

# Halkidiki

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## About Halkidiki

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Its particular shape reminds of three fingers pointing the Aegean Sea or Poseidon's trident. Those three peninsulas are called Cassandra, Sithonia and Mt Athos.

The peninsula of Halkidiki is a real paradise, endowed by nature with enchanting coves and bays, rocky headlands, beaches with golden sand and crystalline waters. Olive and pine forest complete the amazing picture of Halkidiki holiday.

Of the three "fingers" of the peninsula, only the middle and the western one (Sithonia and Cassandra) are welcoming tourism with incredible natural beauty and developed touristy facilities.

The Cassandra is ideal for all-night party and bustling beaches. Sithonia is the perfect place for nature lovers, quietness and deserted beaches. The eastern most prong belongs to the monastic community of Athos, the Holy Mountain. Visitation to it is strictly regulated: men must ask for a permit six months in advance and women are not allowed.

Halkidiki has interesting villages, an outstanding beauty and the best and more beautiful beaches of the entire Greece, famous for their crystalline waters and their pure white sand. Holidays in Halkidiki are ideal for everyone, with quietness and deserted beaches on Sithonia and full of nightlife on Cassandra.

The capital of Halkidiki is Poligiros, which is situated in the centre of the peninsula, 69 km from [Thessaloniki](#). Some details which can make Halkidiki attractive are some extreme-adventurous sports, like [jeep safari](#).

## Villages of Halkidiki

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### Afitos

**Location:** 46 km south of Poligiros

**Description:** A traditional village in Kassandra peninsula, Afytos has stone houses, small squares, paved streets and a lovely view to the sea.

**Sightseeing:** Church Of Saint Demetrius, Folklore Museum Of Afitos

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### Marmaras

**Location:** 56 km south east of Poligiros

**Description:** Marmaras, or Neos Marmaras, is a developed beach resort on the western coasts of Sithonia Peninsula. Constructed along the slopes of a hill, it has a small port where fishing boats and yachts moor, creating a romantic atmosphere.

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### Ormos Panagias

**Location:** 43 km south east of Poligiros

**Description:** This is a picturesque fishing villahe surrounded by much greenery. The region has beautiful and calm beaches.

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### Porto Koufo

**Location:** 80 km south east of Poligiros

**Description:** Porto Koufo is the southernmost spot in Sithonia. An area of great natural beauty and amazing beaches, Porto Koufo has a large port that gets very popular in summer.

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### Nikiti

**Location:** 35 km south east of Poligiros

**Description:** Nikiti is a lovely tourist resort, among the busiest in Sithonia Peninsula. The fish taverns and the gorgeous beaches in the area attract many visitors.

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## Beaches of Halkidiki

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### Sani

**Location:** 45 km south of Poligiros

**Description:** Pine forests, amazing beaches and tourist facilities make Sani one of the most popular beach resorts of Halkidiki. The area gives the best sunset in the region.

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### Armenistis

**Location:** 65 km south east of Poligiros

**Description:** Armenistis is among the most beautiful beaches of Halkidiki. Located in Sithonia peninsula, it has a immense sandy beach and exotic water. Tourist facilities are plenty around Armenistis.

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### Kalithea

**Location:** 50 km south of Poligiros

**Description:** Built in the centre of Kassandra peninsula, Kallithea is a cosmopolitan tourist resort that gets very popular in summer. This is the best nightlife spot of Halkidiki with many clubs and beach bars.

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### Hanioti

**Location:** 64 km south east of Poligiros

**Description:** Hanioti is a cosmopolitan resort on the southern side of Kassandra Halkidiki. The long promenades, the green parks and the immense sandy beach attract many visitors.

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### Gerakini

**Location:** 13 km south of Poligiros

**Description:** Among the most popular beach resorts of Halkidiki, Gerakini has a long sandy beach with many watersports centres and fish taverns along it. Gerakini serves as a nice base for excursions around the area.

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## Sightseeing in Halkidiki

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### Mount Athos

**Location: Ouranoupoli**

Mount Athos is a self-governed part of the Greek State, famous for its old Byzantine monasteries. Women are not allowed to enter the area, while men need a special permission to go. There are frequent boats from Ouranoupolis that go around Mount Athos.

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### Cave Of Petralona

**Location: Petralona**

The Cave of Petralona is located on the western side of Mount Katsika. It is rich in stalactites and stalagmites and in 1960 a human skull of 700,000 years old was discovered there. Fossils of lions, panthers, bears, deer, bats and other animals were also discovered.

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### Anthropological Museum

**Location: Petralona**

The Anthropological Museum of Petralona is located in close distance to the cave. It hosts a representation of the cave and houses items found inside, like tools, fossils, fire traces and others.

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