For lovers of the sea

Those who have visited Corinthian Gulf coasts of Agios Vasileios, Kalamaki, Livadostra, Agios Nikolaos, Alyki, Agios Ioannis and Saranti describe an unforgettable experience! Swim into their crystal blue sea, which em-





braces beautiful shores and fiercely green mountainsides, and enjoy the dreamy landscapes!

For gastronomic pursuits

In the picturesque taverns of the seaside settlements you can taste lobster, sea food and fresh fish. For tasteful local meat and fine wine, visit one of the taverns or restaurants in Thebes, Ampelochori, Mouriki, Platanaki, Elaionas, Ypato, Neochoraki, Vagia, Thisvi, Domvrena, Chostia, Ellopia, Xironomi, Plataies, Lefktra, Loutoufi, Melissochori and Kaparelli. Before leaving, please do not forget to buy homemade and local products of high quality: cheese, onions, potatoes, carrots, corns, fruits and vegetables, honey, extra virgin olive oil, wine, jams, traditional candied fruits, and rustic bread.

For nature lovers

Mount Helicon, frequented by the 9 Muses according to the myth, Mount Kithairon and Ypato (Mount Ptoo), where you can visit the imposing Sagmata Monastery, offer a breathtaking view from their tops. To the east of Thebes you will find the green forest of Moschopodi with the Church of Zoodochos Pigi and the open air municipal theater "Melina Merkouri". Moschopodi offers a great view of the Theban plain and the Lake Yliki, a wetland ideal for calming family walks.

For those who love sports

At Mount Kithairon, close to Plataies, visitors can escape from routine and discover the wonderful world of paragliding.



In Thebes there are also an aero-sports center and a tennis court as well as horse-riding and climbing facilities.

For those who love nightlife

Coffee shops and bars in Thebes and Vagia along with beach bars in the seaside villages are waiting for you to dance, sing and have a great time till dawn.

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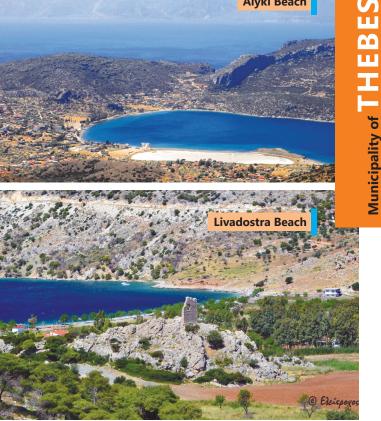
The crossroad of culture

A great all year round destination!









The municipality is seated in seven-gated Thebes, a town renowned for its ancient history and tradition. Thebes is the birthplace of the legendary Hercules, of the fertility and wine god Dionysus, of the lyric poet Pindar and of the famous general Epaminondas.



For admirers of Greek culture

In Thebes you will have the chance to visit one of the most important Archaeological Museums of Greece and walk inside the medieval Tower of Saint Omer. Famous sights and monuments: Ancient Theater of Kabireion, Mycenaean palace of Cadmus (Cadmeion), Temple of Apollo Ismenius, Amphion hill, chamber tombs of "Sons of Oedipus", the fountain of Oedipus, archaeological site of Plataies, Lefktra Victory Monument (Trophy), Acropolis of Krefsis (Livadostra), port of Siphae or Tipha (Alyki), where the mythical ship Argo was constructed.

For religious tourism

Paleochristian, byzantine and metabyzantine churches, decorated with spectacular frescoes, mosaics and precious icons show how blessed this place is (Monastery of Saint John the Theologian-Mazaraki in Vagia, Church of St Luke the Evangelist and Church of Saint Demetrius - Megali Panagia in Thiva, Church of St Panteleimon in Kaparelli, Makariotissa Monastery in Domvrena).

Folk culture

Greece's Carnival season, known as "Apokries", is a period which traditionally begins ten weeks before Greek Orthodox Easter and culminates on the weekend before "Clean Monday" (Ash Monday), the first day of Lent.

On this day, men and women in traditional costumes parade at the central streets of Thebes and Vagiare-enacting the custom of the "Vlach wedding", while Plataies hosts the "Feast of Bean Soup" and "Kithaironia" cultural events are held in Kaparelli.

During the last week of August, the streets of Thebes bustle with people visiting the big "Trade Fair" and their walk ends in local taverns, where they can taste the most delicious pork roast! At the same time, "Pindareia Festival" takes place in Thebes and its programme of events includes traditional dance and theater performances, concerts and visual arts exhibitions. Moreover, there are a lot of folk art museums with free admission all over the municipality of Thebes.





