

Kavala

Historic Kavala in northern Greece is Macedonia's second city and port. Not on the regular tourist map, it offers an unusual and fascinating stay. It is also home to one of Greece's most unique hotels, the luxurious and exclusive Imaret.

Kavala's 19th century wealth was based on the large tobacco industry that existed here, as evidenced by the remaining old warehouses around the port area. On the hill above the harbour is the most interesting part of the city - the old quarter called Panayia. This area has been occupied many times over the centuries and it is interesting to try and spot the architectural legacy of Byzantines, Franks, Venetians and Ottomans within the maze of narrow streets. Crowned by a well preserved

Byzantine citadel, the views from here are fabulous.

Kavala has three clean sandy beaches - one at each entrance (both with a Blue Flag) and one central called Rapsani.

The big name archaeological site here is Philippi just 16 kms to the north. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this is where St Paul first preached in Europe. The ruins are largely Roman but it is a huge and impressive site.

KAVALA INFORMATION

Getting to Kavala

Wednesday or Sunday flights from Gatwick or Sunday from Manchester to Kavala. Then 30 mins taxi transfer.

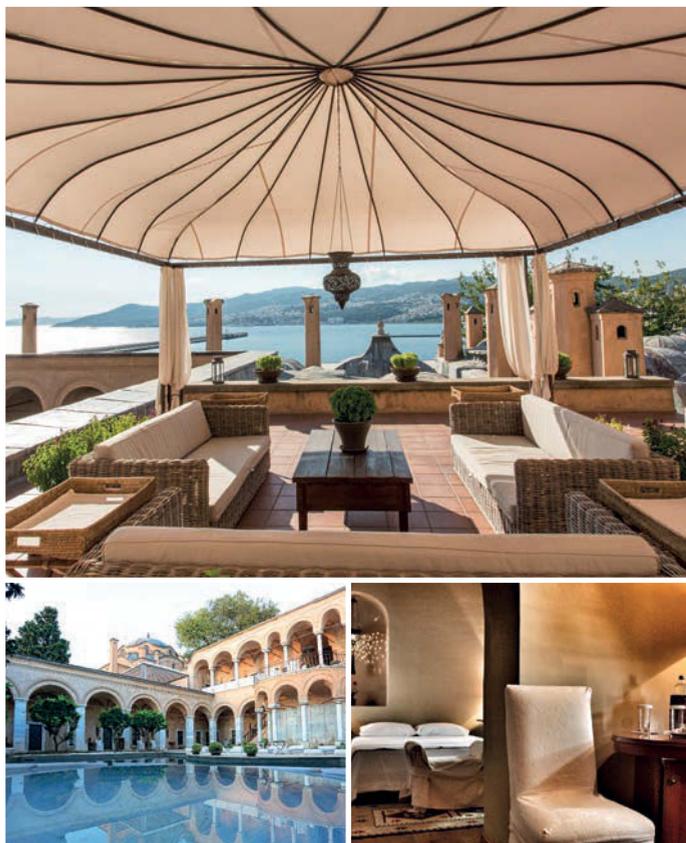
Multi-Centre Options

Kavala has regular ferry links to Skala Prinos in Thassos (takes 75 minutes) and you can easily twin centre Kavala with any of our Thassos accommodation. We can also pair Kavala with eastern Halkidiki, staying at Olymbiada (transfer time 90 mins)

or the island of Ammouliani (2 hrs plus 15 mins ferry). Please ask for a costing. However, we'd strongly recommend you keep the 5 star Imaret Hotel for the end of your holiday in order to avoid disappointment!

Representative

We do not have a representative in Kavala but do have a local representative and agent in Thassos who can always be contacted.



Imaret Kavala

The Imaret is, justifiably, one of Greece's most famous hotels. The Rough Guide calls it 'the best preserved Islamic building on Greek territory' and it is indeed unique.

Built in 1817, the hotel is in the heart of the old town on the hill overlooking the port. It has just 26 rooms and suites, housed within 3000 sq m of inner gardens, marble arcades, high domed ceilings and water features - truly a peaceful oasis in the heart of the city.

Rooms have been designed to preserve as many original features as possible, and so are all individual. Of course they all have the mod cons you'd expect - Wifi, AC, room safe, bath or shower with luxury amenities, mini-bar, hairdryer etc. - and views over the courtyard, gardens, town or port. No TV or balconies but there are plenty of sitting out areas in the gardens.

Within the gardens there is a large outdoor cistern in which guests are free to cool off (depth 1.10m). There is also a hidden heated indoor cistern.

Other than the gardens, hotel facilities include a rooftop terrace, upmarket restaurant (private dining can be arranged), spa with hamam and a range of treatments, and bar, where afternoon tea is served daily (using Fortnum & Mason teas of course!).

If you can tear yourself away the nearest beach is 1700m (a short taxi ride), and others can be found at the edge of town and beyond.

Short stays are possible - we can't think of a lovelier way to end a holiday than a few nights here!

Prices: from c £1950 per person in a double room for 7 nights. For a few nights as a treat at the end of a holiday on Thassos prices starts at £169 per person per night (twin-share).

The Hotel:	Free WiFi
5 Star Hotel	Spa
Bed & Breakfast	No children under 12