

# Pieria

Pieria is a region of Macedonia in northwest Greece. This is not a well known area, other than to those intending to climb Mount Olympus, but there is much to see and do to suit all interests.

The region is characterised by extensive plains, high mountains and Blue Flag sandy beaches. In fact, Pieria boasts a 60km coastline – almost one continuous beach. The waters are crystal clear, and one is never far from the nearest café/bar or fish taverna - there are numerous small fishing harbours dotted along the coast. Local cuisine makes particular use of sea food. In the mountains you will find game, roast meat and traditional pies.

There are some excellent small wineries. This is still very much an agricultural region, with ancient mountain villages scattered in the foothills of Mount Olympus, such as 17th century Palei Pori, picturesque medieval Paleos Panteleimonas and many others.

One of the most important archaeological sites in Greece, is to be found at Dion, the city of Zeus and a centre of Macedonian culture. Other notable sites are the prehistoric settlement at Makrigialos, Byzantine Pydna (Kitros) and the fortified post-Byzantine settlement of Louloudies. All these sites are in close proximity, with Dion only 12 km (20 mins drive) from Litochoro.



Dion archaeological site

## LITOCHORO INFORMATION

### Getting to Litochoro

Daily flights from Gatwick to Thessaloniki - flights from other regional airports available e.g. MAN, EMA, LTN. Transfer by taxi 90 mins. Please note that it is generally more economic to have a car from the airport for the duration - see below.

### Multi-Centre Options

There are many. Of course some nights in Thessaloniki can be booked at the beginning or end of your holiday. With a car Litochoro can also combine easily with Halkidiki and the island of Ammouliani, you could also take in the city of Kavala in north Greece, or go south to explore the beautiful area of Pelion.



Immersed within Mediterranean maquis in the foothills of Mount Olympus, an hour's drive south from Thessaloniki, Litochoro is the gateway to Mount Olympus and very much a mountain summer retreat. It is set above the bubbling Enipeas River with cafes and tavernas adorning its banks.

Litochoro is a large village and a favourite mountain resort for the Greeks. It has the feel of an alpine settlement, yet is only a 15 minute drive from the beaches. This is an ideal base from which to walk on Mount Olympus as the climbing routes begin from here.

The village is characterised by its red roofed houses, especially within the old historic centre. It's a friendly, welcoming place with several squares, many cafes and restaurants, churches and shops. The restaurants are excellent value. In fact the Gastrodromio Restaurant is considered to be one of the best in northern Greece.

The beaches of Plaka lie below Litochoro with a bus running from June to mid-September at a cost of €2 each way for the 15 minute ride. The beaches are long, part sand part-pebble, and the water crystal clear. Many fish tavernas can be found on the sea front.

Car hire is particularly recommended (see note below). The rock monasteries at Meteora are 154 km away (2 hours); the fabulous site of Dion is but 14 km (20 mins); Veria with its Byzantine Museum 96 km (1 hour); the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vergina with the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great 95 km (1 hour); the Venetian castle of Platamonas 18 km (20 mins); and the traditional village of Old Panteleimon a 40 minute drive.

### Car Hire - save up to £400

Highly recommended. If you hire from the airport (an easy 90 minute motorway drive) the transfer cost saving is c £400!

### Representative

We have a local agent based in Thessaloniki who can always be contacted but no representative in Litochoro. However English is spoken at all our hotels, who are always happy to give local information and assistance.

## Cavo Olympo Luxury Hotel Litochoro Coast

The Cavo Olympo, a very intimate, contemporary and chic hotel is set in lush surroundings amongst ancient olive trees. This is a true 5 star, with pools and terraces overlooking the sea, elegant outdoor and indoor spaces, an excellent restaurant and service to match.

There are just 49 rooms and suites. All rooms are with shower, room safe, mini-bar, AC, Wifi, tea-making facilities and balcony with Mount Olympus or sea views. The Superior rooms have a bath jacuzzi as well as a shower. All suites have sea views, jacuzzi bath and some have a private pool. Junior Suites are open plan, Executive Suites have a separate living room. Some rooms interconnect.

Amenities include two terrace restaurants, three indoor and outdoor pool bars, three swimming pools, an outdoor gazebo, spa with hydromassage heated indoor pool and steam room (free to residents - only treatments are payable locally), and a fitness room/gym.

The coast immediately below is rocky but sand/shingle beaches are within easy walking distance. Behind the hotel is Mount Olympus, and Litochoro is 10-15 minutes by car or bus (€2). Trapped between sea and mountain, the hotel gives easy access to both.

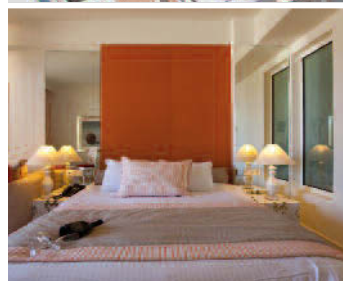
**Half Board:** £147 per week

### Early Booking Offers

Reductions apply for bookings made by 31/1, 28/2 and 30/4 - NB the earlier you book the greater the discount.

### The Hotel:

5 Star Hotel  
Bed & Breakfast  
3 Swimming Pools & Spa  
Free WiFi  
Adults Only (16 years plus)



## Litochoro Olympus Resort Litochoro Coast

Litochoro Resort is located on a very long sand/shingle beach below Mount Olympus.

The hotel was built in 2010 and is very well managed with friendly staff. It is an informal hotel, with a relaxed, beachfront air and popular with families in the summer months (all rooms can sleep up to 4).

The hotel has 43 rooms and suites, plus a handful of villas. All rooms have as standard AC, Wifi, mini-bar, room safe, satellite TV, CD/DVD player, hairdryer, walk-in shower, and balcony or terrace with Olympus or sea views. The superior suites have a jacuzzi bath and two balconies. The Private Villas have a hot tub/jacuzzi and the 60 sq m Executive Villas also have a small garden with 6m x 3m pool.

Hotel amenities include two restaurants plus a fish taverna, pool and cafe-bar, beach bar, children's club (up to 12 years), mini market and the Aphrodite Spa with heated jacuzzi pools, small gym, sauna, steam bath and a variety of treatments.

The hotel can also arrange many outside activities, including white water rafting, diving and hiking. Litochoro is 7 km away and served by a bus service in season (€2).

### Early Booking Offers

Reductions apply for bookings made at least 5 months in advance. Please note that an enhanced deposit to include 50% of the hotel cost is required for this offer to apply.

### The Resort:

4 Star Hotel  
Bed & Breakfast  
Rooms, Suites & Villas  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi



# Olympus Mediterranean Hotel Litochoro

The Olympus is the only 4 star hotel in Litochoro. Centrally located a 5 minute walk from the main square, it is a friendly and personal hotel, comfortable and not ostentatious. It is a very good base for those wanting to spend some time in Litochoro and exploring the mountain.



Castle of Platamon

Decor and furnishings tend towards the rustic and traditional. All 23 rooms and suites are slightly different and possess AC, TV, Wifi, mini-bar, room safe, hairdryer, bath or shower, and private balcony, most with glimpses of the mountain or sea.

Hotel amenities include a lounge, restaurant, bar, small spa with sauna, jacuzzi and an indoor swimming pool. There is a free parking area nearby.

A central but quiet location within easy reach of restaurants, tavernas and cafes. Buses run regularly to the beaches in season at a cost of €2 each way.

The Hotel: 4 Star Hotel  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Indoor Pool & Spa  
Free WiFi



# Mirto Hotel Litochoro

The Hotel Mirto was one of the first hotels in Litochoro (from 1969). The most recent refurbishment was in 2013. The hotel is owned and managed by a charming family from whom nothing is too much trouble. It is very centrally located a stone's throw from the main square. The hotel has 28 rooms including a penthouse suite below the roof eaves. Rooms are either twin or double bedded. All rooms have balcony, air conditioning, TV, bathroom with shower, mini-fridge and free Wifi. Rooms either face to the front of the building with views over the village, or to the rear with Mount Olympus views.

The hotel has a cafe-bar, a top floor lounge with Olympus views and a lift. Parking is available in the municipal car park 50 metres from the hotel.

The Mirto provides a comfortable, friendly base in Litochoro and is perfect for both sea and mountain. The beaches are just a 15 minute drive or bus ride away.

The Hotel: 1 Star Plus  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi

PIERIA		Guide prices in £'s per person					
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May/Oct		Jun/Sep		Jul/Aug	
		1 wk	2 wks	1 wk	2 wks	1 wk	2 wks
Cavo Olympo	Classic Room 2 BB	993	1386	1116	1632	1393	2098
Mirto Hotel	Standard Room 2 BB	786	972	806	1012	1103	1544
Olympus Mediterranean	Std Room 2 BB	818	1058	996	1394	1103	1544
Olympus Resort	Classic Room 2 BB	866	1131	1036	1473	1313	1923

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**Not included: Overnight Stay Tax of €0.50 to €4 per room, apartment or villa per night payable locally - the amount varies according to the category of the accommodation (i.e. most self catering and 1-2 star hotels = €0.50, 5 star hotels = €4).**