

KOZANI-PTOLEMAIDA

Travel Guide

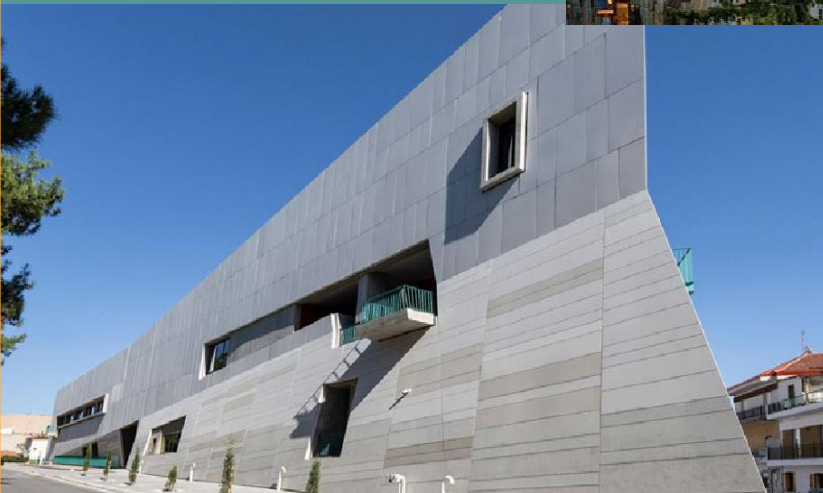


Table of Contents

1. General Information about Kozani	3
Sites of Interest	4
Nearby Places	6
2. Information about Balkan Energy Forum	12
3. Travel in Exhibition Center of W.M.	13
4. Places to stay in Ptolemaida	14
5. Places to stay in Kozani	15

Kozani (Greek: Κοζάνη) is a city in northern part of Greece, capital of the region of Western Macedonia. The city lies 710 m (2,329 feet) above sea level, 120 km (75 miles) southwest of the city of Thessaloniki, between the mountains Pieria and Vermio. The population of the Kozani municipality is over 70,000 people. The climate of the area is continental with cold and dry winters, and hot summers. The main campus of the University of Western Macedonia is located in Kozani and combined with the Technological Educational Institute of Western Macedonia accumulates more than 15,000 students from all over Greece.

1. General Information about Kozani



Kozani is well-known in Greece and abroad for producing Saffron (Krokos Kozanis). Krokos is also the name of a nearby area in Kozani.

Sites of Interest

The Archaeological Museum of Kozani

includes discoveries from archaeological excavations as well as from individual donations. It includes sculptures, inscriptions, statues, reliefs, clay vessels, figurines, and gold, silver, and bronze jewelry, all dating from the Paleolithic to the Roman period.

The Clock Tower and the church of Agios Nikolaos - 350 years old - in Nikis Square.

Lake Polyfytos Bridge

crossing the artificial Polyfytos Lake. With a length of 1,372 m (4,501 ft), it is the second longest bridge in Greece next to the Rio–Antirio Bridge.

The Historical Folklore and Natural History Museum of Kozani

built according to old Macedonian architecture, and in its 6 floors, visitors can see everything about the geography, natural history, flora, and animals of the region, as well as the history, the traditions and the past way of life in Kozani.

*Nikis Square &
Clock Tower*



Saffron



*Historical-Folklore and
Natural History Museum*



For more information please do not hesitate to ask us
before or during your stay.

You can also check: en.pdm.gov.gr

Nearby Places

Nymphaio: is a village in Florina regional unit, Western Macedonia, Greece.



The municipal unit has an area of 28.209 km². As of 2011 the village had a population of 132 residents. The village is protected by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture to preserve its architectural integrity.

Nymphaio, Greece

The Environmental Centre **ARCTUROS** is active in the area and manages an environmental protection center for brown bears and wolves one-and-a-half kilometers from the village.



The center is home to 13 bears and several wolves that were believed too weak to survive in the wild. The information center is open to the public for several months of the year. There are currently 6 functioning hotels in Nymfaio, as well as an Orthodox Church. Next to the church is an old cemetery dating to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Brown Bears, Arctouros

Velventos: is a municipality in Kozani's regional unit, Western Macedonia, Greece. It lies at the foot of the Pierian Mountains, 33 km northeast of the city of Kozani. It is located near the artificial lake of Polyfyto.

Velventos is surrounded by forests, it is in the fertile valley of the Haliacmon River and produces fruit, mainly peaches. 10.6% of the area is cultivated. Agricultural production is organised in two agricultural cooperatives.

Gorge "of the nine Pierian Muses"



Kastoria: is a city in northern Greece in the region of Western Macedonia. It is the capital of Kastoria regional unit. It is situated on a promontory on the western shore of Lake Orestiada, in a valley surrounded by limestone mountains. The city is known for its many Byzantine churches. Kastoria is an important religious center. It originally had 72 Byzantine and medieval churches, of which 54 have survived.

City of Kastoria, Greece



Grevena: is a city and municipality in Western Macedonia, Northern Greece. Mountains surround the municipality, which is near the river Greveniotikos.

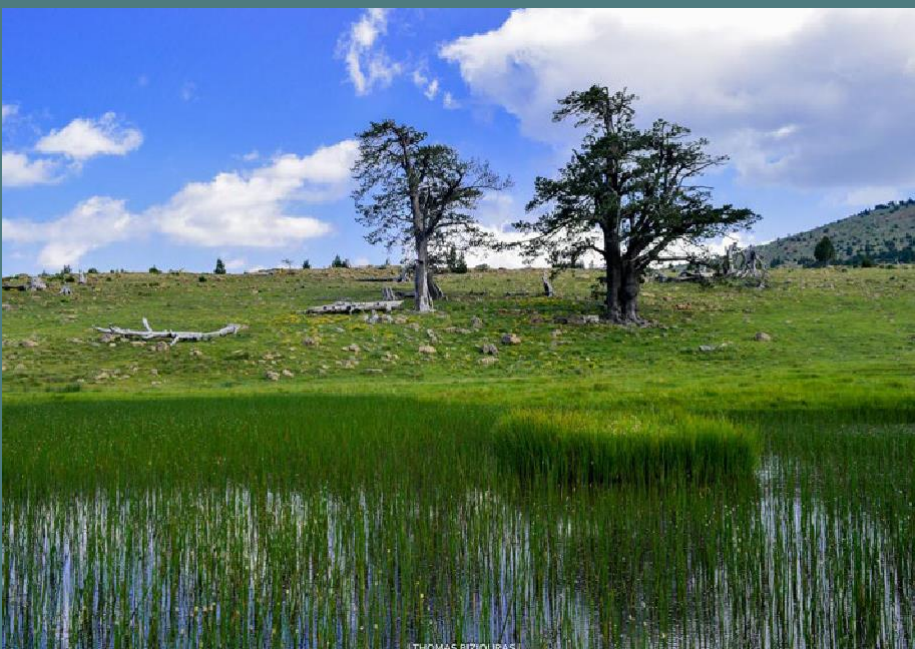
The National Park of Valia Caldera, the Vasilitsa Ski Resort and the many different types of mushrooms that can be found there make Grevena a pole of attraction for nature and mountain lovers.



City of Grevena, Greece

Valia Caldera is one of the most important National Parks in Greece. It is located between Grevena and

Ioannina in the Pindos Mountain range and covers an area of approximately 69km².



Valia Caldera

The ski resort of **Vasilitsa** is located at a wonderful and extremely beautiful spot of Pindos in a distance of 42km from Grevena, at Smixi village. It is one of the most beautiful and well-organized ski resorts in Greece and offers great quality of services. The facilities of the ski resort located in the

highest slopes of Lingos Mountain and the season of its function is long, since the snow lasts until spring.

Vasilitsa Ski Resort



Stone Bridges of Grevena



*Hunting for Mushrooms
in forests of Grevena*



2. Information about Balkan Energy Forum

The Balkan Energy Forum is organised by the Ministry of the Interior (Department of Macedonia-Thrace) and TIF-HELEXPO, bringing to the forefront of discussions the new perspectives and developments in the energy sector and the dynamics evolving around it.

The Conference-Exhibition event will take place at the Western Macedonia Exhibition Center in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kozani. This initiative is supported by the Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia (CluBE) and the University of Western Macedonia.

The choice of Western Macedonia as the venue for the event was anything but random. It has been the energy "heart" of the country for many years, and as the landscape changes, the region is rapidly advancing in the development of new clean technologies and renewable energy sources.

Companies and entities operating in Greece and Southeastern European countries in the fields of renewable energy sources (RES), hydrogen, energy storage, and energy efficiency will be present as exhibitors. Additionally, their presence will be complemented by speakers with significant backgrounds, entrepreneurs, technocrats, scientists.

The aim for the Balkan Energy Forum is to become a long-established reality! This will be a key event for the presentation of all new technologies in the energy sector.



3. Travel in Exhibition Center of Western Macedonia

Tel. Number: +30 24610 45978

Address: Koila, Kozani 50100, Greece

Google Maps Link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mHdTU7TdrFmdt4156>

The following hotels are available in Ptolemaida (below each of them the walking distance to the meeting venue):

4. Places to stay in Ptolemaida

Hotel Pantelidis

Tel. Number: +30 24630 53300

Address: 3rd km Ptol/das-Florinas, Ptolemaida
50200, Greece

Official website: hotelpantelidis.gr/home.php?cid=1



Ioannou Resort

Tel. Number: +30 24630 53792

Address: 3rd km of Old Ptolemaida-Florina
National Road, Ptolemaida 50200, Greece

Official website: ioannou-resort.gr



The following hotels are available in Kozani (below each of them the walking distance to the meeting venue):

5. Places to stay in Kozani

Ermionio Hotel

Tel. Number: +30 24610 39400

Address: Central Sq., Kozani, 50100, Greece

Official website: ermionio.gr



Aliakmon Hotel

Tel. Number: +30 24610 36015

Address: Eleutheriou Venizelou 38, Kozani, 50100, Greece

Official website: aliakmonhotel.gr



Katerina Hotel

Tel.: +30 24610 34856

Address: 20, 3rd of September Str., Kozani, 50100, Greece

Official website: katerinahotelkozani.gr



Elena Hotel

Tel. Number: +30 24610 41777

Address: 47 Dimokratias, Kozani, 50100, Greece

Official website: hoteleenakozani.gr



