences which lies near the waterfalls park. Next to it is a marvelous place of the industrial history of the town, with watermills and restored factories, with absolute respect to the natural environment.

It provides conference rooms with fully technical support and sevices. It is run by the Municipal Enterprise 'Waterfalls of Edessa' section Organizing conferences & cooperators. This center has halls for multiple usages and is appropriate for the organization of conferences, workshops, professional meetings, business presentations & other manifestations. In the same area soon there will be a new, modern conference hall and a hotel at the old factory of Ano Estia.

Alexander the Great

This conference hall is situated exactly in the center of the town near 'The Town's Clock'. It provides a spacious conference room with professional equipment and secretarial support. It is run by" the Society of Alexander the Great» which is activated on the production and the promotion of modern cultural tourist products. It is an exceptional hall with a history that begins in 1922. It used to be one of the mosques in Edessa during the Turkish rule. It was renovated in 1995 and is today the cultural meeting point of the town.

Pella

This conference hall is situated in the center of the town and run by the N.A. Pella. Suitable for big conferences and cultural manifestations. It was totally renovated in 1997.

Naturalist Club Of Edessa

The Club is about 3 km away from Edessa and is an exceptional place for conferences and manifestations. It is run by the naturalists' club F.O.E., which history goes back in the 60'ies when members of the club came up with the idea to lay the foundations of their own place.

The club is next to the amphitheater of Gavaliotissa and the forest with thousand Pine Trees.

Xenia

The conference hall of Hotel Xenia is at a pleasant environment with a view of the colorful valley of Edessa. The complex Xenia has a hotel, sports field, a garden, a parking space and other services.

Eges

The conference hall of Hotel Eges is near a natural environment with a view of the high rock of Edessa. Hotel Eges has a garden, a parking space and other services.

The Cathedral

The Cathedral is situated at the edge of the town near the High Rock and the historical town quarter Varosi.

It is run by the I.M. of Edessa Pella & Almopia. There, you can also find a recreation center and supplementary conference halls run by the enterprise "High Rock".



Pella Hall



Waterfalls Hall



Edessa Cultural Center



Estia Hall



Supporting Conferences & Meetings

Preparing Conference

(Creative, Prints, Publication, Badges, Advertising Proposals, Grants)

Inform the Participants

(Program, Organize the Permanent Secretariat, Internet Sites, Info kiosk, Receptions).

Organizing Conference (Place-Hall, Decoration, Equipment, Secretariat, Translation, Catering, Business Presents, Exhibition Stands.)

Hospitality

(Hotel Reservations, Local Gastronomy, Amusement, Local Transfer, Tourist Information.)

Guided Tours

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Outdoor Activities

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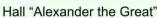
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Hemp Factory

Entertainment

Nice cafés, bars are waiting for you during the day and at nights. There are also several bands in halls of the town to entertain you.

A lot of taverns in the town and the area around will fill you with enthusiasm.

Furthermore, local cafés can be found at many parts of the town. If you are lucky, you will even be able to enjoy a local event.







A B



Manifestations in Edessa & Mountainous Pella

Cultural Festivities & Athletic Events

October February

Cultural events in Edessa and the area Winter in Edessa

October May

Cinema

Edessa Hall Alexander the Great

December

Every year a Poet in Edessa

January- February

Cycling in the town of Edessa

March

Trekking in the forest Healthy routes through the forest Gavaliotissa-Thousand pine trees

April- May

Events in spring Musical festival Concerts- Chorus- Exhibitions

Month May

Exhibitions Conjectural Art Edessa Old Maiden School Gallery Alexander the Great

May

Traffic education Traffic Educational Park-Sport Center

May

Events in the traditional quarter Varosi

May - June

Alexandria

Pan Hellenic athetics with international entry









Edessa & Mountainous Pella











June July August Edessa Cultural Summer

July- August

Open Air Cinema Edessa Open Air Cinema at the Watermills

July- August

Musical tour

In the neighborhoods of Edessa

July August

Cinema in the villages of Edessa

August- September

Folkore Music & Dance Festival - Culture CrossRoads Serenade in Edessa In the neighborhoods of Edessa with old and young serenaders

22/23 September DAY WITHOUT A CAR

Cycling in Edessa

Cycling in Edess

December

Christmas Market. Christmas market day organized by the Germans' Club of Edessa, the Center 'Horizon' and the nursery creative works of children. Edessa Town Center 23-24/12 & 30-31/12

Cinema for Children

Edessa Hall ' Alexander the Great ' 23-24/12 & 30-31/12 Singing Festival

Chorus & Groups of Edessa

At the town of Edessa

Edessa & Mountainous Pella Local, Traditional Events

Dec-Ian Feb Mars

Folk dances with live traditional music

6 January 'Tzamalaria'

Traditional custom with... trouble

Local music- celebrate with a lot of wine (a parade tours the village Arnissa.)

February Carnival

Dance celebrate- have fun in Skidra & Kria Vrisi

Sunday (before Shrove Monday)

Local custom 'Lamkes' the last carnival convivial day in Edessa (Waterfalls)

Shrove Monday - Kite event

On Shrove Monday the Flying Club organizes a big feast at the flying center of Panagitsa village local dance music but also...bean soup. You can also have fun together with the "mountain friends" at hill 606 (Edessa) local dancemusic, bean soup, traditional food.

Easter

At the monasteries and cathedral of Edessa magic moments. Fireworks at the Liberation Sq and then for a dish called "magiritsa".

Second day after Easter Margarita village

Local custom 'breaking red eggs' at the rock of the village Margarita reveling local music-dance-local food

Second day after Easter Liki village

Local custom 'rolling red eggs' at the slopes of the village Liki (Valcojanovo Association) reveling - local music-dance-local food

First Friday after Easter (the Source of life)

Traditional festival with music-dance-food at village Agra (place Agios. Athanasios)

April 23 (St.George)- Consecration of animals

In a wonderful place at village Vritta local custom animal sacrifice - auction'. Local dances, music, food, grilling of the meat.

April 23 (St.George) Local custom

Team grilling in the area where five trees meet and take the shape of a human body. Traditional music, dances at village Agios Athanasios (St. George's chapel)

May 2- Traditional Festival

Traditional music, Folklore dances & local food at village Mesimeri (Edessa) at place Agios Athanasios

May 2 Traditional Festival

Traditional music-dance-local food at villages Rizari, (Edessa) & Flamouria (Edessa)

May 2 Religious Traditional Festivities

At the village church Agios Athanasios at Xanthogia with Macedonian music and dances. Boiled goat is offered.

May 21 Traditional festival

A fête with traditional, brass bands at St. Konstandinos & St. Helen's chapel located in the village Karidia (place Kosteno)





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εδονικοί χοροί και τραγούδ





Fire (Christmas)

Eggs to the Rock

Ascension Day (40 days after Easter)

Traditional music at the square of the village Agios Athanasios & Kerasia

June 10 - Manifestations

To honor the Macedonian fighter Agras - Migas. Traditional music-dance at the village square Karidia

End of June- Cherry Festival

Traditional music (brass bands), folk dances and plenty of cherries offered free to the visitors.

July 26 Traditional Festival

At villages square Karidia-Zervi-Sotira-Platani Traditional music-dance-songs-food.

End of July- Peaches Festival

Traditional music (brass bands), folk dances and plenty of peaches offered free to the visitors.

August 5-15 Organized camping by the "Mountain Friends"

At mount Voras-Kaimaktsalan traditional music, dance, boiled goat-retsinacamping-games. Free participation 11 km away from the village Kerasia.

August 11-12 The "Kerasiotika" event

Traditional Macedonian dance-music at the village's square Kerasia (Edessa). Fun, dance, live local and hellenic music.

August 15 Traditional festival

Music-dance-local menu in the village Agios Athanasios

End of August.

Local Festival in Margarita, Pozaritika in Loutraki, Chrysanthia in Grammatiko, celebrations Loudias in Giannitsa.

End of October TSIPOURO FESTIVAL

At the village Mesimeri with theatre -dance & live music and a lot of 'tsipouro'

December 23-24 'Fire'

Traditional custom-bonfires, music, dance in the villages Mesimeri- Klisohori Agra and in Edessa (near the train station and Alonia).

'Lisnik' Traditional custom bonfires, music, dance in the village Xanthogia.





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Edessa & Mountainous Pella Events all year round

Spring Times Celebrations



Spring Music Festival

Springtime always gives us a fresh interest and feeling for music and art. In this atmosphere was the Spring Festival born.

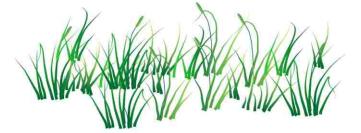
The initial intention and purpose was a greater hearing of classical and modern music, artistic and traditional local music, to enjoy the productions of important musicians.



The Spring Festival has been hosted to many important musical bands.

Kamerata- Orchestra of the Friends of Music- Quartet- Symphonic Orchestra of Thessaloniki- Chamber Orchestra Pro Musica- Trio Cordes European Ruslav Pavlov- Brass Band of Florina and many chorus of Hellas.

Our aim and wish is the incessant continuation of the Spring Festival, with the support of the music-lovers of the town and its visitors.





Exhibition

Every year at the second fortnight of May a flower exhibition takes place at the waterfalls park Planters of Northern Hellas participate in this exhibition. There are also many music programs during springtime in this area.

Information (23810 20300)





Cherries Festival

The Cherry Festival is one of the most important manifestations for the promotion of this local product.

In June the people of the area organize many events having as main source traditional products such as the cherry.

Events with artistic, popular and traditional music, traditional dance groups in local costumes, exhibitions of a variety of cherries, exhibitions showing the villagers' life, many surprises and of course a lot of cherries offered free to the visitors.





Last week of June - Cherry Festival

Free cherries offered to the visitors at village Agra with musical events and games for the children. Entrance free

July August Theatre Concerts

Every week there is a theatre or concert of famous Greek artists at the open-air theatre of Gavaliotissa but also in the town of Edessa.

July 15 31 & August 15 31 Tour with music

At the neighborhoods of Edessa with different artists (rebetika, soft, traditional music) Free entrance

July August Cinema Tour

Cinema tour at the villages at open-air places. Entrance free

End of August Beginning of September

Culture-CrossRoads Traditional festival with musical events, gastronomy, outdoor activities, theatre at the forest Gavaliotissa place with thousand pine trees.

Beginning of September -Playground

Games for children at the park of the waterfalls musical events, shadow plays, constructions, games. Entrance free









Traditional Tavern at the banks of Wetlands Agras-Vritta-Nision

There is also a Café Restaurant all day Every Weekend live traditional music

Special dishes Pork in the oven and wild grilled beetroots

Special Offer for every grouptraditional music from local brass-ban

Information-Reservations 2381092356 Wetlands of Agra-Vritta-Nision

Winter Time in Edessa



Tsipouro is well done ouzo version. Locals love it.

From Oktober till mid December local dixies are ready for the "fresh liquid ". In the village Mesimeri (Edessa) the preparation of Tsipouro is a big event and is always done in the traditional way. (local music, traditional dances).

The union of the village has also many surprises for the visitors and the Tsipouro (well done ouzo) is free. Young boys and girls in local costumes offer the visitors traditional dishes. An event not to be missed!





Edessa & Mountainous Pella Place for exploration



City of waters - 4 seasons a year Pella - Macedonia - Hellas

Discover the city the picturesque villages

Winter in Edessa ... Warm & Hospitable

Edessa is poetic and charming in winter. Even the great poet Menelaos Loudemis recognizes Edessa 'as the step on which God stands to climb up into the sky'. With authentic Macedonian hospitality both Edessa & Mountainous Pella are excellent proposals for weekends & many days vacation.

The people in Edessa are kind with a spontaneous sense of hospitality and you surely will find what you are looking for if you choose to gift yourself with a few days of relaxation.

Do all you Christmas shopping at the shopping center of the town, also visit the open air market (every Thursday) at place Kioupri. You can also buy your Christmas gifts from the market ,organized in Edessa by the German Union Club-the Horizon center-the Nursery (creative pastime for children).

On these days you will be able to see a lot of tradition as well as local customs in Edessa but also at the villages (Agia Fotini, Agra, Vritta, Karidia, Kerasia, Klisohori, Kesariana, Liki, Margharitha, Mesimeri Nisi, Platani, Rizari, Sotira, Flamouria). But the Ski-Resort Voras 15 Kaimaktsalan is a MUST for those who like skiing, snowboard and snowgames.

The festivities end with the event of the 'Kites' on Shrove Monday. Springtime takes over and Edessa has now a different face to show.









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Local Products

The geographical position and the natural beauty of the area are splendid marbles for the development of agro-tourism. Feel the country life, relax and savor the local food, enjoy the manifestations, which the village people organize through the year.

Tradition & local products such as honey, fruit, preserves, batso (cheese), pepper (tsoutskes-hot peppers), tsipouro, pasta). All these bring you close to country life. Live unforgettable weekends in one of the accommodations, combine your vacation with the local calendar of the manifestations.

Don't forget to do your shopping at the local market with local traditional products.

Where you can find them:

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Women's corporation of Arnissa 23810 31983 (Pasta, marmalades, preserves, greens, pickle)

Local products- Anasto 23810 34168 (Botanicals, marmalades, preserves, food)

Mosaic Corporation "Ancient Pella "

Tel 2382031222
Women's corporation "Archangelos"

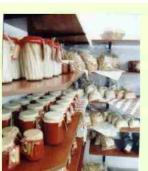
Tel 23840 73197 (jams, preserves, weavings, broidery)

European Natural Cultivation Center

Every year in the camping site of Sotira, the event of natural cultivation is organized.

It is a simple but modern method. The visitors can taste products, which have been grown in the most natural way.

There are also educational programs organized for school children. Here they can learn all about this method and how useful it can be in the future.

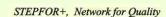






Traditional Labeled Products

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Local Gastronomy

Local cuisine

The local cuisine of the area has a wide variety of recipes, which hide many secrets. You can find these special dishes in the meat-eating mountainous areas or fish-eating lakeside areas in local traditional taverns.

Also, the splendor of local cuisine finds its expression on the occasion of feasts, traditional festivals, weddings, and fêtes. One of the dishes that is in great demand is Tsompleki (official dish of Edessa), which is a typical example of food, eaten at Christmas, Easter, and special events (tsompleki - made of meat and several greens -pepper, eggplant, potatoes & cheese). Preparation: Put all the ingredients in an olla (the local people call it 'lakfitsa'), the lid is sealed with dough.

Another example of tradition is the pie (pita), with a coin baked into it and cut at New Year's Eve. The person who finds the coin in his piece will be lucky for the whole year.

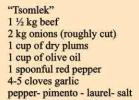
You can also find the book "The traditional taste of Edessa" written by K. Tzoga (edition 2002). It helps you find the traditional way of preparing meals.



" Flogeres"

A very tasty sweet made by Custard of Milk and Almonds. Can be found in all the patisseries in Edessa.





Preparation: Put all the ingredients in an olla. The meat cut into pieces, the onions roughly cut, the garlic, some laurel, some pimento, red pepper and the dry plums.

Add a little water. Put the lid on the olla and seal it with dough. Then, put it in the fireplace and keep it on the simmer for three hours. It is ready to be served.

(from the book of K. Tzoga "The traditional taste of Edessa", 2002)



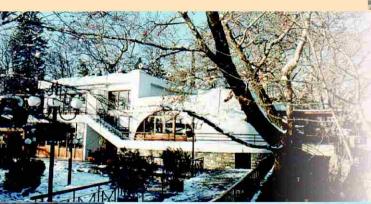






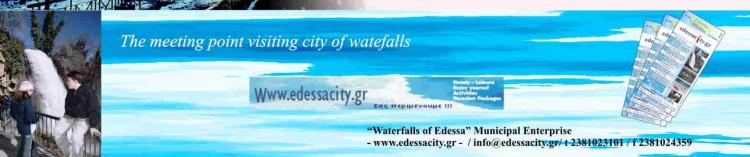


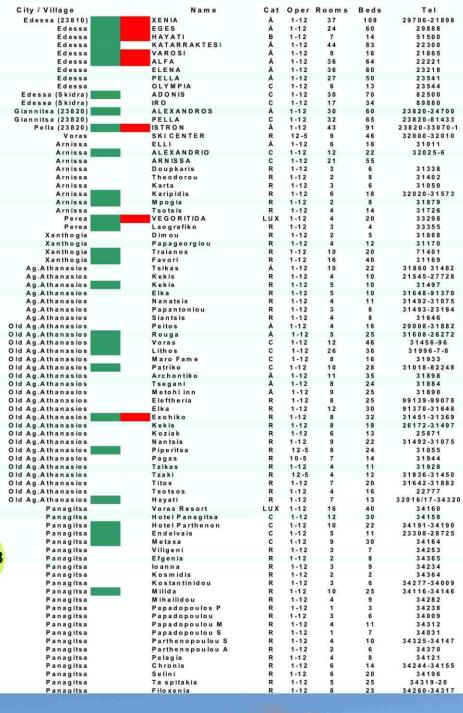




"Waterfalls" Restaurant

Edessa - Waterfalls Park Reservetions: 23810 27810, 23810 26718





Hotel & Accomodation

The accommodation records are from the database of the Tourist Information Office of Edessa (okt-2003)

Accommodations with this mark:

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disposes a Possibility of reservation at web site www.edessacity.gr



Edessa Tourist Information Office

Tel.Codes

Edessa, Skidra, Ag.Athanasios Vegoritida, Arnissa, Perea, Xanthogia, Panagitsa (23810)

Giannitsa, Pella (23820)

Aridea, Loutraki (23840)

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(Information free of charge)



For more information you could see also the official site of Edessa. Information for Edessa & Mountainous Pella, bookings, reservations and also e-shops for books & local products

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Useful Telephones

Airport

Airport "MAKEDONIA"- Thessaloniki 2310 230240

Port

Port "MAKEDONIA"-Thessaloniki 2310 531506

Railroad

Train Station Edessa 23810 23510

Train Station Athens 210 8237741

Train Station Thessaloniki 2310 517517

Railroad - Local Network

Train Station Edessa 23810 23510

Train Station Agras 23810 92098

Train Station Arnissa 23810 31200

Train Station Skidra 23810 89204

Bus Station Edessa 2310 23511

Bus Station Athens (Pella) 210 5152548

Bus Station Thessaloniki (Pella) 2310 525100

Bus - Local Network

Bus Station Edessa 23810 23511

Bus Stop Edessa (Kozani) 23810 29600

Bus Station Aridea 23840 21249

Bus Station Giannitsa 23820 22317

Bus Station Skidra 23810 89222

Bus Station Kria Vrisi 23820 61506

TAXI - 24 hours

Station RADIOTAXI Edessa 23810 23392 - 22904

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National Bank of Greece (κεντρικό) 23810 23322

ALPHA Bank 23810 81083

Agrotiki Bank 23810 22808

Emporiki Bank 23810 23710

Pireus Bank 23810 21889

EFG-ERGASIAS Bank 23810 21880

Bank of Cyprus

Police Department

Police - Emergency Calls 100

Police - Central Station 23810 23333

Fire Department - Rescue Department

Edessa Station 23810 22044

Giannitsa Station 23820 27556

Forest Protection Department 23810 22044

Rescue Department 199

Hospital Edessa 23810 27441-6

Hospital Edessa - First Aids 166

Hospital of Giannitsa 23820 82222

Disable People

Center "Horizon" 23810 23898

Creative Lab "Perichnon" 23810 21644

Kidden Garden

Open-Air Water Museum 23810 51250

Public Services

Town Hall of Edessa 23810 22966

Prefecture of Pella - Edessa 23810 37224

Athetic Places

Stadium of Edessa (Athletics) 23810 22946

Athletic Center of Edessa (Swimming) 23810 28040

Athletic Center "Pasa Tsair" (Football-Tennis) Edessa 23810 23101

Xenia Hotel (Tennis-Mini Football-Pool) 23810 21898

Museums

Archeological Museum of Pella 23820 31160

Archeological Sight of Logos - Edessa 23810 25261

Folklore Museum of Edessa 23810 28787

Folklore Museum of Giannitsa 23810 83770

Physiographic-Folkore Museum of Almopia 23840 91300

Open-Air Water Museum of Edessa 23810 20300

Voras Ski Center - Kaimakcalan 23810 32000

Aerathletic Center of Edessa (Panagitsa-Zervi Village) 23810 22954

Tourism Services

Prefecture of Pella - Edessa / Tourism Dept. 23810 37224 - www.pella.gr

Municipal Enterprise of Edessa / Tourism Dept. 23810 23101

Development Agency of Pella SA 23810 21000

STEPFOR+, Local Network for Quality Services - www.visitpella.gr

Wetlands Information Center 23810 20300 Tourist Information Center - Edessa 23810 20300

Hotels of Edessa & Mountainous Pella 23810 20300 - www.edessacity.gr

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