

Messinia, tourist destination 12 months a year

1. How to access Messinia:

- Air connections (Regular domestic and international flights, charter flights)
- By road (Bus)
- Ferry connection to/from Crete during summer months

2. Infrastructure

- Modern airport
- Port that can host large ships
- Modern marinas
- Good road network
- Hotels of all categories
- Meeting/Conference Halls
- Sports facilities (34 football fields, 29 outdoor playgrounds, 6 athletics stadiums, an elementary and a private swimming pool, a shooting range, 3 training-warm rooms, four gyms, a sailing installation, 4 tennis courts, numerous basketball courts, Costa Navarino golf and tennis courts, bridge-billiard-bowling halls etc.)

3. Tourist Accommodation

Messinia counts today about 5000 beds in hotels of all categories and 3300 in rented rooms. It also counts several well-equipped campsites.

4. Εξυπηρέτηση επισκεπτών

- Kalamata CVB & Alternative Tourism in Messinia
- Tourism Office of the Municipality of Kalamata
- Kalamata Greek Tourism Organization
- Travel Agencies of the Prefecture of Messinia
- Rent a Car Agencies
- Hotel Union of Messinia

5. Museums and galleries

Archaeological Museum of Ancient Messini, Archaeological Museum of Chora, Archaeological Museum of Pylos, Messinia Archaeological Museum, Historical and Folklore Museum of Kalamata, Kalamata Military Museum, Municipal Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art.



6. Archeological sites and monuments

•Vaulted tombs: from the Plain of Avia to Kaplani of Akritohorio, from Ano Psari to Harakopio, from Malthi to Voïdokoilia and Antheia...

•Classical Monuments: Ancient Messini, the temple of Epikourios Apollo, the Palace of Nestor⁹

•Historical Momuments: Castle of Methoni, Castle of Koroni, Castle of Kyparissia, Castle of Kalamata, New Castle of Pylos (Niokastro)

•Byzantine monuments: The Temple of Saint Apostles in Kalamata, The monastery of Voulkanos, The little church of Saint Theodora, The monasteries of Alagonia (Taygetos Mountain) (Μαρδάτσι ή Μαρδάκι the Holy Monastery of the Assumption of Virgin Mary, Sideroporta (iron door), the Holy Monastery of the Assumption of Virgin Mary, The Monastery of Saint Ioannis the Theologos, Mele, the Holy Monastery of the holy Precursor, the Monastery of the Transfiguration, the Andromonastiro of Petralona.

. Traditional villages and historical centers of Messinian cities: Tower-houses of Mani, Kalamata Historical center Historical center of Kyparissia

7. Cultural Events

Maypole of Kalamata, Rocket War (Saitopolemos), Koutrouli's Wedding in Methoni, "The Hanging of Old Fig-Woman" in Messini, The Celebration of Purification of Jesus Crist the Savior in Kalamata, Kalamata International Dance Festival (every year on July)

8. Local Products Festivities: festival of edible olives, figs, Oregano, Watermelon, Artichoke Wine, etc.

9. Cinemas, theaters, libraries

10. Nature

- Dozens of beautiful beaches
- The Polylimnio Waterfalls
- Gorges and caves as Rintomo, Vyros, Koskaraka, Neda, Biliovo
- The Gorge and Estuary of the River Nedon
- The Lagoon of Pylos (*Protected area*)
- The Dunes of Kyparissia (*Protected area*)
- The Cape Akritas (SW Peloponnese and the neighboring islands pf Schiza (1090 m) (*Protected area*)
- The Mountain Taygetos (*Protected area*)
- Sea Straits area of Methoni (*Protected area*)

11. Alternative Tourism

- Health Tourism
- Sport tourism
- Agro tourism
- Cultural Tourism
- Marine Tourism
- Nature-Ecotourism Tourism•
- Religious Tourism